

Power in the language of words and images



Example: where and how the latest Taliban activities have been presented, and whether there or not there is any international political news on the front page

Everything here is from the internet; many appear in print as well.

Front/first pages of a publication indicate management decisions.

These may or may not be relevant to the political news of the day.



RT America

RT is the first Russian 24/7 English-language news channel which brings the Russian view on global news.

US commander in Afghanistan apologizes for Kunduz hospital bombing

It wasn't just the high casualties, which require replacement and retraining," he said. "There was also the fact that they had to stop training and fight all year...



debate.org

“Debate.org is a free online community where intelligent minds from around the world come to debate online and read the opinions of others. Research today’s most controversial debate topics and cast your vote on our opinion polls.”

Cass Sunstein* writes, “...

Democracy: wide criticism and debate...

Totalitarianism: criticisms/suggestions not wanted or heeded.

Leaders ...live in cocoons....

Cocoons exist in democracy: debate.org exemplifies this...analysis of debate.org’s demographics page: predominantly Christian

debate.org.uk

“Welcome to the Christian-Muslim debate website”

* one of the country’s most influential and adventurous legal scholars for a generation.

quora.com

Scott Paglia, North By North Whatever

referring to the media: ***As a former journalist I can tell you this:
they sell fear and WE buy it by the bucket load.***

The part of the brain that looks for trouble/danger is the amygdala.
Once we are stressed or in danger that part of the brain fires nonstop.

We eat up this doom and gloom because we are trying to sate that constant,
relentless drive to see what is wrong.

The irony is, it's not in the paper or news.

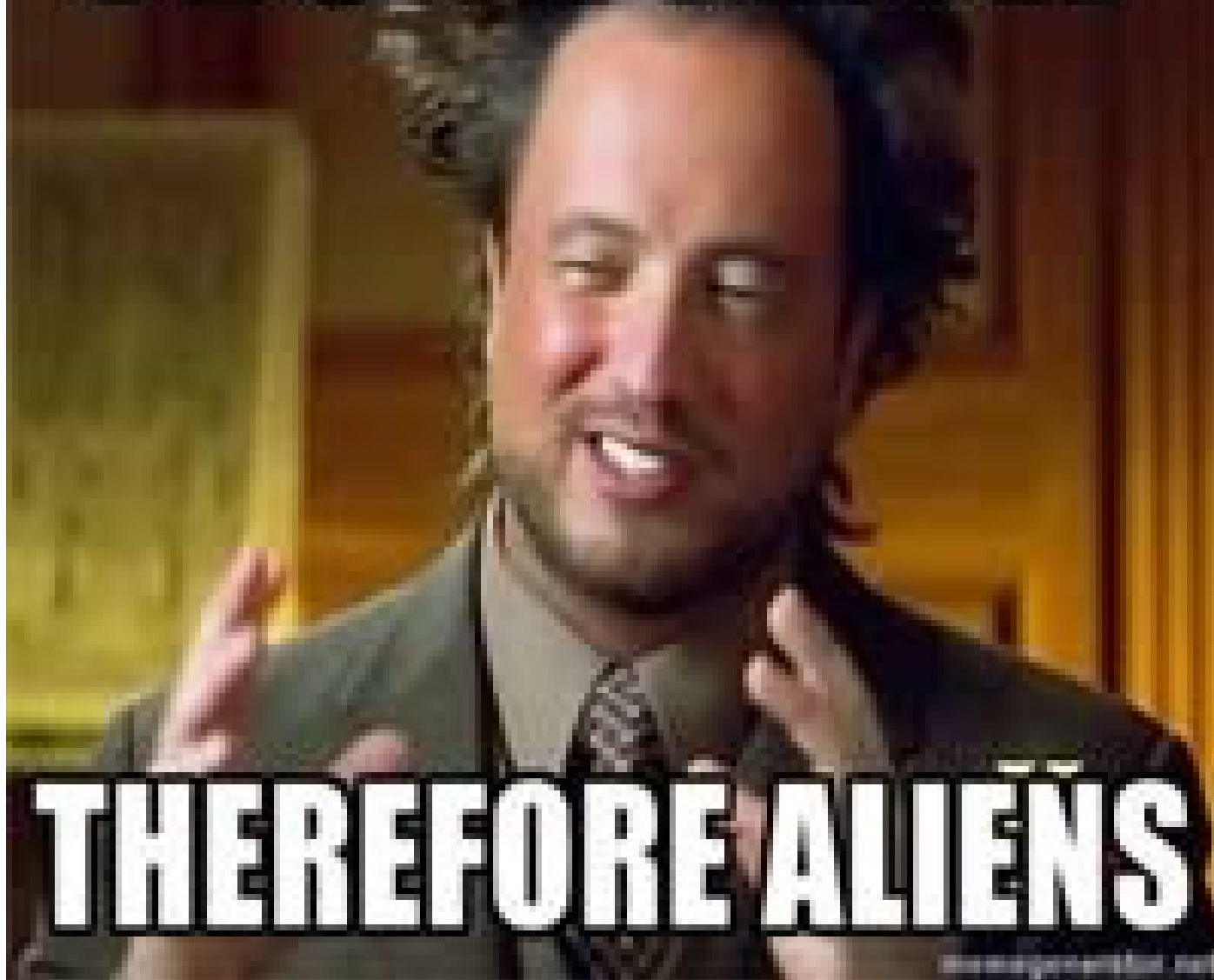
The problem is the who/what that is reading

My editor said, time for a life lesson. We have nothing really to print so lets search the wire.
He found a story about africanized bees being spotted a couple hours north of us.

He posted the story substituting killer for africanized.

That edition sold 40% more than an earlier one.

