

New Media and Politics

'I am a Christian'

Going viral with a note on a piece of paper



Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson · 2 okt.

Yes, #IamaChristian.



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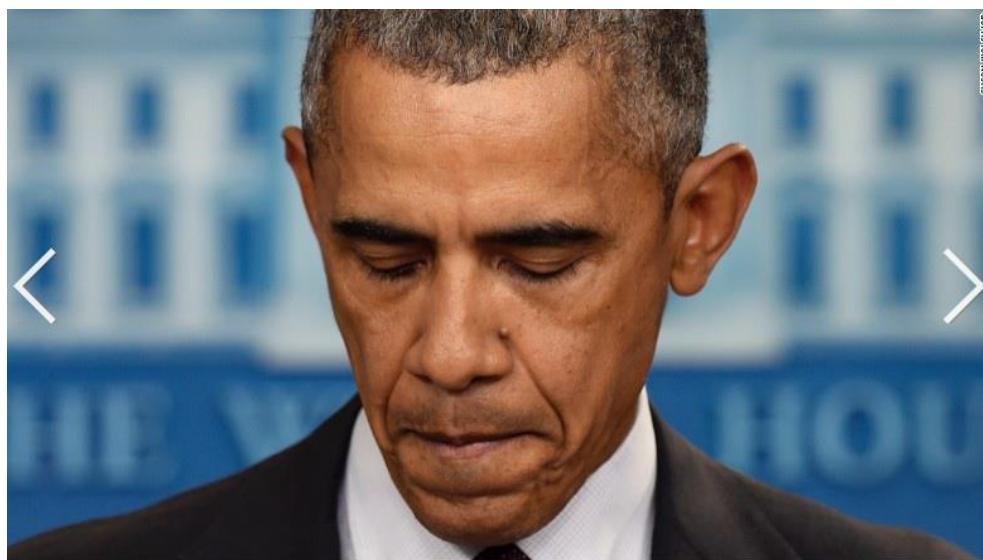
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Tearful Obama Outlines Steps to Curb Gun Deaths

By ERIC LICHTBLAU and MICHAEL D. SHEAR JAN. 5, 2016



Figure 1 Tearful Obama on Newtown (Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings) and Gun Control.
Retrieved from www.nytimes.com/2016/01/06/us/politics/obama-gun-control-executive-action.html.
Screenshot was taken on January 10th 2016.



15 photos: Shooting at Oregon community college

In response to the shooting on October 1, President Barack Obama delivers the 15th statement of his presidency addressing gun violence. "Somehow this has become routine," he said. "The reporting is routine. My response here at this podium ends up being routine, the conversation in the aftermath of it. We've become numb to this."

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Figure 2 Obama delivers the 15th statement of his presidency addressing gun violence. Retrieved from <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/10/01/us/oregon-college-shooting/>
Screenshot was taken on January 11th 2016.

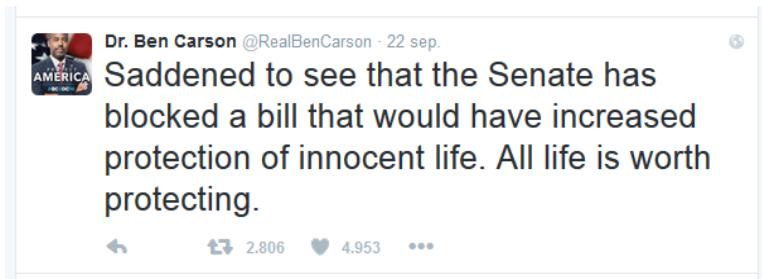


Figure 3 Ben Carson on Twitter about a blocked bill in the Senate. Screenshot was taken on November 30th 2015.

Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson · 14 nov.
Revealed in the midst of chaos, He stands
beside us as we stand with each other.
With Him, together, we will be made
stronger.

Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson · 14 nov.
We mustn't close our eyes when evil
presents itself allowing darkness to
abound. Only with open eyes can we see
His truth & calming presence

Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson · 14 nov.
You, Lord, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.
(Psalm 18:28)

Figure 4 Ben Carson tweets religious text one day after the Paris shootings, November 14th 2015. Screenshot was taken on November 30th 2015.



Figure 5 Profile picture on Twitter account. Screenshot was taken on January 10th 2016.

Dr. Ben Carson
1 januari om 1:30 ·

#TBT to time spent in prayer before a speech earlier this year. Seeking God's wisdom in my life has been an essential part of this campaign since day one.

Vertaling bekijken

Figure 6 Ben Carson spends time praying. Screenshot was taken on January 10th 2016.

