



# U.S. President mocks teen climate activist Thunberg

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*U.S. President Donald Trump ridiculed 16-year-old Greta Thunberg on Thursday after the Swedish climate activist was named Time's Person of the Year for 2019.*

TEENAGE SWEDISH CLIMATE ACTIVIST GRETA THUNBERG, SAYING:

"Yes, it is extremely important that we get the science in the school curriculum. But also, that we educate adults."

1. Teenage Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg \_\_\_\_\_

TEENAGE SWEDISH CLIMATE ACTIVIST GRETA THUNBERG, SAYING:

"We need to focus every inch of our being on climate change."

2. Not everyone \_\_\_\_\_

The 73-year-old President of the United States attacked the high school student on Twitter Thursday, writing, "So ridiculous. Greta must work on her Anger Management problem, then go to a good old fashioned movie with a friend! Chill Greta, Chill!"

The 16-year-old responded by updating her Twitter bio to read, "A teenager working on her anger management problem. Currently chilling and watching a good old-fashioned movie with a friend."

3. The two do not see \_\_\_\_\_

4. A camera caught the moment \_\_\_\_\_

5. Thunberg was there to deliver a speech, \_\_\_\_\_

SWEDISH CLIMATE ACTIVIST, GRETA THUNBERG, SAYING:

"We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairytales of eternal economic growth. How dare you?"

6. Trump has called the scientific consensus about climate change \_\_\_\_\_

7. And he retweeted a clip of her speech, \_\_\_\_\_

"She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!"

U.S. FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP, SAYING:

"As we all know, social media can be both positively and negatively affect on our children."

8. Some say Trump's repeated verbal abuse of a child \_\_\_\_\_

9. Thursday's attack is also not the first time \_\_\_\_\_

10. He claimed \_\_\_\_\_

11. Time \_\_\_\_\_

12. Trump won in 2016, \_\_\_\_\_

13-1. In 2015 he complained \_\_\_\_\_

13-2. and shared another Twitter user's dismay \_\_\_\_\_

13-3. in favor of the doctors \_\_\_\_\_

### [Vocabulary]

□ **Time Magazine's Person of the Year:** (called Man of the Year or Woman of the Year until 1999) an annual issue of the United States news magazine *Time* that features and profiles a person, a group, an idea, or an object that "for better or for worse... has done the most to influence the events of the year". The tradition of selecting a "Man of the Year" began in 1927, with *Time* editors contemplating the news makers of the years. The idea was also an attempt to remedy the editorial embarrassment earlier that year of not having aviator Charles Lindbergh on its cover following his historic trans-Atlantic flight. By the end of the year, it was decided that a cover story featuring Lindbergh as the Man of the Year would serve both purposes.

□ **every inch:** in every way; completely

• *Every inch of this floor is covered with dust.*

• *He was every inch a statesman.*

□ **chill:** *INFORMAL* to relax and stop being angry or nervous, or to spend time relaxing

- "What's cracking?" "Nothing much. Just chilling'."
- *I'm just going to chill this weekend.*
- **update**: to add the most recent information to something such as a book, document, or list; to make something more modern
  - *The latest edition has been completely updated.*
  - This site is updated once a week.
- **bio**: a biography or biographical sketch
  - *You can read a bio of the author on her home page.*
- **see eye-to-eye**: to agree, especially in every respect; to concur; to get along
  - *Jerry was surprised that she and her husband saw eye to eye on the issue.*
  - *We no longer see eye to eye.*
- **cross paths**: to meet someone by chance and not by choice
  - *The last time I crossed paths with Fred, we ended up arguing about something inconsequential.*
- **deliver a speech**: Delivering a speech, talk or presentation means that the speaker actually performs it in front of an audience.
  - *The main speech was delivered by Anne Samson.*
  - *He will be delivering a speech on immigration tonight.*
- **denounce**: to criticize someone or something severely in public
  - *American trade policies have been denounced by some European governments.*
- **mass extinction**: A sharp decrease in the total number of species in a relatively short period of time.
- **consensus**: agreement among all the people involved
  - *We are still hopeful that further talks will result in a consensus.*
  - *It will be difficult to reach any sort of consensus on this issue.*
- **hoax**: a trick in which someone deliberately tells people that something bad is going to happen or that something is true when it is not
  - *the victim of a cruel hoax*
  - *They recognized the plan as a hoax.*
- **verbal**: using words, not physical force
  - *Make sure the discussion remains purely verbal.*
- **verbal abuse**: harsh and insulting language directed at a person
  - *She was a victim of verbal abuse.*
  - *They can be subjected to verbal and physical abuse.*
- **anti-**: opposed to someone or something
- **cyber-bullying**: a form of bullying or harassment using electronic means. Cyberbullying and cyber harassment are also known as online bullying. It has become increasingly

common, especially among teenagers. Cyberbullying is when someone, typically teens, bully or harass others on the internet, particularly on social media sites. Harmful bullying behavior can include posting rumors, threats, sexual remarks, a victims' personal information, or pejorative labels (i.e. hate speech). Bullying or harassment can be identified by repeated behavior and an intent to harm.

□ **initiative**: an important action that is intended to solve a problem

- *a number of initiatives designed to address the problem of child poverty*
- *He took the initiative in attempting to settle the issue.*

□ **gripe about**: to complain continuously in an annoying way

- *We have been griping about our taxes.*
- *Students griped about having too much homework.*

□ **covet**: to wish for earnestly; to desire (what belongs to another) inordinately or culpably; envy

- *The king's brother coveted the throne.*
- *She coveted his job so openly that conversations between them were tense.*

□ **decline**: to say politely that you will not accept something or do something

- *They offered to fly him to Brussels, but he declined.*
- *We asked her to the reception, but she declined the invitation.*

□ **dispute**: to say that something such as a fact is not true or correct

- *They do not dispute the fact that the company is in trouble.*
- *The witness disputed the defendant's claim.*

□ **dismay**: the feeling of being very worried, disappointed, or sad about something surprising or shocking that has happened

- *Local people expressed their dismay at the cuts in social services.*

□ **pass over**: to bypass; to ignore

- *I'm sorry, but the board passed your idea over in favor of something more traditional.*
- *You're always going to be passed over for promotions if you don't set yourself apart!*

□ **Ebola epidemic**: Ebola hemorrhagic fever; the known occurrences of Ebola hemorrhagic fever, a highly infectious and acutely lethal viral disease that has afflicted humans and animals primarily in equatorial Africa.

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