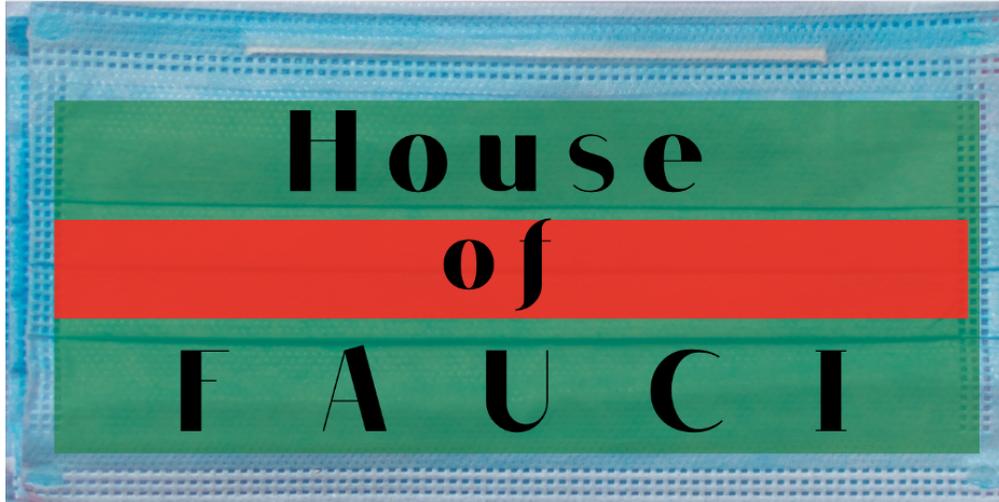


## Late Night Portfolio Pieces

*Below are pieces I wrote for a Late-Night Comedy Writing Course that I took in fall 2021. I will be adding new pieces soon.*

### “House of Fauci” House of Gucci SNL Commercial Parody – December 2021



**EXT. COMMERCIAL PARODY - HOUSE OF FAUCI**

House of Gucci trailer parody, dialogue parallels original trailer. Fade up with 80s music.

VOICE OVER

A name that sounded so seductive.

Videos of opulent jewelry, fast cars, CU on dark sunglasses.

VOICE OVER

Synonymous with power.

In the reflection of the sunglasses, cameras flash.

VOICE OVER

But it was also a curse.

Suddenly, Joe Biden gets uncomfortably close to the glasses, they fog up. Zoom out as Anthony Fauci Takes the glasses off. Reveal to a crowded White House press room.

ANTHONY FAUCI

Okay folks! First of all, you can't get Omicron by sitting on a public toilet!

Music swells as titles flash -  
"From CNN Films and the Guys who brought you Tiger King"

Close up on a huge ring that says "Fauci"

ANTHONY FAUCI

I've been a Fauci all my life.  
What is a Fauci? Some call us animals. I like to think of myself as a Meerkat.

VOICE OVER

A name for the history books.

NEWS REPORTER

People are lining up to get a  
"Fauci Ouchie", or Covid Vaccine.

JOE BIDEN

What happened to the Anthony I  
fell in love with?

ANTHONY FAUCI

Not Anthony, Im **Fauci**...Well I am  
Anthony, but its dramatic and...  
you get the point.

TITLES - Based on a True Story.

TITLES - **Power**.

ANTHONY FAUCI

President Trump spit on me again  
today.

TITLES - **Sex**.

ANTHONY FAUCI

HERE'S SOME GRAPHS!

Points to a bar graph where one bar (A) is much shorter than  
the other (B).

ANTHONY FAUCI

Column A shows vaccinaed Fox News  
Anchors. Column B shows Fox News  
Anchors who have called me a Nazi.

TITLES - **Danger**.

Fauci is sitting at his desk with some instant noodles. He puts  
hand sanitizer on, removes his mask, then another, and another,  
and another. Down to his base layer, he lifts the soup up.  
Stops. Puts the soup down.

ANTHONY FAUCI

Almost forgot.

Takes the last one off and takes a sip of the soup.

ANTHONY FAUCI

Oo! Thats Hot!

TITLES - HOUSE OF FAUCI. Music Swells.

VOICE OVER

Coming this fall...and then back  
again in 6 months as a variant.

Back to the Graphs scene. Fauci's phone chimes.

ANTHONY FAUCHI

Oh! Better add to Column B!

He takes a marker and scribbles all over the graph.

## John Oliver “Political Ads on Facebook” – October 2021

Welcome, welcome, welcome, I’m John Oliver and this is Last Week Tonight! Facebook – the thing your cat uses to meet other like-minded cats and plot our demise. That’s right, snowball is versatile, he can lick his asshole and use his little paws to type “death to all humans.” But unfortunately, tonight we won’t be talking about a highly organized cat mob, instead we are covering Campaign Ads on Facebook. More specifically, the big data that companies such as Cambridge Analytica use to target biased political advertisements to users on Facebook.

