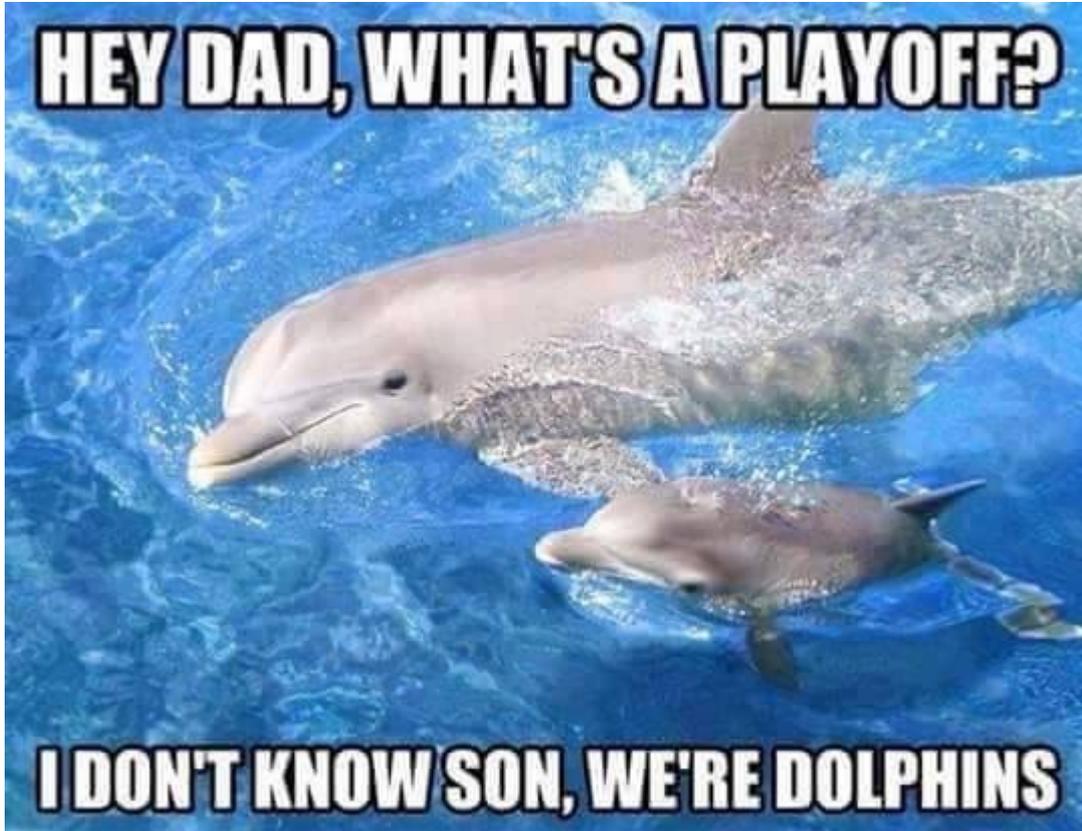


# The Dems made my team miss the playoffs



Like most people, my life is pretty ordinary. Some good moments, some bad. A few smart decisions, a few too many not so smart. But, even before I became an adult, I was taught about responsibility (as in, my own). So, I would never even think to say something like, "the Dems made my team miss the playoffs."

## That guy in the White House, however

He's got a real responsibility problem. As in, *not* taking any. He is all about blame. I'm only being partially sarcastic by saying that if he got \$100 for every time he blamed someone

else, he might already be able to build his wall – without Mexico's help.

Generally speaking, nothing he does that goes wrong (a longer list than you might think) is ever his fault. Ever.

I know some of this is his "schtick", never saying "I'm sorry" or admitting to error. But, come on, it's not even amusing anymore, let alone effective.

Let's walk down a few of those examples. I'll start and end with the most recent ones.

## **Open and shut case**

This one is so ridiculous, I'm amazed even Trump had the temerity to do it. Okay, okay, I'm not amazed. When someone has no shame, how would they ever recognize they are being shameless?

To recap:

December 11: "I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down. I'm not going to blame you (Democrats) for it. "

December 21: "The Democrats now own the shutdown."

