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The Oval Office Tapes — Make America's Greatest Hits Again



Marc: If you like your political satire biting and scathing, and perhaps feel that whatever of that *Saturday Night Live* once had is long gone, let your ears take a gander at *The Oval Office Tapes*. From the mind of television and documentary producer R.J. Cutler (*Nashville, The World According to Dick Cheney*) comes this brazen comedic audio-portrait of the goings-on inside the Trump White House. Hanging with the current trend in podcasting, this is a "limited series," and it's about to come to an end just about the

time the midterm elections hit. If you've missed the first six episodes, you can binge them all, *or* listen to the latest episode, which serves up a handful of their most popular sketches to date. Stitched together with "guest host" and Trump sycophant Judge Jeanine Pirro, the "overheard" audio includes POTUS showing Elizabeth Warren how his kind of logic works, to the extent that she finally gives up trying to best him with real logic; a call from Kim Kardashian with tips on how the president can maximize his social-media muscle; Trump explaining to Newt Gingrich how sheer spite keeps him healthy and fit; Ivanka's plan to be VP in 2020; and Rudy Giuliani trying to convince First Lady Melania to "re-up" her marriage contract with her husband for two more years. The voice cast is all-pro excellent, including Chris Cox (*Family Guy*), Mary Birdsong (*The Descendants*), and Ian James Corlett (*Dragon Ball Z*), as is the production value and the show's ability to drop a well-timed F-bomb out of the mouths of scumbags.

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