



Notable Quotables

A bi-weekly compilation of the latest outrageous, sometimes humorous, quotes in the liberal media

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Honest Hillary “Does Not Lie”

“She [Hillary Clinton] does not lie. I mean, we’ve seen instances where in terms of, as far as e-mail she was not forthcoming and she actually did lie, but on day to day basis as part of her campaign DNA, it’s not in there. He [Donald Trump] has actually used lying as a strategy.”

— Donny Deutsch on Bloomberg TV’s *With All Due Respect*, September 23.



NPR host Steve Inskeep: “How would you describe Hillary Clinton’s relationship with the truth?”

New York Times Executive Editor Dean Baquet: “I think all politicians obfuscate, exaggerate, etc. I think that that’s what I would say about Hillary Clinton and most other politicians.”

Inskeep: “So she’s an ordinary politician in that way?”

Baquet: “In terms of relationship with the truth, yeah, I think she’s an ordinary politician in that way.”

— Exchange from National Public Radio’s *Morning Edition*, September 22.

As If the Media Ever Called Trump a Liar?

“Is the Hillary Clinton team right when they complain about this double standard, they say ‘well voters think she’s dishonest in part because the media hasn’t done its job calling out the dishonesty of Donald Trump?’”

— Anchor George Stephanopoulos to *New York Times* reporter Maggie Haberman on ABC’s *This Week*, September 25.

Time to Break Out the Sport Superlatives

“It is very, very difficult to become a master of a single policy area. She [Hillary Clinton] is the Michael Jordan of policy in multiple, multiple areas and we almost treat it like it’s a bad thing....She’s like the valedictorian running against this crazy frat boy.”

— CNN political commentator Van Jones on CNN’s *Debate Night in America*, September 26.

“I thought it was a shutout for Hillary. Lester [Holt] asked tough questions about racial issues, policing. He couldn’t answer them. She gave a great answer and her fifth home run was her brilliant close. She cleaned his clock tonight. It was a bit embarrassing for Trump. I thought a bit that I was watching *A Few Good Men* and she was Tom Cruise and he was Jack Nicholson. It was not close. It was over tonight. Very clear result. Hillary won big time. It was a shutout.”

— Host Chris Matthews on MSNBC’s *Hardball*, September 26.

Everything Tim Kaine Said Was True?

“Now a debater [Mike Pence] who tells such dangerous lies can now be scored the winner of the debate by people in the political news media, because those lies no longer matter on the debate scorecard. Lies aren’t dangerous anymore. The debate judges have been worn down by the year of political lying...You cannot make a video collection of the lies Tim Kaine told on the debate stage last night, because those lies didn’t happen.”

— Host Lawrence O’Donnell on MSNBC’s *The Last Word*, October 5.

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Correspondent Major Garrett: “In defending Hillary Clinton’s record fighting the spread of nukes, Kaine overstated his running mate’s successes.”

Democratic Senator Tim Kaine: “She worked a tough negotiation with nations around the world to eliminate the Iranian nuclear weapons program without firing a shot.”...

Garrett: “The nuclear deal with Iran was actually negotiated by Secretary of State John Kerry; and while it freezes the Iranian nuclear weapons program, it leaves much of the country’s infrastructure in place.”

— *CBS This Morning*, October 5.

Obama's Climate Deal Will Stop Future Hurricanes?

"Now, as a practical matter, it's very interesting that this is happening a day when there's a hurricane bearing down on the United States and in the Caribbean, because these severe storms, beach erosions, intense weather episodes that we've had are perhaps the most practical example of what the president was talking about as the threat that the planet faces and this is what this whole climate agreement signed by 190 nations and now ratified by 60 or so is designed to stop."

— NBC reporter Ron Allen on *MSNBC Live with Kate Snow*, October 5.



Leaked E-Mail Exposes Andrea's True Trump Feelings

NBC News correspondent Andrea Mitchell: "I know Trump controls the convention rules committee but I keep thinking they have to find a way not to nominate him."

General Colin Powell: "I don't see how. Even Paul Ryan in today's papers says he has problems, but is sticking with him....I assume he will get the nomination. Then the game is on."

Mitchell: "It is awful."

— Leaked e-mail exchange as reported by September 24 FoxNews.com story "E-mails show NBC's Andrea Mitchell telling Colin Powell Trump's nomination is 'awful.'"

We're the Only Ones That Are Allowed to Fat Shame

Anchor George Stephanopoulos: "We're going to begin with that beauty queen at the center of the debate. Former Miss Universe speaking out after Trump doubles down on criticism of her weight and, Amy, you have more from Alicia Machado."

Reporter Amy Robach: "That's right, George. Alicia Machado became Miss Universe the same year Donald Trump took over that pageant. She claims he called her names like Miss Eating Machine after she gained 40 pounds. She says she is sharing her experience now because she is concerned about the future of her adopted country. She was once named the most beautiful woman in the world."

