In July of 2019, thousands of Puerto Ricans took to the streets in week-long protests and strikes. Someone leaked Messages from the Puerto Rican Governor and his aides “insulting women, deriding gays and making fun of Maria victims.” The Governor tried to persuade the people of Puerto Rico that he was a good person and tried to make token gestures to try and quell the countrywide strikes and protests of hundreds of thousands of Puerto Ricans. To compound the frustration that the citizens had pent up was an unsealed indictment “charging two former top government officials” with corruption stemming from Hurricane Maria.

A group of journalists was able to secure almost 900 pages of these messages. As they combed through the messages more and more of the Governor and his cabinet members came to light. That was the breaking point for the citizens. “Women’s groups, unions, musical performers and L.G.B.T. organizers began to muster supporters and flowed into the streets.” After 15 days of protests, the disgraced governor and his cabinet resigned on August 2, 2019.

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