PIERS MORGAN

When asked why so many people don’t like him, Piers joked that he choose the right week to come, following Katie Hopkins. He jokes about his 7 million followers and if 2 million hate him the rest like him and that’s more followers than Mandela had. He says that he could be likeable in public but journalist shouldn’t care about being liked, they should cause trouble. ‘Do I honestly care if anyone here likes me? We are here to debate opinions.’ He says that there is a desperate need to be liked in the world but it’s not important. Even today at Brown restaurant, a man stopped at the red light shouted his name and stuck his middle finger out at him. Trump is an example of someone else who doesn’t care about if he’s liked and that is why they are good friends.

Talking about his feuds, he said that Clarkson texted him apologising after throwing water on him on Concorde and punching him at the press awards. They met up at the pub in true British style and made up after 10 years of war. If Clarkson and Piers can get together, her jokes Israel and Palestine can. Piers says he doesn’t usually pick feuds with people, he just hopes people start them with him. After a feud with Eminem they both gained 1 million twitter followers. Feuds are what get him going in the morning and he imagines it’s the same with Farage and Trump.

Despite being a news editor, he believes print papers are dying but online views are going up. In twenty years there won’t be any print papers and online news is much more efficient and faster. Addressing the Union, he asked how many people buy newspapers to which no one raised their hands. This proves the future of news and tabloids. Talking about the phone hacking scandal, he says that no-one who worked for him used the technique as it’s lazy journalism. Illegality with papers is interesting as wiki-leaks and other major news have been found through illegal ways so there’s a fine line which sometimes needs to be crossed.

Talking about gun control he admits that Trump will do nothing about it even though 100,000 people a year in the USA are hit by gunfire. The moment was with Obama and it’s come and gone.

‘Generally society needs to man up a bit.’ Piers says that we have all become a global bunch of wrecks and we all play victims yet we are living longer and healthy. Mental illness is a serious thing and it has to be dealt with. There are a lot of famous people jumping on the bandwagon to promote their brands and make money. He understands what the princes are doing but their situation is very common. Piers lost his father aged 1 but does not think grief is a mental illness. If it is then we all have mental illnesses. Piers is bored of people wanting to play the victim when there are a lot of people with real problems. The celebrities who are getting involved is not helping the situation.

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