



## Quick Quotes

### **Critic Suggests Silence Rather Than Bluster**

“You may be the first president in history to go down because you can’t stop inappropriately talking about an investigation that, if you just were quiet, would clear you.”

*Customarily a critic of President Trump, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) made a telling point during a television interview.*

### **President Will Retain Deep NATO Immersion**

“I’m committing the United States to Article 5.”

*Article 5 of the NATO Treaty says that an attack on any NATO member (there are 28) is essentially an attack on all, and all should respond. When he campaigned for the office he now holds, Donald Trump termed the alliance “obsolete.” Now that he’s the U.S. president, his attitude is markedly different.*

### **Liberal Magazine Suggests U.S. Independence Was a “Mistake”**

“What if it was a terrible mistake from the start ... and what if the injustice and madness of American life since then have occurred not in spite of the virtues of the Founding Fathers but because of them?”

*Writing in the New Yorker magazine, Adam Gopnik offered a distinctly negative view of the U.S.A.’s founding and history.*

### **Germany’s Leader No Longer Relying on the United States**

“The times on which we could fully rely on others — they are somewhat over. This is what I experienced in the last few days.”

*Immediately after three days of NATO meetings in late May, Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed disappointment about her perception of U.S. leadership in the pact. President Donald Trump had called on the member nations to pay their fair share of the costs, something they have not done.*

### **White House Budget Director Wants to Cut Welfare Costs**

“If you’re on food stamps and you’re able-bodied, we need you to go to work. If you’re on disability insurance and you’re not supposed to be and are not truly disabled, we need you to go back to work.”

*In 2016, there were 44 million food stamp recipients, and close to 11 million were receiving disability payments. Budget Director Mick Mulvaney wants to lower the cost of both programs.*

### **Trump Should Tweet Less!**

“There is a reason for the old lawyer’s proverb: The fish got hooked because it opened its mouth.”

*After serving as White House counsel during the Obama administration, Robert Bauer now offers advice to President Trump.*



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## **Mother of Mountain Climber Issues Interesting Response**

“Congratulations! Thanks for not telling me ahead of time.”

*After her son climbed El Capitan’s Dawn Wall without any ropes or specialized equipment, the mother of climber Alex Honnold was thankful she didn’t know what he was attempting until after he succeeded.*

## **Nominee for FBI Post Seen as Quiet and Capable**

“He’s not flashy. He’s not showy. He’s understated.”

*Michael Luttig, a former judge who hired Christopher Wray as a law clerk in 1992, believes him to be an excellent choice to lead the FBI.*

## **Defense Secretary Offers Unusual Assessment of His Role**

“Nothing. I keep other people awake at night.”

*Asked during a television interview, “What keeps you awake at night?” by John Dickerson of CBS News, Secretary of Defense James Mattis offered an unexpected response.*

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