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## Quick Quotes

### Carson Responds to Trump's Charge of "Lower Energy"



**Ben Carson**

AP Images

"I'd like to see him stand up for 18 hours and operate on somebody."

*The two front-running candidates for the GOP presidential nomination haven't previously issued comments about each other — until Trump's unflattering comment that Dr. **Ben Carson** is "lower energy than Bush" elicited a response.*

### Blogger Scorches California Newspaper

"Recently, the *Los Angeles Times* graded political office holders. Do we care? Does anybody believe a newspaper that endorsed Obama, Feinstein and Boxer?"

*Like most newspapers, the LA Times has seen its daily circulation drop precipitously — from approximately one million 10 years ago to 376,000 currently. **Stephen Frank** attributes part of the reader drop to the newspaper's leftist slant.*

### Benghazi Panel Leader Denies Plan to Damage Hillary Clinton

"I have no friends to reward and no foes to punish. We're going to go wherever the facts take us."

*Responding to claims by Democrats that the House Select Committee he leads would purposefully attack Hillary Clinton, Congressman **Trey Gowdy** (R-S.C.) insisted that the investigation into Clinton's handling of the deadly attack in Benghazi that led to the death of four Americans was not politically oriented.*

### TPP Agreement Opposed by Alabama Senator

"It's a nascent European Union. It's going to put us in an international commission that allows the sultan of Brunei to have the same vote as the president of the United States."



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*Unilateral moves by President Obama regarding the completion of this pact confirm that Congress will have no say in making any changes to its text. Senator **Jeff Sessions** (R-Ala.) likens the prospect of a new TPP Commission to the European Commission that already holds power over the EU's 28 formerly independent nations.*

## **Objection Raised to Keeping 10,000 U.S. Troops in Afghanistan**

"Protecting Americans from the relatively modest threat posed by the Taliban or Al Qaeda or ISIS — or all three combined for that matter — does not require the permanent stationing of U.S. forces in the Islamic world, especially given the evidence that the presence of American troops there serves less to pacify than to provoke."

*Columnist **Andrew Bacevich** writes regularly about the use of our nation's military forces.*

## **American Industrial Production Continues a Downward Slide**

"Stepping back from the monthly noise [of commentators], it's clear that manufacturing is in trouble."

*As America's manufacturing sector continues to shrink, Pantheon Macroeconomics' chief economist **Ian Shepherdson** doesn't like what he sees and issued his gloomy assessment.*

## **Candidate's Defense of Gun Ownership Sparks Sharp Response**

"I think the likelihood of Hitler being able to accomplish his goals would have been greatly diminished if the people had been armed."

*The comment by **Dr. Ben Carson** drew immediate and sharp disagreement from the Anti-Defamation League.*

## **Mr. Reid, It's LGBT Not LBJ**

"And I'm satisfied that we've made a lot of progress with issues related to LBJ — lesbian, gay — anyway. What are the letters?"

*At a Capitol Hill news conference, Senate Minority Leader **Harry Reid** (D-Nev.) mixed up the initials for the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender movement with the initials used to refer to former President Lyndon Baines Johnson.*



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