

## **Snapshot**

**For Trump,  
the whole point of political office  
is adulation, and adulation is the  
entire proof of a person's worth.  
Rectitude pales next to ratings.  
Ethics are a sorry substitute  
for applause.**

**And the methods by which  
a crowd is fired up don't matter,  
so long as he can bask in the clapping.**

**Donald Trump  
portrayed by Frank Bruni**