May not be thinking about political ads, as it is an off-election year and because we still have not recovered from Mike Pence’s face mosquito winning the popular vote. But what does matter are the 221.6 million Facebook users in the U.S who probably don’t know that their data – where they live, who they friend, what they comment, and essentially who they are– is being sold to the highest bidder. This data is used by campaign managers to target when users are most psychologically susceptible to political information, and tailor an advertisement for a political candidate to users’ specific interests, regardless of if the information in the advertisement is true or what political positions that candidate really holds. Which would be like a born-again Christian claiming that missionary position is basically the same as all the other ones. After you’ve had it in the ass, you just can’t go back.

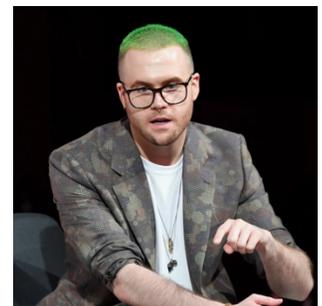


Speaking of taking it in the ass, unfortunately the worlds angriest peach emoji, Donald Trump, has taken notice of big data’s potential and used it to his full advantage in the 2020 election. At a recent conference for Business of Fashion, famed Cambridge Analytica whistleblower and data scientist Christopher Wylie, explained that the Trump campaign used peoples’ preferences for fashion brands like L.L Bean and Patagonia as the primary data point for creating a program that targets users with pro-trump advertisements. You, know separating hippies based on if they go to burning man, or the Boy Scout Jamboree. Either way, you aren’t going home the same. What’s more is that this technology was originally developed for cyber warfare. Just Listen to him explain it in more detail – (Insert clip from his presentation here)

“We were about to destroy the world together. I became Icarus and put on wax wings and flew into the sun. The difference between Facebook and the NSA is simple but profound. The NSA’s targets are extremists, foreign spies... on Facebook you are the target.”

Now, I know a “woke” tennis ball is hard to take seriously, but what he’s saying is important. The “We” he was talking about is Steve Bannon, Trump’s former campaign manager. *(I want to expand more here, but whatever I write will go over the 2-page assignment limit)*

Marketing strategies that use individual consumer data to make targeted political ads infringe on the privacies and freedoms of anyone who uses the internet on a regular basis. People need to be educated on how their data is used so they can be more empowered voters, consumers, and humans.



You should not need to take a college level business course to understand how companies buy your data and sell it back to you in the form of a political ad. If we don't do something about it, the misinformation and partisan echo chamber created by ads like this can incite violence and if we were not careful, we may have another capitol riot on our hands.

So, in the spirit of using your data to alter your political views, we developed a quiz site that shows how your responses can easily be sold to political candidates, at [imDEFINATELYnotstealingyourdata.com](https://imDEFINATELYnotstealingyourdata.com). Choose a Taylor Swift album and we'll tell you if the election was rigged or not. Pick a Starbucks seasonal Latte and we'll tell you if abortion is a crime or a basic human right. What Hogwarts house are you? If you're a Slytherin, climate change isn't real and if you're a Hufflepuff, your town is sinking into the ocean and - well you're probably a virgin.

That's our show! Thanks for watching!

## **Samantha Bee – “The Girlboss is Dead, and I Killed Her” – October 2021**

If you have logged on to twitter at any time in the last six months, you may have noticed #gaslightgatekeepgirlboss trending. “What is the girlboss?” you ask yourself. Where did she come from? Legend says she rose out of the ocean and destroyed half of Tokyo...it was a dark day. But really the girlboss is a female entrepreneur who empowers other women and fights for social equality on the corporate ladder. Sophia Amoruso created the girlboss in 2012 when she invented the phrase for the title of her memoir. At 10 years old, this makes the girlboss old enough to have 11 million Tik Tok followers and be like so totally better than you.

From the moment they were born, girlbosses like Amoruso and away luggage founder Steph Kourey empowered millennial women with the confidence to outsmart all the men who underestimated them and hustle their way to the top of their industry's totem pole. For a time, she could do no wrong – like Jared Fogel and his big pants. But when no one was looking, the girl boss recreated the same exclusionary corporate power structures as male dominated industries and perpetuated toxic working environments that were detrimental to employee's mental health. Which was all wrong – like current Jared Fogle.

For example, in a job interview between Steph Kourey and a potential employee, the employee said she wanted the job because she was a millennial, and away marketed to a millennial audience. Steph Kourey replied by saying “I'm a millennial too.” Awe, sincere right? Well Kourey called that same employee a “millennial twat” on slack days later. And it gets worse than queen Elizabeth's second favorite swear word. A supervisor under Kourey, Xandie Pasanen, asked customer experience managers to take pictures of their laptops in bed to prove that they were working until they fell asleep even after 16-hour days.

