

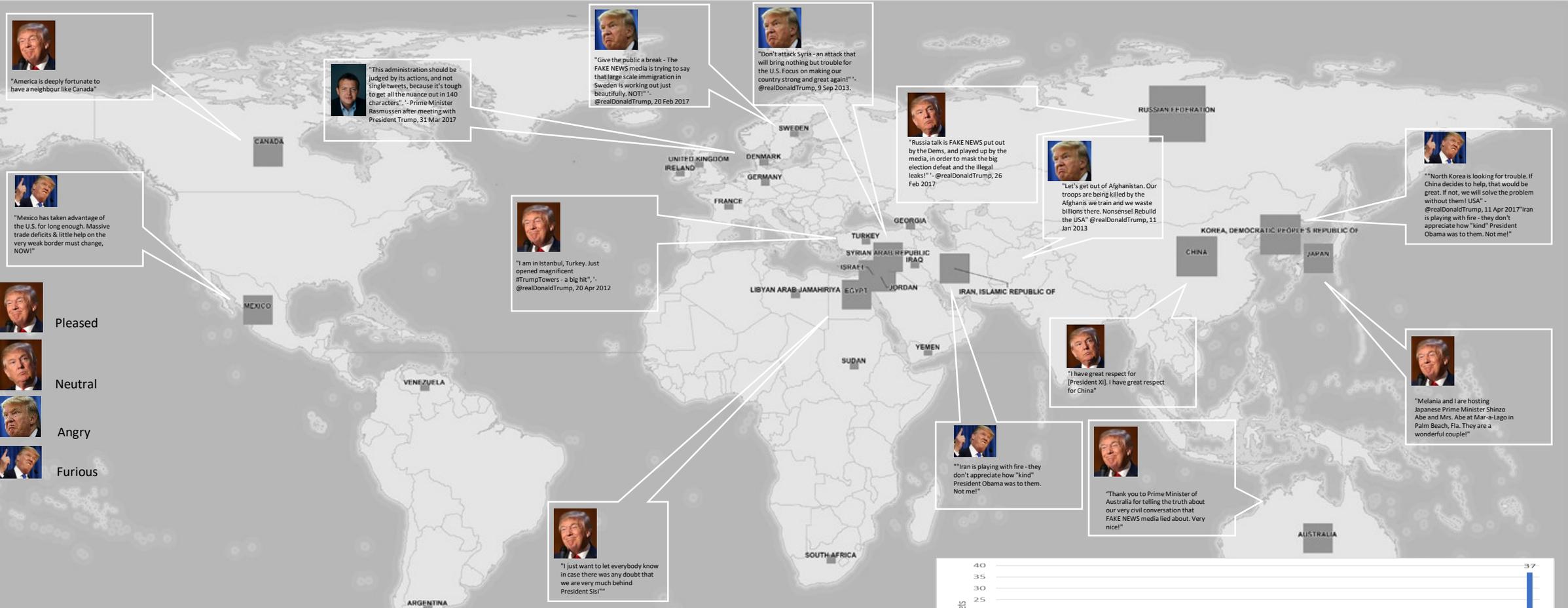
What does President Trump really think?

The BBC recently estimated his views on different countries based on what has been published on his Twitter account since becoming POTUS. The nations that are the recipients of his Twitter comments (if measured by either numbers of emails or their tone) probably meet general expectations. The main focus is Russia, South East Asia, and the Middle East.

Judging by some of the Tweets pre and post-inauguration, President Trump changes his mind (or has his mind changed for him), witness Tweets on Syria and Afghanistan.

Some countries are very noticeable by their absence- Saudi Arabia, and many of the rich oil-producing Middle East states. The huge continent of Africa, with its 60 odd states, gets precious little attention.

Thankfully, Mr Trump's Tweets do not necessarily reflect the policy and actions of the World's most powerful nation, and diplomacy is conducted through other more conventional channels, and with many countries you might not think would register on the President's radar. Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Keith Rowley spoke to Donald Trump on the phone in February to discuss "shared priorities". One of those priorities is terrorism, with some US officials worried that the small Caribbean island could become a "breeding ground for extremists", according to the New York Times.....Danish Prime Minister Rasmussen's comments about Trump Tweets are probably correct (see below).



Mr President's Tweets on countries (as of up to about 15.5.2017). Acknowledgments to the BBC

