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Quick Quotes

Democrats Have Their Own Internal Problems

"The electoral history of the last seven or eight years is pretty abysmal. America's oldest political party may go the way of the Federalists. It needs to reconnect with grass roots supporters."

Commenting shortly after Donna Brazile's revelations about the Democratic Party's stealth support for Hillary Clinton during the 2016 campaign, former Bernie Sanders campaign manager Jeff Weaver found himself worried about the future of the Democrat Party.

Sergeant Who Deserted Gets No Prison Time

"It wasn't a mistake; it was a crime. Sergeant Bergdahl does not have a monopoly on suffering as a result of his choices."

Major Justin Oshana was the lead Army prosecutor of Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl. He pointed to numerous search efforts to find the soldier who admitted his desertion and was originally thought to have been captured by Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

EPA Chief Replacing Politicized Advisors

"Whatever science comes out of EPA shouldn't be political science. From this day forward, EPA advisory committee members will be financially independent from the agency."

Because numerous members of the 22 panels advising the agency had received federal research grants, EPA leader Scott Pruitt has chosen to replace them with newer advisors who hold diverse views about science and public health issues.

President Trump's Chief of Staff Boldly Praises Robert E. Lee

"He was a man who gave up his country to fight for his state, which 150 years ago was more important than country."

Political correctness doesn't allow for saying anything good about a man such as Robert E. Lee. But political correctness seems not to have influenced former Marine General John F. Kelly.

Killer of Eight, Who Also Injured 11, Indicated His Affection for ISIS

"Allahu akbar!"

During his deadly mission designed to kill many victims in New York City, Sayfullo Saipov shouted the favored phrase of ISIS warriors and jihadists. A subsequent examination of material in the truck he used as a weapon showed handwritten notes indicating his affinity for the Islamic State forces.

Naval Officials Say Fatal Collisions Didn't Have to Happen

"The collisions were avoidable."

After reviewing several reports, Admiral John Richardson concluded that mishaps causing the deaths of



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17 sailors and severe damage to two ships were caused by blunders that should never have occurred.

She Riles Climate-change Enthusiasts

"[Belief in global warming is] a kind of paganism."

A former environmental regulator for the state of Texas, Kathleen Hartnett White angered global-warming enthusiasts with her sharp rebuke of their claims. She has been nominated to lead the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

President Calls for Ending a Loose Visa Program

"We have to get much tougher. We have to get much smarter. And we have to get much less politically correct. We're so politically correct that we're afraid to do anything."

Responding to the terrorist attack in New York that killed eight and wounded 11, President Donald Trump urged ending the visa program that allowed Sayfullo Saipov to enter the United States.

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