I DON'T KNOW



THEREFORE ALIENS

Sites with easily found articles about the Taliban

Reuters.com

Afghans too busy fighting Taliban to train, says US general

Efforts to build up the Afghan military have been delayed by heavy fighting and high casualties...This raises the specter of US troops not pulling out on schedule, or even being sent back into Afghanistan.

associated press:no bbc.com: yes

npr.org: yes cnn.com: yes

nbcnews.com: yes abcnews.com: yes

bostonglobe.com: no



Afghan news site bakhtarnews.com

Mopping-Up Operations Leaves 41 Militants Dead

Russia And Taliban Exchange Information

Pakistan Condemns Kabul Terrorist Attack

Six Militants Killed in ANA Ambush

Recent Clashes Took the Lives of 12 Insurgents

21 Daesh Affiliates Killed in Air Raid

Foodstuffs and Non-foodstuffs Distributed to Affected Families

Recent Clashes Took the Lives of 12 Insurgents

Suicide Attack Leaves Dozens Dead, Hundreds Injured In Kabul

Senior Taliban Commander Killed With His Men

**WE TEND TO LOOK
THROUGH
LANGUAGE AND NOT
REALIZE HOW MUCH
POWER LANGUAGE
HAS.**

Deborah Tannen

**Language is power, life
and the instrument of
culture, the instrument
of domination and
liberation.**

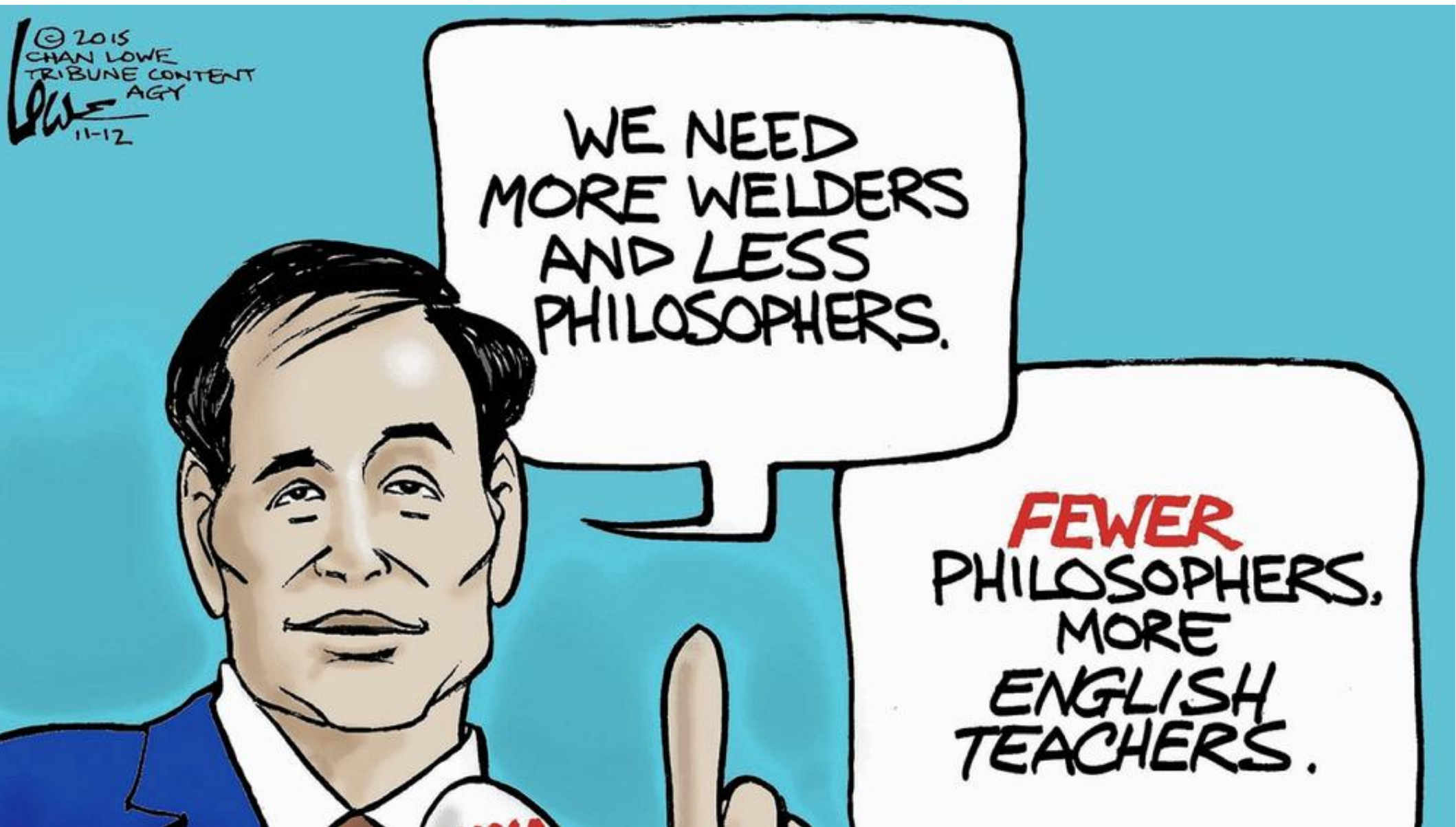
Angela Carter, British writer

**“VIEWED FREELY, THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS
THE ACCRETION AND GROWTH OF EVERY
DIALECT, RACE, AND RANGE OF TIME, AND IS
BOTH THE FREE AND COMPACTED
COMPOSITION OF ALL.”**

WALT WHITMAN

**“PEOPLE WILL FORGET
WHAT YOU SAID,
PEOPLE WILL FORGET
WHAT YOU DID,
BUT PEOPLE WILL
NEVER FORGET
HOW YOU
MADE THEM FEEL.”**

MAYA ANGELOU



The end is nigh...