"Donald Trump is Trying to Take Your Internet Away" Article Analysis

Through the analysis of the Buzzfeed article, "Donald Trump is Trying to Take Your Internet Away," I initially found reason to discredit the document, however, through different interpretations of the article, I perceived a more meaningful perspective. The text originally leads me to disregard the President's seemingly unbelievable words for several reasons. The President has previously made multiple comments that held no weight and led to no action such as his claim that former President Obama wire-tapped Trump Tower. I soon categorized his statements about the shutting down of the internet as more of his usual folderol. I also acknowledge that Buzzfeed itself is not known to be a reliable source of information, and the fact that there is not an author makes the article even more suspect. The lack of primary sources also concerns me, as there is not contextual evidence to support the author’s claims about the president. In addition, the author uses phrasing that is both informal and often seen in conspiracies, such as, "Think about it," and, "THIS IS NOT A COINCIDENCE." These cues, as well as the lack of logic and factual evidence to support the author's theories quickly enforced my belief that there is no way the document was credible.

While taking into consideration the unsure nature of the document, I also assumed the stance of a believer in the article's validity. While President Trump has been known to make radical statements through multiple platforms, I must also take into consideration his position of power, his ability to enact on his words, and the resources available to him. Previously, the President has made threats and promises often disregarded by the public, seen as ridiculous and improbable, such as the chance of a government shutdown early in his time in office. However, the government did shut down in January of 2018, proving the true threat of his statements. Regarding his desire for control, if President Trump had power over who received internet access, the websites involved, and the companies relying on such services, he would have even more power in his position as President of the United States.

As all people go through life, we make judgements and decisions based on a quick analysis of our situational surroundings. While it is a daily occurrence, what is perceived is not always correct. Just as with the Trump article, what I may first disregard as insignificant may in fact be more meaningful than expected. While the article was not found to be substantive evidence regarding the Stark case, it is beneficial to take the time to interpret what may first seem to be monotonous and normal, in a new and uncommon way. This method of interpretation allows for a deeper understanding of not just news, but also daily life.