



A 'Civil War' Actor Speaks Out Against Polarization, Bolsonaro, and Trump

Description

Wagner Moura, known for his role as Pablo Escobar in *Narcos*, is now starring in the movie *Civil War* where he plays a hardened war correspondent addicted to the battlefield. In an interview for Playbook Deep Dive, Moura shared his thoughts on the film and its relevance in today's world, especially as Washington's White House Correspondents Association Dinner was underway.

Moura, a former journalist, political activist, writer, and director, discussed his 2019 movie *Marighella*, which faced censorship in Brazil under then-president Jair Bolsonaro. He emphasized the importance of political films in sparking conversations and bringing about change, highlighting the impact of art on society.

In the wide-ranging conversation, Moura touched upon the parallels between Bolsonaro and Trump, the challenges faced by journalists, and the dehumanizing effects of polarization. Reflecting on his own experiences, Moura emphasized the need to build bridges and listen to different perspectives.

When asked about the power of art compared to journalism in driving change, Moura suggested that art, including political films, plays a crucial role in shaping perceptions and sparking meaningful discussions. He shared his personal journey into the world of acting and expressed how art has helped him grow as a person.

Moura's question for the next guest focused on the concept of truth in today's polarized world and the importance of facts and journalism in combatting misinformation. As he continues to engage with challenging themes through his work, Moura remains hopeful that art and storytelling can make a positive impact on society.

This article captures Moura's insights and reflections on his career, the power of art in politics, and the role of truth in shaping our understanding of the world.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Correspondent** // (noun): A person who writes letters or emails to someone on a regular basis.
2. **Censorship** // (noun): The act of censoring or restricting material deemed objectionable.
3. **Polarization** // (noun): The process of causing a group to divide into opposing groups.
4. **Perspectives** // (noun): Different ways in which something can be viewed or considered.
5. **Combatting** // (verb): Fighting against or trying to eliminate.
6. **Insights** // (noun): The capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of a person or thing.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a situation involving secret and illicit romantic relationships called?

- Option: Marriage
- Option: Affair
- Option: Friendship
- Option: Partnership

2. What is the ability to recover from setbacks adapt well in the face of adversity and overcome challenges known as?

- Option: Vulnerability
- Option: Resilience
- Option: Pessimism
- Option: Serenity

3. Who is someone who communicates through letters or messages with others especially over a distance?

- Option: Teacher
- Option: Secretary
- Option: Correspondent
- Option: Technician

4. What is the act of being disloyal especially by deceiving or disappointing someone?

- Option: Loyalty



- Option: Betrayal
- Option: Honesty
- Option: Trust

5. What is the act of fighting or struggling against something or someone?

- Option: Surrendering
- Option: Embracing
- Option: Negotiating
- Option: Combatting

6. What is the division of a group or society into distinctly different and often opposing viewpoints or factions?

- Option: Harmony
- Option: Polarization
- Option: Unity
- Option: Integration

7. What is a form of government characterized by strong central power and limited political freedoms?

- Option: Republicanism
- Option: Liberalism
- Option: Authoritarianism
- Option: Democracy

8. What is a conversation or discussion between two or more people?

- Option: Dialogue
- Option: Monologue
- Option: Soliloquy
- Option: Speech

9. What term describes a time or situation filled with chaos noise and confusion?

- Option: Calm
- Option: Tumultuous
- Option: Serene
- Option: Tranquil

10. What is the influence or power to gain a desired result in a situation?

- Option: Surrender
- Option: Rejection
- Option: Negotiation
- Option: Leverage



Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ is the act of pardoning or excusing someone for a mistake or wrongdoing.
12. Demonstrating _____ involves dedication and loyalty to a cause person or belief.
13. The taste of _____ is characterized by a sharp unpleasant flavor that lingers.
14. _____ is the suppression or control of information communication or artistic expression.
15. Everyone has different _____ shaped by their experiences beliefs and values.
16. An _____ is someone who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy.
17. _____ arise from conflicting interests opinions or emotions between individuals or groups.
18. To _____ means to think deeply or carefully about something.
19. _____ is the act of unlawfully killing another person.
20. The _____ of a problem or situation refers to its intricate or involved nature.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. The novel was full of mystery and that kept readers guessing until the end. |
| 22. The suspect had a past with connections to illegal activities. |
| 23. She felt by the amount of work piled up on her desk. |
| 24. Years of resentment and clouded their interactions. |
| 25. The act of by her closest friend left her heartbroken. |



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| 26. There was a sense of unease with exams on the horizon. |
| 27. Their schedules made it challenging to find time to meet. |
| 28. The newspaper hired a foreign to report on the conflict overseas. |
| 29. The research study provided valuable into consumer behavior. |
| 30. The political debate showcased the deep within the country. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Affair 2. Resilience 3. Correspondent 4. Betrayal 5. Combatting 6. Polarization
7. Authoritarianism 8. Dialogue 9. Tumultuous 10. Leverage

Gap-Fill: 11. Forgiveness 12. Commitment 13. Bitterness 14. Censorship 15. Perspectives 16. Advocate
17. Tensions 18. Contemplate 19. Homicide 20. Complexity

Matching sentence: 1. Intrigue 2. Shady 3. Overwhelmed 4. Bitterness 5. Betrayal 6. Looming 7. Conflicting
8. Correspondent 9. Insights 10. Polarization

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