



Quick Quotes

Senator Bluntly Summarizes the Death of Mollie Tibbetts

“Mollie would be alive if our government had taken immigration enforcement seriously years ago.”

A staunch supporter of President Trump’s immigration policy, Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) referenced the likely killer of Mollie Tibbetts being identified as an illegal immigrant from Mexico.

Democrats Avoid Open Borders and Amnesty as Election

Issues

“On immigration issues, the Democratic Party has been pulled to the far left. And that’s the story of our politics this year: deserting the center.”

Veteran poll taker Pat Caddell has worked for both Republicans and Democrats in the past. He contends that Democrats do not want to have open borders and amnesty become dominant election issues in 2018.

Departing Maine Governor Attacks Sacred Cows

“If you want a good education, go to private schools.”

Famous for his blunt assessments of virtually anything, Maine’s two-term Governor Paul LePage is forced by term limits to step aside as his second term in office ends. He will leave with unemployment greatly reduced, taxes down, government employee numbers reduced, and a surplus in the state’s treasury.

President Trump Displays Anger at His Attorney General

“He took the job and then said he was going to recuse himself. What kind of a man is this?”

Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself from the investigation into possible Russian tampering during the 2016 presidential election. Since that investigation has continued for more than a year and has moved into unrelated areas, President Donald Trump occasionally expresses his disappointment with the recusal of the former Alabama senator.

Should Security Clearances End When Government Service Ends?

“How is it that former officials retain privileged access to state secrets in the first place? Who benefits from this well-established practice?”

Former college professor and now occasional columnist Andrew Bachevich posed his questions in the wake of President Trump’s removal of former CIA director John Brennan’s security clearance.

Trump’s Breaking of Norms Deserves a Loud “So What?”

“Future presidents will be free to ignore Mr. Trump’s blunt manner of doing business. This occupant of the White House seems to enjoy breaking norms, and he has been conspicuously more successful at



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breaking them than at devising new ones for our troubled times. But if he is to make America great again, President Trump will have to cherish his legacy as a norm-builder, too.”

Claremont Institute senior fellow and professor of government at Claremont McKenna College Charles R. Kesler defends the president’s right to break norms, recognizing that “all norms are not created equal” and that some are “bad.”

Attorney General Responds to President’s Criticism

“While I am attorney general, the actions of the Department of Justice will not be improperly influenced by political considerations.”

Responding to the president’s comments about his recusal from the investigation into possible Russian meddling in U.S. elections, Jeff Sessions made clear his insistence that even the president would not intrude on his work regarding federal law.

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