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Quick Quotes

President Trump Knows the Origin of Fundamental Rights



Donald Trump

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"In my speech, I reminded the world's leaders that our rights do not come from government, they come from God."

While being interviewed on October 25 by a journalist from the Religion News Service, President **Donald Trump** pointed to remarks he had delivered at the United Nations in 2019. Practically all who heard him on that occasion disagreed with his forthright assertion about God's gift to every human being.

New York Senator Tells GOP Colleagues They'll Pay a Price for the Barrett Vote

"You may win this vote, and Amy Coney Barrett may become the next associate justice of the Supreme Court. But you will never, never get your credibility back. And the next time the American people give Democrats a majority in this chamber, you will have forfeited the right to tell us how to run that majority."

New York's Senator **Chuck Schumer** angrily responded to his GOP colleagues after Judge Amy Coney Barrett was sworn in and took her place as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

France Cracking Down on Muslim Extremists; Turkey's Leader Protests

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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Photo credit: AP Images) "Macron needs mental treatment. What is the problem of this person Macron with Muslims and Islam?"

After several dozen Islamic-inspired attacks that have killed hundreds of French people in recent years, France's President Emannuel Macron initiated steps to put an end to the terror. Responding to Macron's words and action, Turkey's President **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** disregarded the terror attacks committed in France, including beheadings of innocent people by Muslims, and verbally attacked the French leader.

Americans Are Arming Themselves at a Record Pace

"The year 2020 has been just one long advertisement for why someone would want to have a firearm to defend themselves."

FBI records show that more background checks have been processed during the first nine months of 2020 than in any previous full year. Vice President **Douglas Jefferson** of the National African American Gun Association noted that his organization has seen membership climb more in the current year than in any similar period since it was founded in 2015. The new gun owners are seeking to protect themselves and their families.

You Can Vote at 18, but You Can't Buy an Alcoholic Drink or Purchase a Gun

"To allow people judged too irresponsible to order a drink or purchase a pistol to influence, even determine, the governance of a country is mindless."

Columnist **Paul Craig Roberts** proposes that the legal voting age should be 30, or even 50. He says, "By then at least some people have learned some of the lessons of life."

One WHO Official Condemns Lockdowns

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David Nabarro (Photo credit: AP Images)

"Lockdowns just have one consequence that you must never ever belittle, and that is making poor people an awful lot poorer. Look what's happened to smallholder farmers all over the world. Look what's happening to poverty levels. It seems we may well have at least a doubling of child malnutrition."

From Australia comes news of opposition to WHO policy. WHO official **Dr. David Nabarro** has appealed to world leaders to rethink their lockdowns. Like many other criticisms of policy maintained by WHO and various national officials, his urgent message is not being heeded.



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