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Worth Quoting¹

Amira Hass, an Israeli journalist who spent many years reporting from Gaza, “Gaza embodies the central contradiction of the state of Israel – democracy for some, dispossession for others; it is our exposed nerve.” Israelis don’t say ‘go to hell’, they say ‘go to Gaza.” Quoted by Adam Shatz on the war in Gaza, [Vengeful Pathologies](#), London Review of Books.

“Israeli security officials spent months trying to warn Mr. Netanyahu that the political turmoil caused by his domestic policies was weakening the country’s security and emboldening Israel’s enemies. The prime minister continued to push those policies. On one day in July he even refused to meet a senior general who came to deliver a threat warning based on classified intelligence, according to Israeli officials.” Ronen Bergman, Mark Mazzetti and Maria Abi-Habib, The New York Times: [How Years of Israeli Failures on Hamas Led to a Devastating Attack](#)

George Will, on the cretin from Alabama: “Senate rules, which allow maximum individual latitude, presuppose minimal maturity. To protest a Defense Department policy pertaining to abortion, a caricature — Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), who says the three branches of government are “the House, the Senate, and the executive” — is blocking confirmation of hundreds of senior military promotions. This, says Gates, is “making the United States a laughingstock among its adversaries.” The Senate should immediately end this moronic behavior. Senators should either change Tuberville’s unfurnished mind (“My dad fought 76 years ago in Europe to free Europe from socialism”) or change the rule he is abusing. George Will, [As ominous threats rise, the U.S. is mired in moronic, clownish politics](#), *Washington Post*.

Labor organizer Sydney Ghazarian debunking claims that auto strike is based on workers’ opposition to electric cars: “Personally, I have no patience for the industry framing that workers are somehow responsible for slowing down the transition to EVs . . . It wasn’t auto workers who suppressed global warming research beginning in the 1960s while also lobbying against climate protections . . . It wasn’t auto workers who made the decision to produce gas-guzzling vehicles, or to locate pollutive plants in working class communities of color. Those decisions were made by auto industry bosses like Mary Barra, Jim Farley, and Carlos Tavares.” Sarah Lazare, [The Big 3 Want You To Think Striking Workers and the Climate Are at Odds. They’re Not](#), *In These Times*.

Laphonza Butler, a former adviser of the vice president and the president of Emily’s List until appointed to succeed Dianne Feinstein, quoted in Astead W. Herndon, [In Search of Kamala Harris](#), The New York Times. Asked about Democrats’ criticism of Harris, she responded, “Cut the bullshit . . . It’s disrespectful . . . And the thing that makes it more disrespectful is that we’re talking about a historic V.P. who has been a high-quality partner and asset to the country at a time when everything is at stake. Right now is the time to respect what she’s done and what she brings.”

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