Scotland strips titles it gave to Donald Trump

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A Scottish university and the leader of Scotland's main political party have stripped Donald Trump of titles they had previously given him. Billionaire tycoon Mr Trump is currently the leader of the race to become the Republican Party's contender for USA president in November 2016. Trump's mother is Scottish and the business mogul has invested heavily in golf and tourism projects in Scotland. However, his recent call for all Muslims to be barred from entering the USA has created considerable controversy. The Scottish National Party (SNP) took away his title of "Global Scot" ambassador, and Scotland's Robert Gordon University revoked an honorary doctoral degree it awarded him in 2010.

Donald Trump has reacted angrily to his titles being taken away from him. He accused SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon of "failing to appreciate his greatness". He said: "Politicians should be thanking me instead of pandering to political correctness. I have done so much for Scotland." Ms Sturgeon said Mr Trump's "recent remarks have shown he is no longer fit to be a business ambassador for Scotland". A spokesman for the Robert Gordon University stated: "In the course of the current US election campaign, Mr Trump has made a number of statements that are wholly incompatible with the ethos and values of the university. The university has therefore decided to revoke its award of the honorary degree."

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Writing

Scotland was right to strip titles from Donald Trump. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

university / political party / tycoon / leader / golf / tourism / controversy / degree / reacted / angrily / appreciate / political correctness / ambassador / election / values

True / False

a) The article says two universities have stripped Donald Trump of titles. T / F

b) Donald Trump is leading the race to be the next U.S. President. T / F

c) One of Donald Trump's parents comes from Scotland. T / F

d) A university took away a degree it gave Donald Trump last year. T / F

e) Mr Trump said a political leader didn't appreciate him. T / F

f) Mr Trump said there wasn't enough political correctness. T / F

g) A political leader said Mr Trump was unfit to be an ambassador. T / F

h) A university said Trump's remarks were incompatible with its values. T / F

Synonym Match

1.	main	a.	responded
2	previously	b.	to a great extent
3.	currently	c.	consequently
4.	heavily	d.	comments
5.	revoked	e.	formerly
6.	reacted	f.	giving in to
7.	pandering to	g.	completely
8.	remarks	h.	principal
9.	wholly	i.	canceled
10.	therefore	j.	presently

Discussion – Student A

a) What do you think of Donald Trump?

b) What do you think of Mr Trump being stripped of these titles?

c) What controversial things has Donald Trump said?

d) Why doesn't Trump speak out about other shootings in the USA?

e) What would happen if Donald Trump became US president?

f) Many British people want Mr Trump barred from Britain. What do you think of this?

g) Mr Trump has been compared to Hitler. What do you think about this?

h) What advice do you have for Donald Trump?

Phrase Match

1. Scotland's main political
2. titles they had previously
3. the Republican Party's contender
4. created considerable
5. an honorary doctoral
6. Donald Trump has reacted
7. failing to
8. pandering to political
9. wholly incompatible
10. revoke its award of

a. angrily
b. controversy
c. correctness
d. appreciate his greatness
e. party
f. with
g. given him
h. degree
i. the honorary degree
j. for USA president

Discussion – Student B

a) What does your country's leader say about Donald Trump?
b) What have you seen about Mr Trump online?
c) Is what Mr Trump says un-American? Why?
d) Why are other Republican party members attacking Mr Trump?
e) Will people's image of America change because of Mr Trump?
f) What three adjectives best describe Donald Trump? Why?
g) What are newspapers in your country saying about Mr Trump?
h) What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump?

Spelling

1. titles they had oerulivpsy given him
2. Billionaire yctoon
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Role Play

Role A – Tourism
You think tourism is the best business to be in for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their businesses aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): mining, soft drinks or gaming.

Role B – Mining
You think mining is the best business to be in for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their businesses aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): tourism, soft drinks or gaming.

Role C – Soft drinks
You think soft drinks is the best business to be in for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their businesses aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): mining, tourism or gaming.

Role D – Gaming
You think gaming is the best business to be in for the future. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their businesses aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): mining, soft drinks or tourism.

Speaking – Business

Rank these with your partner. Put the best business to be a business person in at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Movies
- Soft drinks
- Air transportation
- Gaming
- Tourism
- IT
- Pharmaceuticals
- Mining

Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. e	3. j	4. b	5. i
6. a	7. f	8. d	9. g	10. c

Answers – True False

a F	b F	c T	d F	e T	f F	g T	h T

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.