

Other people saying things

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So I've discontinued the sidebar link blogging, which was a bit of a pre-Twitter relic. But I'll still post semi-regular roundups of links, with a shift toward doing what Twitter's not always so good at: giving a taste of the actual writing.

In other words, here's some quotes. All things that I found interesting and worthwhile, not necessarily that I agree with 100 percent.

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"Making emergency contraception available to the vast majority of women who might become pregnant is certainly an improvement compared to five years ago. But the age limit—even if lower—[remains completely irrational](#)."

"The wealth gap is not a mistake. It is the logical outcome of policy and democratic will. From the streets of Cicero on up, the point was [to imprison black people in the black belt and then exploit them](#)."

"[Defense of marriage] was always the wrong mindset. In the middle of a vibrant marriage culture, the fundamental principles, goods, and practices of marriage are *handed down* and [inculcated through transmission](#)."

"Kirk says there was no reason to unholster his gun, that it was unsafe for one man to try to cuff three people, that an entire patrol team should've been dispatched to a zone with multiple alarms. He had previously dealt with peace protesters at Rocky Flats, which is how he knew that the three trespassers were not dangerous, [he says](#)."

"What Democrats said Friday was that in any case where the political pain caused by sequestration becomes unbearable, they will agree to cancel that particular piece of the bill while leaving the rest of the law untouched. The result is that sequestration is no longer particularly politically threatening, but it's [even more unbalanced](#)."

"There is no shared sacrifice. As soon as the wealthy and connected begin to feel discomfort, Congress is there, ready to address their concerns. [If only the rest of us were so lucky.](#)"

"Writing things that are provably untrue — rather than, say, being irritating — ought to be [the central thing to avoid.](#)"