

What 2017's Most Popular Tweets Reveal About Our Culture

There are many ways to gain a quick snapshot into culture. One of the more revealing ways is to look at what has trended – or is trending – on Twitter. So for a crash course in all things "now," here is a sampling of Twitter's most popular tweets and accounts of 2017:

Most retweeted tweets:

- 1. The Wendy's chicken nugget challenge
- 2. Barack Obama's Charlottesville response
- 3. Pennsylvania State University raises money for Houston
- 4. Ariana Grande responds to the Manchester concert shooting
- 5. President Obama's last "thankful" tweet as POTUS

Most tweeted about celebrities:

- 1. K-pop group @BTS_twt
- 2. South Korean record label @pledis 17
- 3. Singer @Camila_Cabello

Most tweeted about elected world leaders:

- 1. President Donald Trump @RealDonaldTrump
- 2. Narendra Modi, the prime minister of India @narendramodi
- 3. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro @NicolasMaduro

Most tweeted about TV shows (US-only):

- 1. Game of Thrones
- 2. Stranger Things
- 3. Big Brother
- 4. 13 Reasons Why
- 5. Saturday Night Live
- 6. The Walking Dead
- 7. Grey's Anatomy
- 8. The Voice
- 9. Supernatural
- 10. Pretty Little Liars

Most tweeted about movies (US-only):

- 1. Wonder Woman
- 2. La La Land
- 3. Dunkirk

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- 4. Spider-Man: Homecoming
- 5. Justice League
- 6. *It*
- 7. Beauty and the Beast
- 8. Thor: Ragnarok
- 9. Black Panther
- 10. Fifty Shades Darker

Most tweeted activism hashtags (US-only):

- 1. #Resist
- 2. #MAGA
- 3. #ImpeachTrump
- 4. #TrumpTrain
- 5. #WomensMarch
- 6. #NotMyPresident
- 7. #BlackLivesMatter
- 8. #NoDAPL
- 9. #TakeAKnee
- 10. #BoycottNFL

Now, ready for your homework? If any of these made you feel clueless, put Google to work and catch up.

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