 Dr. Ben Carson
7 januari om 18:00 ·

Today is a solemn anniversary, and although recent terrorism in Paris has overshadowed the violent attack on Charlie Hebdo employees and others, we should take a moment to remember those who lost their lives a year ago. The terrorist attack was more than an assault on a satirical magazine and a Jewish market, it was an attempt to destroy the very freedoms which are so deeply rooted in Western culture. That 17 people lost their lives for that freedom is a tragedy. That people across the world joined together in defiant support of liberty is a fitting legacy.

Today's attempted terrorist attack in Paris is a sad reminder that this fight is far from over. Leaders from around the world must work together to destroy the scourge of radical Islamic terrorism and defend liberty from all those who would oppose it. We should remember this day not just as a memorial for those who died, but as a clarion call for strength and resolve in the face of oppressive violence.

[Vertaling bekijken](#)



10.342 personen vinden dit leuk. · Populairste reacties ▾
1.184 keer gedeeld

Figure 7 Ben Carson posted a message on his Facebook wall about the solemn anniversary of the Charlie Hebdo shootings January 7th 2015.

Screenshot was taken on January 10th 2016.

 Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson 15 jan.
Just arrived in San Diego for the Republican National Committee annual winter meeting! #CarsonOnTheMove



87 · 212 · ...

 Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson 17 dec. 2014
Earlier visiting Herodium (the Judean palace of King Herod) in Gush Etzion, Israel.



Figure 8 In January 2015, Ben Carson did not mention the attack on Charlie Hebdo in Paris. He was not yet announced to be candidate for the U.S. presidential elections 2016. Screenshot was taken on November 30th 2015.



amA Christian
Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson - 2 okt.
Yes, #lamaChristian.

7,8K 14K ...

Figure 9 Ben Carson tweets 'I AM A CHRISTIAN' on October 2nd 2015.
Screenshot was taken on October 7th 2015.

RETWEETS FAVORIETEN
7.839 14.175



22:28 - 2 okt. 2015 - Details



Figure 10 Number of retweets and favourites on Twitter for the Carson tweet.
Screenshot was taken on October 7th 2015.



Room 101 @suscitate · 3 okt.
Dr @RealBenCarson



It's not that u can't be a Christian & be POTUS. The media/libs just doesn't want
a practicing 1



47 52 ...

Andere antwoorden weergeven

Figure 11 Tweeter @suscitate about the Carson tweet.
Screenshot was taken on October 7th 2015.



Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson - 6 okt.
Building strong relationships will #HealInspireRevive our nation.

477 1.343 ***

Figure 12 Ben Carson tweeting the photograph of a couple with his own caption 'Building strong relationships will #HealInspireRevive our nation'. This photograph is also showed on his Facebook page. Screenshot was taken on November 30th 2015.

Dr. Ben Carson
Pagina leuk gevonden - 2 oktober ·

Yes, #IamChristian.
Vertaling bekijken

Vind ik leuk · Reactie · Delen

1.153.807 anderen vinden dit leuk.

181.845 keer gedeeld

Nicole Balk God will bless you for this Dr. Ben Carson!!!
Vertaling bekijken
Vind ik leuk · Beantwoorden · 1.022 · 2 oktober om 22:31

61 antwoorden

Tammie Hattaway Hilton Thank you Dr. Carson!
Vertaling bekijken
Vind ik leuk · Beantwoorden · 128 · 2 oktober om 22:31

1 antwoord

James R. White I appreciate the proclamation,
but as I have asked many times on Twitter, I,

Schrijf een reactie...

Figure 13 Facebook post Ben Carson on October 2nd 2015. Same photograph and caption as on Twitter. Screenshot taken on October 7th 2015.

