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Quick Quotes

Widespread Criticism of Process to Get Spending Measure Passed

"Whoever designed this process is not qualified to run a food truck. As bad as it looks from the outside, you ought to see it from the inside."

Relatively new in the Senate, Senator John Kennedy (R-La.) was far from alone in criticizing the Senate's manner of approving the massive \$1.3 trillion spending bill.

China's Xi Jinping Gains Unchallengeable Power

"I don't like the word Maoist, but Xi is really bringing back the party in charge, but also bringing back a personified power in charge. Xi has, better than anyone since Mao, gone around the checks and balances that were placed on him."

University of Hong Kong Communist Party of China expert Ryan Manuel contends that Xi has taken a risky path.

President Again Lambastes California's Sanctuary City Policy

"California's sanctuary policies are illegal and unconstitutional and put the safety and security of our entire nation at risk. Thousands of dangerous and violent aliens are released as a result of sanctuary policies, set free to prey on innocent Americans. This must stop!"

On his way to inspect samples for the wall he wants to erect to impede border crossers, President Donald Trump brought up the harm being created by some communities — and the state of California — that have designated themselves as sanctuaries where illegal aliens are welcomed.

He Dares Call Passage of Massive Spending Bill a Conspiracy

"The military-industrial complex continues to generate record profits from fictitious enemies. The mainstream media continues to play the game, amplifying the war propaganda produced by the think tanks, which are funded by the big defense contractors. This isn't conspiracy theory. This is conspiracy fact. Enemies must be created to keep Washington rich, even as the rest of the country suffers from destruction of the dollar."

Former Texas Congressman Ron Paul criticized the Trump administration's foreign policy and the president's plan to have warmongering John Bolton named as the administration's national security advisor.

Workplace Codes and Speech Can Now Cost Jobs

"There are a number of formerly popular ideas that can now end your career: the belief that men and women have inherent psychological differences, the belief that marriage is between a man and a woman, and opposition to affirmative action. What's happening today is that certain ideas about gun rights, and maybe gun ownership itself, are being cast in the realm of the morally illegitimate and socially unacceptable."





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Writing in the New York Times, columnist David Brooks addressed what has become known as the "Culture War."

Pelosi Answers Calls From Democrats to Step Aside

"I am a master legislator. I am shrewd politician. And I have a following in the country that, apart from a presidential candidate, nobody else can claim."

There is no doubt that, in some areas of the country, Democrat candidates know that holding membership in the Democratic Party means being tied to the famous California politician. Nancy Pelosi gave no indication of vacating her leadership post.

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