



## Quick Quotes

### **Former Veep Couldn't Be More Wrong**

"Democracy is the root of our society, the wellspring of our power. It strengthens and amplifies our leadership. It is the engine of our economic prosperity."

*The American system of government created by the Founders is a republic and its rule of law, not a democracy and rule by a mob. Sad to say, presidential candidate **Joe Biden** is not alone in praising democracy and ignoring James Madison's assertion that democracies are "incompatible with personal security or the rights of property, and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths." Madison has rightly earned the name "father of the Constitution."*

### **Shopper Eats Half a Cake, Wants to Pay Only Half the Cost**

"A Texas woman ate half a cake while roaming the aisles of a Walmart store and then refused to pay full price for it, claiming she found it half-eaten."

*The **Associated Press** reported the bizarre incident and then noted that police arrived and insisted she pay full price. She was then banned from returning to the store.*

### **Aide to Representative Ocasio-Cortez Ignores Protocol With a Fiery Outburst**

"[They are] new Southern Democrats who certainly seem hell bent to do to black and brown people today what the old Southern Democrats did in the 1940s."

*Targeting Democratic Party moderates, Representative Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff, **Saikat Chakrabarti**, received a stern rebuke from Democrat officials after he aimed criticism at Speaker Pelosi and numerous fellow Democrats. A graduate of Harvard University, he is an unabashed leftist.*

### **Spokesman for Chinese Government Threatens Hong Kong Dissidents**

"Hong Kong cannot afford to have instability. Should the chaos continue, it is the entire Hong Kong society that will suffer."

*An official spokesman for the Chinese government's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, **Yang Gang** let it be known that Beijing will not tolerate more demonstrations against the communist government's recent rulings.*

### **Taliban Foe Expected Death From the Militants but Doesn't Back Down**

"They had come to kill me at any price, and they did everything right. That I am alive is God's will, and maybe a little help from my background. But my determination to fight is strengthening. I have 20 more reasons to fight."

*On the day after he appeared at an event where he was campaigning for Afghanistan vice president with President Ashraf Ghani, **Amrullah Saleh** expected to be targeted for death. Taliban suicide bombers attacked the pair's political headquarters and killed 20-30 people. But the candidates for their high offices escaped unharmed through a rear door of the building.*

### **Columnist Worries About Fracturing the Democratic Party**

"House Speaker Nancy Pelosi shouldn't be triangulating against the party's impassioned young idealists in order to cultivate voters who are susceptible to right-wing demagoguery. Her contempt for the 'Squad'



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makes the Party look weak and riven, and Trump's nose for vulnerability has charged in to exploit the resulting discord."

New York Times columnist **Michelle Goldberg** fears Pelosi's disagreements with the "Squad" will hurt the Democratic Party.

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