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Quick Quotes

Twenty Years of Effort in Afghanistan Speedily Converted to an “Unmitigated Disaster”

“I think the Taliban takeover is an unmitigated disaster. Afghanistan [will return to] a pre-9/11 state — a breeding ground for terrorism. Mr. Biden could have had a strategy for this [but didn’t].”

*Texas Representative **Michael McCaul**, the top Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, expressed the thinking of many when he appeared on CNN’s State of the Union program on August 15, the date when Taliban fighters poured into Kabul.*

Families of 9/11 Victims Disinvite Biden to 20th Anniversary Remembrance

“We cannot in good faith, and with veneration to those lost, sick and injured, welcome the president to our hallowed ground until he fulfills his commitment.”

*An **Open Letter** sent by families who lost loved ones in the September 11, 2001 attack pointed to the president’s unfulfilled promise to declassify government documents that, they believe, will implicate Saudi Arabia.*

Senate GOP Leader Labels Democrat’s \$3.5 Trillion Proposal a “Socialist Shopping List”



Mitch McConnell

AP Images

“They won’t let Republicans have any say in this monstrosity ... but they want our help raising their credit card to make it happen. This will tax and spend our country into oblivion.”

*Having already helped Democrats pass a \$1 trillion “infrastructure” measure, Senator **Mitch McConnell** (R-Ky.) wants the American people to believe he’s a hardline opponent of federal debt and*



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spending.

Taliban Forces Win in Afghanistan as America's Reputation Plummet

"Few will gang up on the U.S. for finally stopping a failed enterprise. Most people would say it should have happened a long time ago. But the notion that you cannot count on the Americans will strike deeper roots."

*French defense analyst **Francois Heisbourg** is not alone in criticizing the United States for its 20-year struggle in Afghanistan that has ended in utter defeat.*

GOP Congressman Points to Leftist Failures in America's Cities

"In Chicago, murders are up 33 percent over last year. In New York, shootings are up 50 percent. In Los Angeles, homicides are up 36 percent. The trends are similar in Seattle, San Francisco, Portland, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit — everywhere the Woke Left is in power."

*Representative **Jim Jordan** (R-Ohio) accused Democrats of trying to blame "former President Trump, guns, conservatives, Christians ... anyone but the real culprits [who can be found] in their mirrors."*

New York Governor Resigns in the Face of Sexual Harassment Charges

"The culture has shifted in Albany somewhat. But his behavior was never appropriate. Not 10 years ago. Not five years ago. Or last week."

*A New York Democrat representing a portion of Manhattan in the state's legislature, Assemblywoman **Linda Rosenthal** issued a stinging assessment of Governor Andrew Cuomo's conduct over his 10 years in office.*

Cuomo Resigns While Offering His Own Moral Code

"In my mind, I have never crossed the line with anyone."

*Numerous women, most of whom were government employees working for or near Governor **Andrew Cuomo**, formally accused him of serious sexual improprieties. Seeking to defend himself, he indicated that he has his own moral code. Happily, the traditional prevailing code is stricter than the one Cuomo created for himself.*



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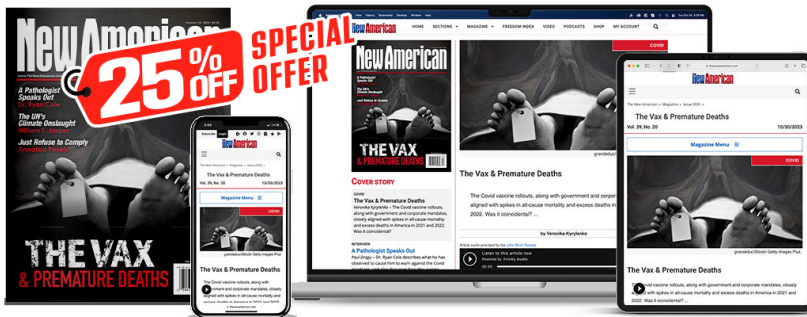
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