

## Letter

# Trump should not have needed the attention

From Albion M Urdank. Sir, Rita Martinez Solon has missed Jacob Weisberg's main point

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Sir, Rita Martinez Solon ([Letters \(http://next.ft.com/content/359b481c-019b-11e6-a98-3c15a1aa2e62\)](http://next.ft.com/content/359b481c-019b-11e6-a98-3c15a1aa2e62), April 16) has missed Jacob Weisberg's main point ([Comment \(http://next.ft.com/content/88f70e6c-fc21-11e5-b5f5-070dca6d0a0d\)](http://next.ft.com/content/88f70e6c-fc21-11e5-b5f5-070dca6d0a0d), April 9).

Donald Trump's need to intrude on the children's enjoyment of Wollman skating rink by blathering interminably about himself and his achievement epitomises both his propensity for rudeness and his narcissism. Had he been truly altruistic he would have felt no need to call attention to himself, much less engage in such a public display.

Mr Weisberg might have pointed out further that at bottom of what seems a desperate need for recognition lurks low self-esteem, not the self-confidence Mr Trump would imagine he projects. In a commander-in-chief a need to compensate for a perceived inadequacy is not only unseemly; it can also be dangerous.

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