

# Jonathan Chait

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Activists measure progress against the standard of perfection, or at least the most perfect possible choice. Historians gauge progress against what came before it.

~Jonathan Chait

Trump's not the future; his ideas and his coalition are a dead end.

~Jonathan Chait

President Obama is so much smarter and a better communicator than members of Congress in either party. The contrast, side by side, is almost ridiculous.

~Jonathan Chait

Barack Obama is a very impressive human being.

~Jonathan Chait

Barack Obama knows a lot about a lot of things.

~Jonathan Chait

Barack Obama is pretty similar to the person you see in public, at press conferences. He's a little saltier, a little more sarcastic and cutting.

~Jonathan Chait

In public, Barack Obama's giving the simple version of his beliefs for the mass public. In private, he can discuss it at a really high level.

~Jonathan Chait

At best, Trumpism will be a more right-wing version of the same old Republican Party.

~Jonathan Chait

I'm convinced in 100 years Obama will have an important place in the civic pantheon of American life.

~Jonathan Chait

Republicans fighting back against changes Obama made means those changes are important, as with most of the major progress in American history.

~Jonathan Chait

Trump is what Obama critics think Obama is: Someone who's focused on symbolism rather than substance.

~Jonathan Chait

In some ways, Trump is just going to continue the trend: by continuing the norm-smashing behaviour that Republicans used in opposition.

~Jonathan Chait

Barack Obama is extremely smart.

~Jonathan Chait

The Republicans' response to Obama confused a lot of people. I really think there's been a measure of clarity at the end, with Trump's election, that was not present during the Obama presidency.

~Jonathan Chait

Trump was the logical outcome of the Republican's irrational, racialized backlash to Obama that had utterly come to dominate the party's thinking.

~Jonathan Chait

Barack Obama is an intellectual.

~Jonathan Chait

I never thought Hillary Clinton was a very good politician.

~Jonathan Chait

In the long run, however much damage we come through, Obama's vision is the one that's going to be left standing. It's a question of how

much pain and suffering America has to endure in the meantime.

~Jonathan Chait

Obamaism is the future of America.

~Jonathan Chait

I worry about the entire structure of American democracy under Trump.

~Jonathan Chait

We're not going to be living in a world where white identity politics is the basis for a major political party.

~Jonathan Chait

Trump has a lot of authoritarian tendencies that need to be a serious concern.

~Jonathan Chait

I don't think the Democrats need a silver bullet.

~Jonathan Chait

Conservatives are much more comfortable supporting the leader who's in power than liberals.

~Jonathan Chait

Liberals will only support you after you're gone.

~Jonathan Chait

Liberals tend to romanticize the past, past leaders' failures.

~Jonathan Chait

There's an element of clowning and entertainment to Trump, that makes it surreal and hard to understand to what extent he is pretending to be a fascist or an authoritarian.

~Jonathan Chait

We're not going to be living in a world of abundant coal power in a hundred years.

~Jonathan Chait

Everything on Twitter is true.

~Jonathan Chait

Donald Trump will be a tragedy, a sad joke in American history.

~Jonathan Chait

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