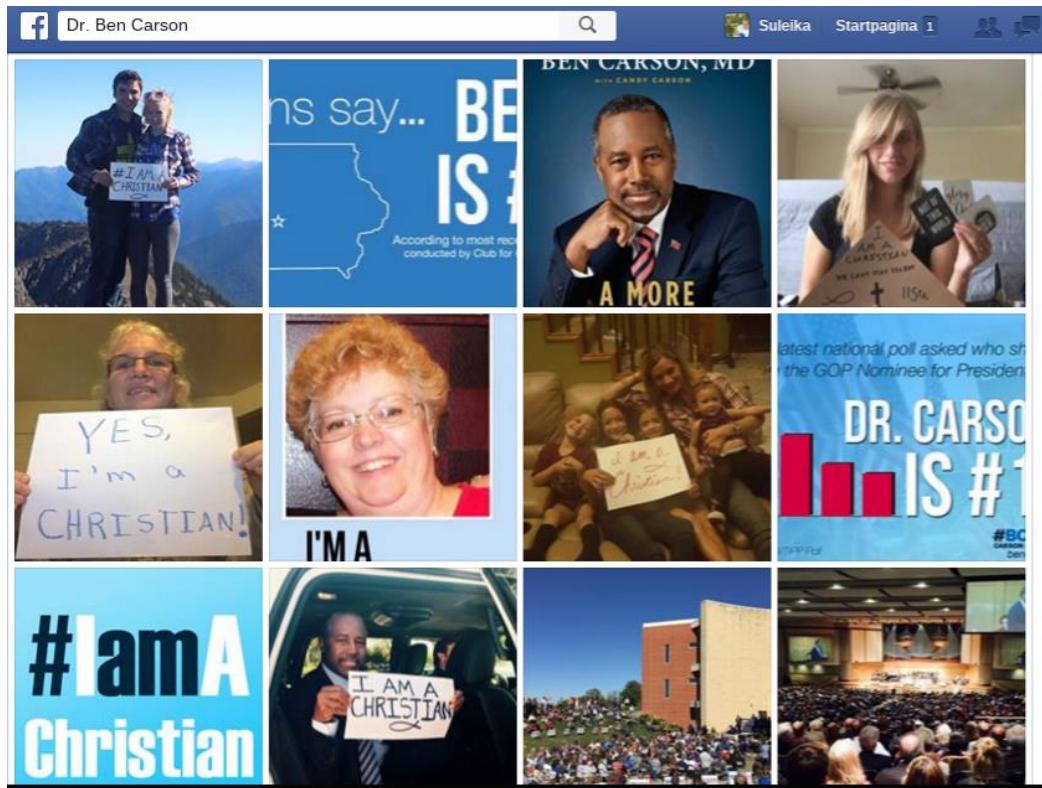


Figure 14 Photographs on Carsons Facebook page by others: four times 'I am a christian'.
Screenshot was taken on November 30th 2015.



Figure 15 On October 14th 2015, Ben Carson is just 1% behind in the polls. Donald Trump is leading the polls.
Screenshot was taken on November 30th 2015.

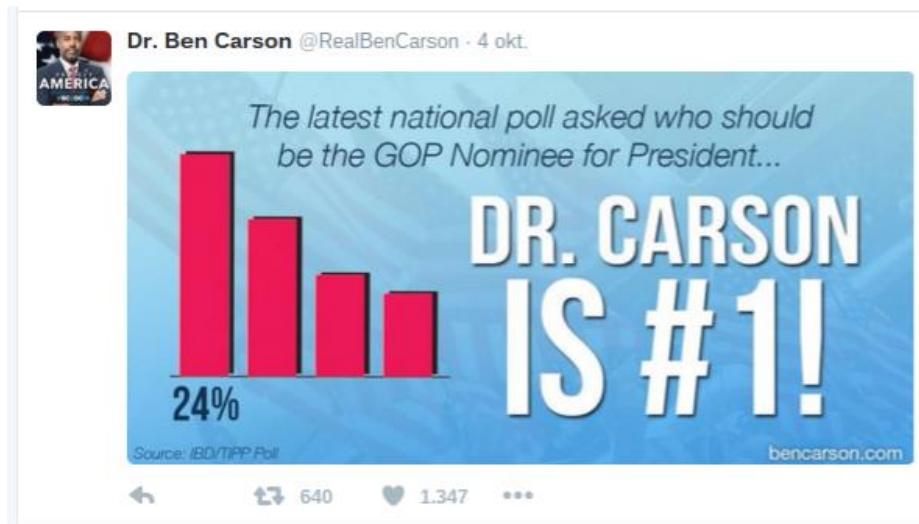


Figure 16 On October 4th 2015, Ben Carson ranks number 1 in the national polls. Screenshot was taken on November 30th.



Figure 17 Ben Carson visiting Israel before he announced his candidacy for the U.S. presidential elections 2016. Screenshot was taken on November 30th 2015.



Figure 18 Ben Carson tweets about the Paris' shootings November 13th 2015. Screenshot was taken November 30th 2015.

A screenshot of a Twitter profile showing a tweet from Dr. Ben Carson (@RealBenCarson). The tweet was posted 1 minute ago and reads: "My thoughts and prayers are with the shooting victims and their families in San Bernardino." The tweet has 63 retweets and 90 likes. The interface includes tabs for 'Tweets', 'Tweets en antwoorden', and 'Foto's en video's'.

Figure 19 Ben Carson tweets about the San Bernardino shootings on December 2nd 2015. Within one hour of the first media releases.

