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Quick Quotes

She Trashes Her Nemesis for What She Explicitly Advocated

"It is what authoritarian regimes throughout history have done. They attempt to control reality — not just our laws and rights and budgets, but our thoughts and beliefs."

During her May 26 commencement address at Wellesley College, Hillary Clinton avoided naming Donald Trump but accused him of wanting to control the people's "thoughts and beliefs." In 2015 at the United Nations, when speaking about the American people, she insisted, "Deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed."

Debt Burden Spurs Some Puerto Ricans to **Advocate** Statehood

"Treasure your American citizenship. Guarantee it. Vote for statehood."

So read signs posted around San Juan. While Puerto Rico struggles to deal with enormous indebtedness, the islanders are split three ways. Some are calling for statehood. Some want independence. And some want mainland Americans to pay off the huge debt. Voters will be asked to choose one of these alternatives in a non-binding referendum on June 11.

Cabinet Official Creates a Stir With Comments About Poverty

"I think poverty to a large extent is also a state of mind. You take somebody who has the right mind-set, you can take everything from them and put them on the street, and I guarantee in a little while they'll be right back up there. You take somebody with the wrong mind-set, you can give them everything in the world — they'll work their way right back down to the bottom."

Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson caused a bit of an uproar with these comments he made during a radio interview.

Senate GOP Leader Names His Choice for New FBI Director

"I have spoken with the president about it. I recommend Merrick Garland. He has a deep background in criminal law. He was the prosecutor in the Oklahoma City bombing case."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is the individual most responsible for keeping Judge Garland from getting Senate consideration for the Supreme Court opening, but now he is singing a different tune.

Opponent Critical of Trump Plan to Alter NAFTA

"Modest tweaks are not going to stop NAFTA's ongoing damage, much less deliver on Trump's promises. [To make major changes in NAFTA] is as appealing to Republicans in Congress as eating ground glass."

The director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, Lori Wallach fears that the changes planned by the Trump administration will amount to creating a trade pact that will resemble the Trans-Pacific Partnership that Trump scrapped.



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President Trump Tells NATO Members to Pay What They Owe

“This is not fair to the people and taxpayers of the United States. Many of these [NATO] nations owe massive amounts of money from past years.”

Speaking at NATO headquarters in Brussels, President Donald Trump told all of the alliance’s leaders that the United States would not continue to bear the financial burden of the alliance while several member nations avoid paying their fair share of the costs.

Remembering Roger Ailes for His Outspokenness

“I’ve had a broad life experience that doesn’t translate into going to the Columbia Journalism School. That makes me a lot better journalist than some guys who had to listen to some pathetic professor who has been on the public dole all his life and really doesn’t like this country much.”

Speaking his mind before he passed away on May 10 was characteristic of Roger Ailes, who built Fox News into an industry leader before scandal forced him out of that post.

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