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Quick Quotes

Candidate Claims Things Are Upside Down

“It used to be cars were made in Flint and you couldn’t drink the water in Mexico. And now the cars are made in Mexico and you can’t drink the water in Flint. This is terrible.”

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump made this observation while campaigning in Michigan. Though many Americans would view Flint’s water crisis as a local problem, the export of American jobs and industry to Mexico and elsewhere is another matter.

President Continues Promoting Environmental Fright

“What makes climate change difficult is that it is not an instantaneous catastrophic event. It’s a slow-moving issue that, on a day to day basis, people don’t experience and don’t see.”

Speaking in Honolulu just prior to a visit to tiny Midway Island in the Pacific Ocean, Barack Obama insisted that unproven climate change is the greatest long-term threat facing the world. Increasing numbers of climate scientists disagree.

Prominent Neocon Speaks Against Cultural Change

“What was once stigmatized as deviant behavior is now tolerated and even sanctioned; what was once regarded as abnormal has been normalized.... As deviancy is normalized, so what was once normal becomes deviant. The kind of family that has been regarded for centuries as natural and normal — the ‘bourgeois’ family as it is invidiously called — is now seen as pathological.”

The wife of neoconservatism founder Irving Kristol and the mother of neocon leader William Kristol, Gertrude Himmelfarb nevertheless condemned the growing acceptance of homosexuality and same-sex “marriage.”

President Will Be Affronted Personally if Clinton Doesn’t Triumph

“I’ll see it as a personal insult to my legacy and the work we’ve done together if we fail to step up and make sure that Hillary takes my place in January.”

In an e-mail sent on behalf of Hillary Clinton’s candidacy, Barack Obama surprised no one with his support for the Democratic Party’s nominee.

Oil-rich Venezuela Forced to Buy Oil From the Hated United States

“You call them the empire and yet you’re buying their oil.”

The failing Venezuelan government has so damaged the nation’s economy and its oil business that its leaders have turned to their longtime nemesis for relief. Oil workers union leader Luis Centeno issued a stinging rebuke of his country’s leaders.



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No Longer a Valued “Swing State,” Ohio Expected to Choose Trump

“Ohio, like a melting iceberg, has slowly been losing its status as the country’s bellwether. When you look at the diversity of America 30 to 40 years ago, Ohio was a pretty close approximation of the country. It no longer is.”

Democrat state legislator Michael Curtin now believes that Clinton can win nationally without Ohio, a state she has chosen to abandon as she campaigns elsewhere.

He Claims Success in Protecting Internet Privacy for Americans

“[There is danger] when everything you’ve ever done, every purchase you’ve ever made, everywhere you’ve ever travelled with a cellphone in your pocket is suddenly available to third parties.”

Still facing charges three years after exposing secret National Security Agency surveillance and data collection of private citizens, Edward Snowden hopes to receive a pardon from President Obama. He claims that being a patriotic American “doesn’t mean simply agreeing with your government.”

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