



Bill Maher Slams Trump: 'Flirting with Authoritarianism' After White House Dinner

Description

Comedian Bill Maher recently launched into a critique of President Trump, charging him with "flirting with authoritarianism," just weeks after sharing a seemingly amicable dinner with his longtime adversary.

Referencing their cordial dinner at the end of March as evidence of his open-mindedness, Maher reverted to his familiar criticisms, claiming that Trump has been "flirting with fascism." He remarked, "Trump is the only president who leaves you feeling relieved when he doesn't fulfill his campaign promises," during his show, "Real Time with Bill Maher."

Maher expressed concern over Trump's lighthearted comments about not becoming a dictator "except on Day One," along with his hints at potentially pursuing a third term despite the 22nd Amendment prohibiting it. "That's the trouble with jokes about dictatorship; they often fail to remain mere jokes. Flirting with authoritarianism rarely stays innocent," Maher emphasized.

He cautioned, "Humans cannot be relied upon to flirt with attractive individuals without consequences, and the MAGA crowd should not engage in playful banter with dictatorship." While not everyone who flirts deceives, Maher noted, "All deception begins with flirting."

In the past, Maher was a vocal critic of Trump, yet he has recently forged connections with conservatives and libertarians due to his stance against perceived wokeness.

Earlier this year, rock star Kid Rock nudged the two to meet, and afterward, Maher revealed that during the dinner, "everything I've disliked about him was mysteriously absent."

Maher believed his candid assessment of Trump enhances his credibility with conservatives and allows him to underscore the president's faults.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Authoritarianism** /ə,θɔːrɪ'tæəriənɪzəm/ (noun): A political system characterized by a concentration of power in a leader or an elite not responsible to the public.
2. **Flirting** /flɜːrtɪŋ/ (verb): Engaging in playful or romantic behavior without serious intent.
3. **Cordial** /'kɔːrdiəl/ (adjective): Warm and friendly; sincere.
4. **Fascism** /'fæʃɪzəm/ (noun): A political system led by a dictator with complete power forcibly suppressing opposition and criticism.
5. **Deception** /dɪ'sɛpʃən/ (noun): The act of deceiving someone; misleading or falsely presenting information.
6. **Credibility** /ˌkrɛdə'bɪləti/ (noun): The quality of being trusted and believed in; the reliability of a person or source.



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is a type of aggressive brain cancer?
Option: Glioblastoma
Option: Prostate cancer
Option: Breast cancer
Option: Lung cancer
2. What is a system of government characterized by strict obedience to authority at the expense of personal freedom?
Option: Democracy
Option: Authoritarianism
Option: Anarchy
Option: Fascism
3. What is the action of deceiving someone?
Option: Truthfulness
Option: Honesty
Option: Deception
Option: Transparency
4. What are additional problems that arise during or after a disease condition or treatment?
Option: Solutions
Option: Complications
Option: Improvements
Option: Remedies
5. What is a gift declaration or other acknowledgment of gratitude respect or admiration?
Option: Apology
Option: Criticism
Option: Tribute
Option: Insult
6. Which term refers to a person or thing that is widely recognized and well-established?
Option: Ordinary
Option: Iconic
Option: Unfamiliar
Option: Nonconforming



7. Who is a person thought to be guilty of a crime?

- Option: Innocent
- Option: Bystander
- Option: Witness
- Option: Suspect

8. What is the act of focusing one's mind for a period of time in silence or with the aid of chanting for religious or spiritual purposes?

- Option: Sleep
- Option: Meditate
- Option: Eat
- Option: Run

9. What is behaving as though one is sexually attracted to someone but playfully rather than with serious intentions?

- Option: Ignoring
- Option: Working
- Option: Flirting
- Option: Arguing

10. What is the state or condition of being free from being observed or disturbed by other people?

- Option: Publicity
- Option: Privacy
- Option: Transparency
- Option: Fame

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

11. The issue of cybersecurity is a _____ problem in the modern digital age.

12. The company aims to _____ itself as a leader in sustainable technology.

13. Despite repeated attempts to contact him he remained _____ to our messages.

14. She is known for her _____ contributions to various charitable organizations.

15. The meeting concluded on a _____ note with both parties expressing goodwill.

16. The doctor provided a positive _____ for the patient's recovery.

17. The security team monitored the premises _____ to prevent any unauthorized



access.

18. The elaborate scheme involved a web of lies and _____ to achieve its goals.

19. She wrote a _____ letter expressing her deepest emotions and gratitude.

20. The army considered _____ to the enemy rather than facing defeat.

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

21. These are indications of a disease or condition experienced by a person.
22. A political ideology that exalts nation and often race above the individual.
23. A post-mortem examination to discover the cause of death.
24. All the money and property owned by a particular person especially at death.
25. To make secret or new information known.
26. A court order that compels or prevents a party from specific acts.
27. The action of keeping someone or something under control or within limits.
28. To think deeply or focus one's mind for a period of time usually for spiritual purposes.
29. Additional problems that arise during or after a condition or treatment.
30. A medical examination of a dead body to determine the cause of death.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Glioblastoma 2. Authoritarianism 3. Deception 4. Complications 5. Tribute 6. Iconic
7. Suspect 8. Meditate 9. Flirting 10. Privacy

Gap-Fill: 11. recurring 12. establish 13. unresponsive 14. generous 15. cordial 16. prognosis 17. vigilantly
18. deception 19. heartfelt 20. surrendering

Matching sentence: 1. symptoms 2. fascism 3. autopsy 4. estate 5. disclose 6. injunction 7. restraint 8.
meditate 9. complications 10. autopsy

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