Screenshot was taken on December 2nd 2015 at 9.45 pm (CET time), within the first minute of the tweet.

A screenshot of a Twitter profile showing the same tweet from Dr. Ben Carson (@RealBenCarson) but five minutes later. The tweet content remains the same: "My thoughts and prayers are with the shooting victims and their families in San Bernardino." The retweet count is now 203 and the like count is 329. The interface tabs are visible at the top.

Figure 20 The rate of growth in retweets and likes on Carsons tweet on the San Bernardino shootings within the first hour.

Screenshot was taken on December 2nd 2015 at 9.50 pm (CET time), five minutes after the tweet.

A screenshot of a Twitter profile showing the tweet from Dr. Ben Carson (@RealBenCarson) 30 minutes after the initial post. The tweet content is identical: "My thoughts and prayers are with the shooting victims and their families in San Bernardino." The retweet count is 478 and the like count is 784. The interface tabs are visible at the top.

Figure 21 The rate of growth in retweets and likes on Carsons tweet on the San Bernardino shootings within the first hour.

Screenshot was taken on December 2nd 2015 at 10.15 pm (CET time), thirty minutes after the tweet.

Tweets Tweets en antwoorden Foto's en video's

 Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson · 25 min.
"15 Pastors Endorse Ben Carson in South Carolina" bit.ly/21waM0F via
@BreitbartNews

Overzicht weergeven

 Dr. Ben Carson @RealBenCarson · 2 u
My thoughts and prayers are with the
shooting victims and their families in San
Bernardino.

Overzicht weergeven

Figure 22 The rate of growth in retweets and likes on Carsons tweet on the San Bernardino shootings within the first hours. Tweeted a new message about pastors in South Carolina endorsing him.

Screenshot was taken on December 2nd 2015 at 11.40 pm (CET time), around two hours after the tweet.

Biography

Suleika Gommers

Born and raised in the city of Tilburg, Suleika (26) stayed in the city of 'Kruikenzeikers' to study Culture Studies in university. Soon she became a very active student in extracurricular activities such as being chairman of the study association 'Animo' and chairman of the cultural student festival 'Stukafest'. Having an interest in Africa for the longest time, she chose to do voluntary work in Kenya and Tanzania and support projects for street children of Don Bosco. After that, she became part of the group volunteer for 'De Hasseltse Kapel', Tilburg's oldest monument. From this work she filled the vacancy of manager. For two years she was responsible for the daily maintenance, event management, public relations and policy making of the foundation.

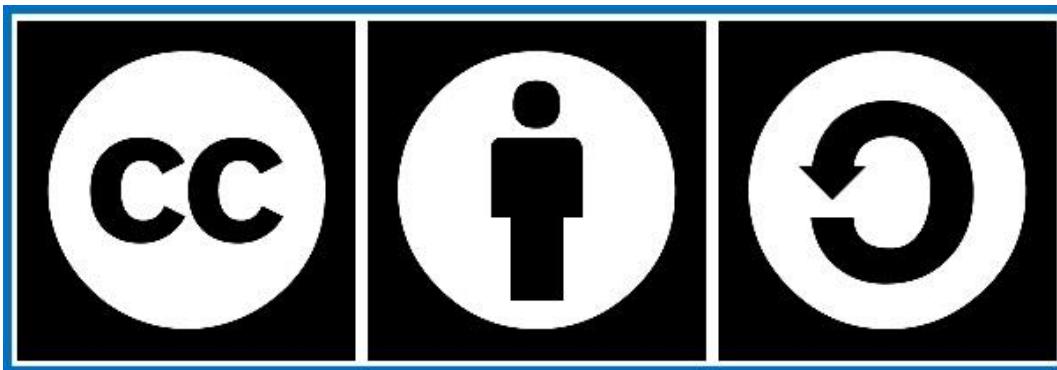


Suleika loves to cheer for the footballers of Willem II, play board games with friends, listen to some great golden oldie bands and travel the world. She is the loving girlfriend of Victor Verhagen with whom she lives together in their own best home ever.

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Introduction for Facebook and Twitter

I am a Christian POTUS

U.S. presidential candidate for the Republican Party, Dr. Ben Carson has built a strong religious discourse around himself, proclaiming 'I am a Christian'. His positions on Second Amendment rights and the war on ISIS, protecting the United States are very clear mentioned in debates and on his social media. His tweet #IamaChristian made him very popular. Click and find out why the tweet was a case of Obama Effect. [LINK]

Religious doctor for POTUS. #IamaChristian is Obama Effect. [LINK]