During the holidays, the same customer experience managers (the majority of whom were women attracted by Away's inclusive mission) fell behind on customer email inquiries. In response Kourey took it upon herself to give a personal development course in "accountability." At 3 AM she wrote on slack "To hold you accountable...no more paid time off or work from home requests will be considered." Kourey would have looked less like a super villain if she was wearing an eye patch and stroking a white cat. (Dr. Evil Impression) Dear Santa – I want 1 million overworked employees for Christmas.

Fortunately, it gets better than my terrible Dr. Evil impression. In 2016 as many of those customer service managers quietly left the company. Soon the girlboss herself seemed to fade into obscurity as millennials moved onto another denim trend. For a time, like jeggings and self-serve frozen yogurt, the girlboss seemed to be operating in the shadows away from the public eye.

That was until this past May when the girlboss awoke from her slumber on social media platforms like Tik Tok and twitter. People finally called the Girlboss out for bullying her female co-workers, discriminating against people of color, and in some cases for hiring predominantly white men for leadership positions. And if that wasn't bad enough, after Tokyo, the girl boss burnt down a Yankee candle factory! It smelled like vanilla cupcakes and carnage.

In a tweet from a former marketing executive at the Wing, an all-women coworking space, read "I realized I worked in the twilight zone when a group of white executives read the dictionary definition of "racism" to me at a D&I meeting. I am a black woman". That would be like if an infant explained the stock market to Charles Schwab. That may be a bad metaphor because both parties have surprisingly tiny feet. But you get the point!

The girlboss started as a pioneer of progress but turned herself into the same capitalist monster she claimed to defeat as she made millions on the "feminism-for-profit" business model. As corporate bloggers and gen-z tik tokers pulled her mask off it became clear that girl bosses were just regular abusive bosses who just learned to harness powerful messaging and the twitter algorithm.

Look, I really wished that the girlboss trend has turned out differently. God knows that I need more women to join me in the late-night tv sausage fest. But the girlboss had to die. Not just because she was a liar or a tyrant, but because she also infantilized women and internalized misogyny in the corporate world. Women don't need pink walls or Ruth Beider Ginsburg working the door to an exclusive club to be successful and create meaningful change in the workplace. What women need are equal access to the resources, job opportunities, and public visibility as men to succeed in a competitive corporate world.

## Always Late with Madeleine Salman – Cyber Monday Pep Talk – December 2021

### INT. AMAZON LOCKER ROOM, TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS - NIGHT

A crowded locker room full of Amazon employees, they talk amongst themselves. Madeleine Salman bursts in wearing a track suit and blowing a whistle.

MADELEINE

Listen up!

She smacks on her gum, contemplating. Inspiring music fades in.

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MADELEINE

Corporate just reported their best Cyber Monday of all time and you got two days to ship these orders. Now most of you are seasoned professionals. Training since the last stimulus check.

A plucky looking employee, raises her hand.

BETHANY

Actually, I've been here since 2016.

MADELEINE

And you may never leave here alive.

BETHANY

Wha-

Madeleine crosses the locker room and bangs on a whiteboard with plays written on it.

MADELEINE

So here's the game plan. Strong defense - 16-hour days, no bathroom breaks.

BARRY

But what if we have to go?

MADELEINE

We're innovators at Amazon BARRY. Do you think William Shatner had a bathroom on the Blue Origins flight?!

BARRY

Well-

MADELEINE

That's right he had to defecate in Bezos' cowboy hat! In fact, Cowboy hats for everyone!

She sits down on the bench next to Barry.

MADELEINE

I need to be real with Ya'll for a second. This job, it's about more than just you and me. It's about more than making a "living wage"

(MORE)

MADELEINE (CONT'D)

(She makes obnoxious air quotes)

At amazon, it's about calculating the exact value of human life.

BETHANY

What do you mean coach?

MADELEINE

Well, Bethany, If you got Covid and couldn't work, we would replace you immediately. And we won't tell your co-workers. This building will be a game of sudden death mine sweeper.

Every employee suddenly takes a step back.

SEAN

What about safety?

MADELEINE

Yeah, Jeff said, and I quote, we could do better.

A long pause. Everyone leans in expecting a solution.

MADELEINE

BUT ITS ABOUT BELIEVING!

The inspirational music swells.

MADELEINE

Its about believing that you can pack 700 boxes an hour! Believing you are a piece of machinery to us! Believing that no matter what, 15 of every 100 people here will be seriously injured!

MADELEINE

It's for guts, for glory. Because it's not Cyber Monday, it's All-Hail Jeff Tuesday!

EMPLOYEES (ALL)

YEAH!

MADELEINE

NOW LETS GET OUT THERE AND SHOW OSHA WE DONT GIVE A CRAP.