— ABC's *Good Morning America*, September 28.

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"He's going to have to lay off the doughnuts."

— Robach concluding a segment on New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's weight, February 6, 2013.

Rioting and Looting = "Frustration"

"What we have seen recently in Charlotte, North Carolina, young people rising up and showing their frustration in a different way. When you and the rest of the world sees that, what goes through your mind?"

— Anchor Robin Roberts' question to President Barack Obama on ABC's *Good Morning America*, September 23.

If Anyone Knows the Art of the Con, It's Dan

"To call Trump a con man, as many have, is a disservice to the art of the con. By its definition a con requires deceit. But Trump has not tried to hide his lies or the sheer unrealistic audacity of his cartoonish policy positions."

— Disgraced former *CBS Evening News* anchor Dan Rather in a post-debate Facebook post, September 27.

Trump Parody Can't Outdo What We Say About Him

"In 2008, late-night comedy and particularly *SNL* was saying the things mainstream journalism could not say, that Palin was one of the dopiast, goofiest-looking candidates we ever had. And, oh, by the way, she will probably be dangerous and a disgrace to us if she's elected. We could not say that. They could. It was liberating. Now everybody, from editorial writers to people on the campaign trail, are saying all things about Trump that were sort of revealed in [Alec] Baldwin's satirical take on him. And that's a big change in the media."

— *Baltimore Sun* TV critic David Zurawik on CNN's *Reliable Sources*, October 2.

Gayle With the Hard-Hitting Questions

"What do you think was her [Hillary Clinton's] best moment?"

— Co-host Gayle King's question to Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine about Clinton's debate performance on *CBS This Morning*, September 27.

Keith Has Had Enough

“We have had enough of what this man Trump has made us look like to the world. We have had enough of the hatreds he has unleashed and the apologists in the media who have not stood up and called him what he is, a fascist who wants to end this democracy....Bluntly, were it the choice I would sooner and happily vote for a third term of George W. Bush, rather than five minutes of President Donald Trump. Donald Trump is the scum of the Earth. And the only way I would not believe that Donald Trump is not the scum of the Earth, is if Donald Trump himself told me he was the scum of the Earth because then I would know he is lying about it, and somebody else was scum of the Earth. We have had enough!”

— Host Keith Olbermann on GQ.com’s *The Closer with Keith Olbermann*, October 6.



Admitting the Obvious

“I’ve always been a defender of the media. I think these accusations of bias are usually overdone. I think that that’s all out the door, all out the window in this campaign. And I think reporters have become so biased, so partisan, particularly on Twitter. Go look at the Twitter feeds of the reporters from your major newspapers — *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, others — and tell me if those are things that they would say on TV or that would have ever been acceptable in previous campaigns. That doesn’t mean [Donald] Trump doesn’t say plenty — that you should get all worked up about, but you don’t need to. Just let the facts be out there and let people make a judgment because that’s why people turn on all of us.”

— *Politico* co-founder Jim Vandehei on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, October 4.

“Rational” Republicans Only Exist in Fictional TV Shows

“I always used to joke that the fakest thing, aside from my teeth, about *The West Wing* was that we had rational Republicans and one of the things that really upsets me is an election is not a personality contest. It is an opportunity for us to have an important discussion about how to face these tremendously urgent issues, and this rodeo clown [Donald Trump] has sucked all the oxygen out of the room and I think it’s not good for us.”

— *The West Wing* actor Bradley Whitford on MSNBC’s *Hardball*, September 29.

Even on a CBS Drama, She Brings the Bias

“The recent super-storm, which severely damaged a U.S. Naval base in Bahrain, could bring up the ongoing question of climate change. This is the third or fourth storm of the century in the last decade. So, it’s beginning to look less like a freak of nature than maybe a pattern of nature....But do you, Madam Secretary, believe that climate change is real?”

— Incoming host of CBS’s *Sunday Morning* Jane Pauley portraying herself on CBS’s *Madam Secretary*, October 2.

Trump Sons = Axe Murderers

“Trump also once said, ‘sometimes people will come into my office and they’ll look great, sound great, dress beautifully. Everything is great. Then after you hire them they turn out to be morons.’ Which explains his sons, Uday and Qusay. I mean, Trump senior in the White House is bad enough without these two American psychos, putting plastic over the furniture so they can axe murder prostitutes while discussing Phil Collins.”

— Host Bill Maher on HBO’s *Real Time with Bill Maher*, September 30.

As If She Would Go Out Drinking With You Anyway

“She [Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway] is not a girl that’s gonna hold your hair when you throw up. Shove your face in it.”

— Former *Saturday Night Live* cast member Cheri Oteri on CBS’s *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, October 4.

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