

John Podhoretz

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Every great political campaign rewrites the rules; devising a new way to win is what gives campaigns a comparative advantage against their foes.

~John Podhoretz

Conservatives must avoid the siren song of schism, or all is lost.

~John Podhoretz

Comedians and impressionists used to be two different showbiz animals entirely, but now there's no such thing as a comedian who doesn't do impressions.

~John Podhoretz

Pop culture is a reflection of social change, not a cause of social change.

~John Podhoretz

There's no light at the end of the tunnel in the Republican message, no promise of better things to come. There's only the present stagnation, followed by a slow decline.

~John Podhoretz

I was wholeheartedly attracted to the conservative atmosphere that permeated the city of Washington.

~John Podhoretz

I look at 'The New York Review of Books.' It's what it has been for 35 or 40 years, which is a highly sophisticated vehicle for anti-American self-hatred.

~John Podhoretz

For the record, I am not an admitted homosexual, nor am I a homosexual, though I do know the lyrics to every show tune ever written, which might perhaps account for the confusion.

~John Podhoretz

Back in 1995, Bill Gates himself didn't understand that the internet was the direction computing was going.

~John Podhoretz

Memories of the last nine years have turned Ground Zero from a site of horror, to a reminder of grief, to an occasion for ludicrous artistic posturing - and now to something very close to parody.

~John Podhoretz

I think making a pretense of civility toward Eric Alterman is like making a pretense of civility to a scorpion.

~John Podhoretz

While negativity is politically useful, it is also demoralizing unless it is accompanied - and to some extent overshadowed - by elevated and inspiring ideas about the American future.

~John Podhoretz

Your race and gender don't change, but you can choose to change your political affiliation at will.

~John Podhoretz

The problem is that borrowing money to pay back more borrowed money that will oblige you in the future to borrow even more money doesn't sound kosher. Because it isn't.

~John Podhoretz

Here's a very good rule of thumb in politics: losing begets losing.

~John Podhoretz

Insulting the electorate and accusing it of spiritual weakness and sinfulness are not the ways to get yourself the job of president.

~John Podhoretz

Obama's explanation for the slowdown in economic growth is that the public sector is hurting, and that's where Washington must step in and act.

~John Podhoretz

Barack Obama is one of the greatest politicians in American history.

~John Podhoretz

All non-incumbent campaigns promise hope and change, but Obama took the promise to a new level of absurdity. He suggested that a vote for him would literally transform the Earth.

~John Podhoretz

The presidency is not an entry-level electoral job.

~John Podhoretz

Unquestionably, American political rhetoric can be repugnant, and the Right can certainly be as guilty as the Left.

~John Podhoretz

Robots have a rich and storied history in movies.

~John Podhoretz

America may be in a dour condition, but it is not going to elect a dour president.

~John Podhoretz

What Obama is saying is simple: The United States has become Too Big To Fail.

~John Podhoretz

By keeping most tax rates at present levels, Obama and the Democrats

will claim that they have championed tax cuts for the middle class.

~John Podhoretz

Is victory sweet because your side wins - or is it really because the other side loses?

~John Podhoretz

Imagine his delight after it 'leaked' that he will propose raising taxes on the wealthy by \$320 billion over the next 10 years, including increases to the capital gains and inheritance taxes.

~John Podhoretz

When Obama was inaugurated, he and his team had an insight - though whether the insight was conscious or not I don't know. But it was this: The TARP \$700 billion price tag was a new kind of model.

~John Podhoretz

Why, listening to Obama talk about his economic triumphs over the last three years might make you want to move to the country he was describing. Too bad that country exists primarily in his own head.

~John Podhoretz

Many people crave security and stability rather than risk-taking, and that doesn't make them any less American. They are the workers rather than the job creators, and all societies need both.

~John Podhoretz

Electoral contests have nothing but polls, which is why people have grown so obsessed with them; we're desperate for an objective rendering of what is happening and what may happen.

~John Podhoretz

I don't feel alienated from American culture, but I understand people who do.

~John Podhoretz

Obama's presidency hasn't been dedicated to achieving economic growth in the short term, or about creating jobs.

~John Podhoretz

In 2013, there were 6,261 black homicide victims in the US — almost all killed by black civilians.

~John Podhoretz

The thing is, Obama is right that it would be a calamity for the government to default on its debt by not meeting its obligations. Such a thing has never happened and can't be allowed to happen.

~John Podhoretz

The 2004 presidential election that saw George W. Bush win with 51 percent of the vote was the last one Republicans will ever win with the overwhelmingly white and male coalition they have now.

~John Podhoretz

The classic rule of thumb is that if you are an intellectual ideological magazine, you do better in opposition than you do if your views are reflected by people in power.

~John Podhoretz

The sad truth is that you can have peace processes all you like, but if one side is committed to war, then it's war.

~John Podhoretz

This has always been the way of presidential politics. The president rises above the fray while his surrogates go on the attack. They throw the spears and fling the mud; he sits upon the throne.

~John Podhoretz

The great mystery is why robots come off so well in science-fiction films when the human characters are often so astoundingly wooden.

~John Podhoretz

For Obama to save himself, he should be thinking about the example of an unlikely Republican predecessor: Richard Nixon.

~John Podhoretz

America is great not because it's a team. America is great because it is a nation whose founding documents elevated the rights of the individual.

~John Podhoretz

I've worked as someone's deputy, and now it's time for me to run something. It's time for me to run my own shop.

~John Podhoretz

She needs to seem tough, and whatever Hillary's weaknesses, tough is a pretty good word to describe her.

~John Podhoretz

Let us now praise Barack Obama.

~John Podhoretz

Some candidates need to say provocative things that make noise to break through the media muffle and get themselves noticed.

~John Podhoretz

Newt Gingrich has a restless and outsized intelligence that is tragically unleavened by any kind of critical sensibility.

~John Podhoretz

The exit polls suggest that after a relatively disappointing first term, Obama managed to reassemble almost all of his 2008 electorate.

~John Podhoretz

Newt Gingrich never received more than 100,000 votes in his life. He'll never be president.

~John Podhoretz

Romney is a good, intelligent, extraordinarily generous man who put on a great fight. But he didn't understand the country or the people he sought to lead, and that is why he lost.

~John Podhoretz

Obama's coalition would have consigned him to the political margins as little as 12 years ago, but the nation's demographic changes are moving far more quickly than most Republicans anticipated.

~John Podhoretz

Romney is right that the Obama vision is too centered on government. But his is too centered on the promotion of business and wealth creation at the expense of everything else.

~John Podhoretz

Obama's victory in November 2008 was a historic political accomplishment.

~John Podhoretz

Obama is defining himself in a way that will destroy him.

~John Podhoretz

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