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Quick Quotes

NRA Leader Concerned About Socialists Gaining Power in the United States

"If these so-called European socialists take over the House and the Senate — and God forbid they get the White House again — our American freedoms could be lost and our country will be changed forever."

The executive director and CEO of the National Rifle Association Wayne LaPierre isn't concerned only about protecting the right to own a gun. He also worries about Americans who are European-style socialists taking over Congress and the presidency.

Scrapping NAFTA Not a Calamity for Canada

"There would be difficulties adjusting to the disappearance of NAFTA, but it would not be a catastrophe. Canada would continue to do business with the United States — maybe just not as efficiently."

A former Canadian diplomat who is currently a trade lawyer based in Toronto, Lawrence L. Herman sees little to worry about should the United States quit NAFTA.

Indictment of Russians by Mueller Panel Is Meaningless

"Whether the Russian web brigades actually affected the outcome of the presidential election, or any other, is impossible to tell."

So claimed the New York Times in a February 23 editorial.

Supreme Court Justice Rejects Union Power to Command Fees

"I don't oppose the right of workers to organize. But the right to say no to unions is just as important as the right to say yes."

With a decision soon to come from the high court about union power to extract dues payments from workers who don't join a union, the attitude of Justice Neil Gorsuch may well be decisive.

Political Analyst Urges Democrats to Replace Pelosi and Others

"If House Democrats could do one thing to improve their odds of winning the House back, it would probably be to install leaders that no one's ever heard of."

A political analyst for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report, David Wasserman believes it will be difficult for Democrats to make the case that they are change agents with Pelosi holding a key congressional post.

Many Red Flags Existed but No One Stopped School Killer

"This kid exhibited every single known red flag, from cutting animals to having a cache of weapons to



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disruptive behavior to saying he wanted to be a school shooter. If this isn't a person who should have gotten someone's attention, I don't know who is. This was a multi-system failure."

Broward County (Florida) Public Defender Howard Finkelstein now has the task of defending Nikolas Cruz, the accused killer of 17 who also wounded numerous others.

Columbine Survivor, Now an Elected Official, Opposes Gun-free Zones

"As a former Columbine student who was a sophomore during the shootings on April 20, 1999, I will do everything in my power to prevent Colorado families from enduring the hardships my classmates and I faced that day. Time and time again we point to the one common theme with mass [school] shootings: They occur in gun-free zones."

Now the Colorado House minority leader, Patrick Neville also wants to remove the ban barring properly trained individuals from having concealed-carry privileges in schools.

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