Jeez. Ten freaking days. In public (national TV), live (on FOX, too) and still, "it's the Dem's fault."

Honestly, I lay the blame for the shutdown more on Paul Ryan than Trump, but the blamer in chief is the one to lay down a line...and cross over it himself. Duh.

## **What goes up, must come down...because of someone else**

Yeah, you've seen the stock market. It went way, way up. A lot during Obama and still more during Trump.

To recap:

"The stock market is at an all-time high. Think of that – over 50 percent since my election. Fifty percent. People – the 401(k)s – and they have 401(k)s, and they were dying with them for years. Now they're so happy." *(it was really about 26%, at the time)*

"I'll tell you what, if I ever got impeached, I think the market would crash. I think everybody would be very poor, because without this thinking, you would see numbers that you wouldn't believe, in reverse." *(as of now, the markets are down 7% for the year...didn't even need an impeachment)*

Trump has decided that it's *not* his supplier cost-increasing trade tariffs, nor his wildly unpredictable messaging (the markets hate uncertainty) or even his poorly informed tweets on the economy.

Nope, he has decided the markets falling, all couple of thousand points of it, is due to the new Fed Chairman. The Fed Chairman this self-proclaimed hirer of best persons put in the position *just last year!*

Then he goes on Twitter complaining about him, undermining him and asking privately whether he can fire him...and the ensuing continued drops in the market are *still* not admitted to be his fault.

**All in all, it's just another slat in the wall**

Oh Mexico!

I don't need to recap this one, right? We heard it enough for months, now...years even. Who's going to pay for it? Mexico!

I suppose it's catchier than, Who's going to pay for it? Us, out of our limited, trying to make ends meet, paychecks!

So, the 1,000 mile, 32 foot high concrete wall is now somewhat smaller (400-500 miles and shrinking by the tweet) and somewhat shorter and somewhat less concrete...figuratively *and* literally.

And, of course, who's to blame for it not being built? All together now...Dems!

Except, when the Congress voted on a spending bill last year, even the Republicans didn't want to spend on the wall. Not with all those other pork barrel projects and wealthy donors to accommodate.

And, reminder time, the Repubs, not the Dems, control Congress. For two whole years.

## **A toast, to your health**

Ah, healthcare. The Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare.

Gonna repeal and replace that with something almost as beautiful as the wall! Heck, even the Repubs are all-in on to this idea.

And why hasn't it happened? You know the chant...the Dems!

Well, this time, that's probably true, but let's also not forget that the Repubs squeezed out a "win" on repealing the ACA...only to have Trump call it "mean" a few days later after reading bad reviews in the media. Ah, that rock solid will of his!

That effectively killed all debate in the Senate. And the ACA stayed. Not because of Dems...nor even Repubs, who gave it their best college try. Nope, that was all you know who.

# No child left behind unexploited

I didn't want to end 2018 with a political post. They wear on me. But, this last action really disappointed me. Granted, my bar is set pretty low for Trump, but somehow he managed to slip even lower.

To recap:

“Any deaths of children or others at the Border are strictly the fault of the Democrats and their pathetic immigration policies that allow people to make the long trek thinking they can enter our country illegally. They can't. If we had a Wall, they wouldn't even try!”

This disgusting tweet came from the Compassionless-in-Chief. Not even a peep about the sorrow for a dead child and the loss for his parents. Unimaginable, except in the most heartless of creatures.

There are questions I could ask, but they would demean me and my readers to ask them. Just, the very concept of using a child's death to promote a political agenda is sickening.

Let us also remember, this is the same person who used a get-together with the Boy Scouts of America to basically run a political rally, including his standard name-calling of his “enemies”.

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Ugh. What a terrible topic to spend the last day of 2018 on. Bleh.

My parents taught me to take responsibility for my actions. That, in turn, taught me to own up to my mistakes. Blaming others for what is obviously my fault is craven and dishonest. I don't care for that branding.

I don't know how much of his life Trump has been like this, but certainly he has not been a good human these past two years. Not a leader in action or speech.

In fact, I would not be surprised if he actually said, and maybe not jokingly, "the Dems made my team miss the playoffs."