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Quick Quotes

Black Sheriff Criticizes "Black Lives Matter" Movement

"Blue lives matter. The Black Lives Matter protest movement is contributing to a collapse of the social order."

Wisconsin's Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, Jr. has frequently issued sensible statements about a variety of matters. His speech at the Republican National Convention included praise for the acquittal of the Baltimore police officers who were brought to trial after the death of Freddie Gray.

Terrorist Killer in France Had Help

"[He] benefitted from support and complicity in the preparation and carrying out of his criminal act. His deadly act was premeditated."

Prosecutor Francois Molins, the leader of the investigatory team looking into terrorist crimes in France, said Lahouaiej Bouhlel, who killed 84 in Nice, received help from at least five others.

Pakistan Media Star Murdered by Brother in "Honor Killing"

"Everyone was talking about her. Men would condemn her, but I'm sure they were all secretly following her stuff on Instagram."

Qandeel Baloch's brother drugged and strangled her because of what he said were "shameful" pictures she had posted on Facebook. Washington-based Pakistani journalist Malik Siraj Akbar believed she had many followers, though most would still refuse to condemn the brother who killed her.

Doping Scandal Leading to Ban of Russian Athletes Blamed on United States

"Probably the U.S. is behind this. It is very similar to the economic sanctions introduced against us — a few countries united against us using some kind of excuse and unconfirmed facts."

The head of the sports committee in the Duma (the lower house of Russia's parliament), Dmitry Svishchev is not alone among Russians in blaming the United States for the bans issued to some of his country's Olympic athletes.

Gulf Between Trump and Cruz Widens

"I don't want his endorsement. If he gives it, I won't accept it."

After the Republican Convention when Senator Cruz refused to endorse the party nominee for president, Donald Trump responded sharply.

Becoming an Ex-president Leads to Kinder Treatment

"It's an axiom of American politics that presidents become more popular once they are ex-presidents."

A contributing editor for New York magazine, Jason Zengerle made this statement in a review of the book Bush about ex-President George W. Bush.



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He Demands Voting to Become a Right

"We need a right-to-vote amendment to the Constitution that gives every American an explicit and individual right to vote and that gives Congress the authority to create a unified national voting system with certain common-sense minimum standards."

In a letter published in the New York Times, Jesse Jackson called for amending the Constitution to ensure that there be more voters who are persuaded that government is the answer to every problem.

First Lady Fuels Race Consciousness

"I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves."

In her speech at the Democratic Convention, Michelle Obama found a novel way to keep race divisions festering. She could have praised our nation for doing away with slavery, but her goal seems to have been keeping racial consciousness alive. Some commentators claimed she was wrong about the individuals who built the White House because they were paid adequately, housed appropriately, and treated honorably.

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