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## Quick Quotes

### Is Vice President Kamala Harris Soon to Become President?



**Joe Biden**

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"Pretty soon."

*During a visit to the White House celebrating their success in winning the women's professional basketball crown, the members of the team known as Seattle Storm heard President **Joe Biden** verbally indicate that Vice President Kamala Harris will soon become president.*

### U.S. General Offers Questionable Strategy

"If you have to go in, go in with the understanding that you can't wholly succeed. Don't go in thinking you're going to solve it or fix it."

*In his book The American War in Afghanistan, author Carter Malkasian quotes a uniquely backward war strategy offered by Brigadier General **Stanley McChrystal**, a veteran member of the globalist-minded Council on Foreign Relations.*

### Pakistanis Have Mixed Views About Taliban Success



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**Ryan C. Crocker**

*AP Images*

“Some Pakistanis see reasons to celebrate the Taliban victory. But the American disaster in Afghanistan that Mr. Biden’s impatience brought about is not a disaster just for us. It has also emboldened the T.T.P. (the Pakistani Taliban) — which seeks the overthrow of their government, and provided a huge boost to militant Islam everywhere.”

*Writing in the New York Times, former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan **Ryan C. Crocker** (a CFR member) issued a warning about the consequences of America’s ill-planned departure from the war-torn country.*

## **Taliban Victory Will Force Pakistan Into the Arms of Afghanistan’s New Leaders**

“If the Afghan Taliban become leaders of a pariah state, which is likely, Pakistan will find itself tethered to them.”

***Robert L. Grenier** is a former CIA station chief in Pakistan and a member of the CFR. He warns that Pakistan’s intelligence service, the ISI, has in the past protected Taliban assets and aided the Taliban’s successful seizure of Afghanistan.*

## **Conservative Talk-show Host Larry Elder Is a “Frontrunner” in Bid to Replace Newsom**

“Newsom’s recall is no longer a sideshow. With Elder as a frontrunner [to replace him], it’s one more looming disaster for our beleaguered state.”

*New York Times opinion columnist **Farhad Manjoo** notes that California Governor Gavin Newsom will be ousted unless a majority votes to keep him in office in the mid-September recall election. If he fails to gain that majority, then whoever wins the most votes among his challengers in a separate ballot question will become governor, even if the top challenger does not get a majority.*



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## Retired Army General Explains the Miserable Performance of Afghan Military

“They don’t fight well unless we’re with them shoulder to shoulder. They don’t like their leadership, and they are a minimum-wage force. They’re just basically fighting for money, and they’re not even getting the money.”

*A retired commanding general who led U.S. forces in Afghanistan a decade ago, **Jack Hammond** recalls the difficulty of trying to make a capable military force out of people who never possessed any serious motivation for their service.*

## How Could America’s Top Military Leader Have Been So Wrong?

“The Afghan Security Forces have the capacity to sufficiently fight and defend their country, and we will continue to support the Afghan Security Forces where necessary in accordance with the guidance from the president and the secretary of defense.”

*Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General **Mark Milley** provided this assessment in a press conference on July 21, just weeks prior to the Taliban sweeping into Kabul on August 15.*



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