Coulter Serves as Echo Chamber for Trump, His Policies

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One of President Donald Trump’s allies has flipped the script on her attitude toward the country’s leader while still serving as an echo chamber for his agenda, according to her Twitter feed.

Ann Coulter, who is one of the more recognizable conservative commentators in the political sphere today, had been a strong supporter of Trump and his administration in the past, but has begun railing against the President over the government shutdown amidst the border wall controversy.

Illegal immigration and the wall have been focuses of Coulter over the past five months, according to her Twitter. The words “wall,” “border,” “immigration” and “illegal” were four of her top 15 most-tweeted words and “buildthewall” was her second-most tweeted hashtag during the same time.

Her agenda-focused Tweets seem to contradict her previous stances on how the government should work. Coulter used to work for The Center for Individual Rights, a nonprofit public interest law firm, which one of its areas of expertise is limited government, according to the organization’s website.

Coulter, however, has lambasted Trump for his softening stance on border security and illegal immigration, according to many different news outlets.

Coulter, who has been a mainstay in the news for her opinion on national hot-topic issues, has a propensity for self-promotion evident by her repeated usage of her own name in her tweets whether it be her first or last name or her own Twitter handle, which was her fourth-most tweeted word in the past five months, according to her Twitter feed.

More telling is her repeated usage of the hashtag “#anntensityawards2018,” which is associated with different fake awards given to people for something Coulter-related like “Best Promotion of a Coulter Event” or “Coulter Superfan Award.”

Her branding seems to be an attempt by her to become bigger player at the national level, despite her attempts to articulate that she has no effect on Trump’s policy-setting. Yet, her attacks on Trump on Twitter have been the focus of many news articles that have forced Trump to answer if pundits set policy.

Data Dictionary

<https://developer.twitter.com/en/docs/tweets/data-dictionary/overview/user-object>

**created\_at** – gives the date and time down to the second that a tweet from the User was created.

**text** – the text that shows up in each created tweet

**hashtags** – hashtags that have been parsed out of a tweet text

**user\_id** – the number assigned to a User (or person behind an account) that serves as the unique identifier for their tweets

**is\_retweet** – indicates whether a tweet is a retweet or not

**urls\_expanded\_url** – shows full urls that are posted with tweets