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~Victor Davis Hanson

Entertainers wrongly assume that their fame, money, and influence arise from broad knowledge rather than natural talent, looks, or mastery of a narrow skill.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Americans spend more money on Botox, face lifts and tummy tucks than on the age-old scourges of polio, small pox and malaria. ~Victor Davis Hanson

The fact is, beneath the hype, Iraqis will soon appreciate American help and idealism far more than French perfidy. It is never wrong to be on the side of freedom - never.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Multiculturalism is a good reminder that when standards are relative, there are no standards at all.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Stalin and Mao killed over 80 million and did not make omelets despite the broken eggs.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Even in its third century, America is still the most meritocratic nation in the world.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Ignorance and arrogance are a lethal combination. Nowhere do we see that more clearly among writers and performers who pontificate as historians when they know nothing about history. ~Victor Davis Hanson

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~Victor Davis Hanson

Often, the pretexts for starting a war are not real shortages of land, food or fuel, but rather perceptions - like fear, honor and perceived self-interest.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Behind every American soldier, dozens of their countrymen tonight sleep soundly â€" and hundreds more in their shadow abroad will wake up alive and safe.

~Victor Davis Hanson

States are like people. They do not question the awful status quo until some dramatic event overturns the conventional and lax way of thinking.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Popular culture is simply a reflection of what the majority seems to want.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Any time the Western way of war can be unleashed on an enemy stupid enough to enter its arena, victory is assured.

~Victor Davis Hanson

I think the Democrat Party is taking its cue from the media. When the media has a narrative, whether it's the use of profanity, the Democratic Party follows it.

~Victor Davis Hanson

A Ted Kennedy, John Kerry, John Edwards, Howard Dean, George

Soros, or Al Gore looks - no, acts - like he either came out of a hairstylist's salon or got off a Gulfstream.

~Victor Davis Hanson

If I talk to rural people where I live - mostly Hispanic but also poor white - they're not sympathetic to the Black Lives Matter movement.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Most authoritarians do not surrender power voluntarily.

~Victor Davis Hanson

After three elections, voters finally caught on that Obama's faults were not in the stars, but in himself. They apparently tired of the usual distractions from a dismal presidential record.

~Victor Davis Hanson

I'm kind of old-fashioned because I was born and live in the same house for six generations.

~Victor Davis Hanson

I think people are beating each other up in the halls of Congress, as they did in the late 1850s.

~Victor Davis Hanson

So why, after prior successes, did Obama's race/class/gender attack finally sputter out like the French at Waterloo?

~Victor Davis Hanson

We're in a very Orwellian situation where when we - we've slashed defense. And we've raised taxes. And we consider \$600 billion annual deficit success because it's not \$1 trillion.

~Victor Davis Hanson

In the case of [Donald] Trump, he was able to tell people that elites live

in gated communities, where they have walls around their home. ~Victor Davis Hanson

The easily ridiculed, so-so status quo often hides Herculean efforts by those whom we take for granted, and who, working in the shadows, guarantee civilization instead of chaos.

~Victor Davis Hanson

I saw more stupid people in graduate school and three decades in academia than I ever did who ran 100 acres without going broke. ~Victor Davis Hanson

I see a continuation of the populist outrage that prompted the Brexit and sparked the Bernie Sanders campaign.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Politicians in their hubris who believe they can ignore debt or wish it away are sorely disappointed - as we see now with the plummeting approval ratings of both the administration and Congress.

~Victor Davis Hanson

War seems to come out of nowhere, like rust that suddenly pops up on iron after a storm.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Globalization has enriched the planet beyond belief, leading to ever-increased demands of perfection. And thanks to 24/7 communications, we all instantaneously know when these expectations aren't met.

~Victor Davis Hanson

[People] are alike in a sense that the Bernie Sanders anger at Hillary Clinton was that she was a so-called progressive and yet had managed to make \$125 million. ~Victor Davis Hanson

I think everybody realizes some things went wrong in the Middle East and that most of the terrorism is emanating from that area.

~Victor Davis Hanson

We have had raucous moments in our history. And I think we're in one now. But it's not going to endanger the future of democracy.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Cheap anti-Americanism will eventually have consequences.

~Victor Davis Hanson

It is a hard thing for intellectuals to acknowledge benefits from their rich moral inferiors who never so intended it.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Almost every key indicator of the current economy - unemployment, deficits, housing, energy - argues that Obama's reactionary all-powerful statist approach has only made things far worse.

~Victor Davis Hanson

Trump is a symptom of widespread disgust, not the head of a carefully crafted ideological movement with a checklist of issues.

~Victor Davis Hanson

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