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### **Quick Quotes**

#### Surprising Willingness to Accept the Iran Nuclear Agreement

"I think this is an imperfect arms control agreement — it's not a friendship treaty. But when America gives her word, we have to live up to it and work with our allies."

President Trump has called the agreement a "really, really bad deal." But at the confirmation hearing for his nomination to be secretary of defense, retired USMC General James Mattis offered a different view.

#### Catholic Bishop in Italy Fears Europe Will Be Muslimdominated

"Italy and Europe live in a pagan and atheist way. All of this moral and religious decadence favors Islam. In 10 years we will all be Muslims because of our stupidity."

Carlo Liberati, the Catholic archbishop emeritus of Pompei, pointed to empty seminaries, weak faith, large numbers of Muslim immigrants, and the low birthrate among the Italian people.

#### **Socialists Facing Rebellion Throughout Europe**

"Wherever you look in Europe, the Socialists are not doing well, with the exception of Portugal."

Phillippe Marliere, professor of French and European politics at University College London, says the socialists who have held power in France and other European nations have lost favor with the working class.

#### **Trump Strategist Lambastes Media**

"I want you to quote this. The media here is the opposition party. They don't understand this country. The media should be embarrassed and humiliated and keep its mouth shut and just listen for a while. They still don't understand why Donald Trump is the president of the United States."

The chief White House strategist for President Trump, Stephen Bannon pulled no punches when describing his distaste for our nation's mass media.

#### **Skeptical Republican Leaders Now Finding Trump Admirable**

"I think he's completely winning the expectation game. I think he's a genius at lower expectations and over performing. It's really remarkable."

Representative Peter Roskam (R-III.) is far from being alone in finding President Trump performing above expectations.

# High-ranking North Korean Defector Predicts the Government's Collapse

"I am sure that more defections of my colleagues will take place, since North Korea is already on a slippery slope. The traditional structures of the North Korean system are crumbling."



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After escaping to South Korea with his family last summer, Thae Yong-ho, once a senior foreign diplomat for North Korea, believes the Kim Jong-un regime will not last much longer.

#### **Chicago Mayor Vows to Defy Action Aimed at Sanctuary Cities**

"I want to be clear. We're going to stay a sanctuary city. There is no stranger among us. Whether you're from Poland or Pakistan; whether you're from Ireland or India or Israel; and whether you're from Mexico or Moldova where my grandfather came from, you are welcome in Chicago as you pursue the American dream."

Former Obama chief of staff and now Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel made clear his intention to defy President Trump and the laws of the United States. Similar pledges of defiance have been issued by mayors in New York, Los Angeles, Boston, and a number of smaller cities.

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