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Our Best Comments of the Week

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In this new feature, we'll list the top 10 comments of the week on our digital platforms, as selected by our readers and the journalists who moderate nearly every comment.

Here's last week's list.

Donald Trump and the G.O.P.

1. It's important that reporters and particularly pundits get out of their offices and take road trips. They will find a very different America out there, an America starved for love. Strangely, despite all Trump's hostile rhetoric, he is the Republican that acts as if he's in love with his country, and nobody can compete with that except Sanders, because the rest of the politicians aren't in love with their country, just themselves. Only Sanders and Trump look like they are in it passionately, that they are in love with the nation, and that's not only seductive but irresistible.

Trump would clobber Clinton, but not Sanders. As an independent, I would choose Trump over Clinton any day. I believe in love.

— *Carolyn in St. Augustine, Fla., wrote following Donald Trump's victory in Nevada.*

The article received more than 2,300 comments from Times readers.

2. The media hates [Donald Trump] 'cause they can't control him. The political donors hate him b/c they can't buy him.

And I like him b/c he is politically INcorrect.

To be honest, I am not searching for the perfect candidate. It's impossible. I want someone who can dismantle the establishment. We've had Ivy League politicians/lawyers in DC for 40 years who grow in wealth while the middle class is struggling to make ends meet. I would vote for Bernie but God knows the DNC has rigged the election against him. I'll take my chances on Trump.

— *A commenter called "Just Me" wrote.*

Her comment was recommended by nearly 400 readers.

3. I cannot believe the front runner for the Republican Party declared from the podium that he wanted to punch someone in the face. As a high school teacher, I question how someone who makes this comment can be a role model for our young people, let alone leader of our nation. If such a comment was made by a student in school, they would suffer disciplinary action for making threatening remarks. We are sending mixed messages to the next generation. Somehow Trump is immune to the standards the rest of us must abide by in school, the workplace and the courts.

— *Elaine in New Jersey wrote about a Donald Trump rally before the Nevada caucuses.*

4. This embarrassing display was not a debate. These were 15 year old boys trading insults in a schoolyard. If this is what the [Republican] hierarchy has been waiting for we're in bigger trouble than I thought. And the idea that there were people in the audience cheering, and that one of these clowns is going to be nominated, scares the living daylights out of me.

— *Richard Wells wrote of Thursday's Republican debate.*

His comment was recommended by more than 700 Times readers.

Sexual Assault on the Subway

5. I see a lot of (unsurprising) comments here placing the responsibility on women to be more vigilant about possible assailants. Believe me when I tell you that we are already vigilant, we are already exhausted from being vigilant, and we are tired of telling you about how vigilant we are. We already closely examine our clothes to see if they're *too* revealing or provocative, we already talk about it with our friends, we already have dozens of stories of our own or of other women (and men) about being harassed on the train and everywhere else.

— *AR in New York in response to an article about the city's efforts to stop sex crimes on crowded subways.*

6. Ladies, just do what I did in 2011... A man decided to masturbate in front of me mid-day on the R train. There were even other passengers on the car. When the doors opened at the next stop (after I had yelled at him and shamed him in front of everyone else) he fled. So, I pursued him, tackled him, and held him for 10 minutes until the police arrived. When the police came, they were hesitant to handle the situation appropriately until I insisted they arrest him. This behavior must stop, and women must feel empowered to take matters into their own hands.

— *Kirstie in Brooklyn*

U.S. Supreme Court

7. Well, I'm a voter who DID decide who I want to be nominating people to the Supreme Court. That was an important issue I considered in both of the last two elections when I voted for President Obama, who is not a lame duck until after the election. So I want McConnell to explain to me why this voter's decision, and the large majorities that Obama won in both of the last two elections, don't matter to him. When he's saying "let the voters decide," someone needs to tell him that THEY DID. How dare you take away the decision that I and so many others made?

— *A commenter called "someone" in the Northeast wrote in response to an editorial criticizing Republicans for saying that they would not meet President Obama's nominee to the court.*

The comment received nearly 2,900 recommendations from Times readers.

8. Obama, Hillary and Sanders clearly want to push the country left. That's their prerogative. In order to do so, however, they are simply going to need to win in November, when not only the White House, but also the balance in the Supreme Court and the Senate will likely be decided.

In the meantime, contentious hearings would likely only further inflame passions. Dems know this and would likely use such videos to rally their base and raise money. I suppose Dems will just need to look elsewhere for entertainment.

— *Princeton 2015 in Princeton, N.J.*

Vladimir Putin's Foreign Policy

9. Twenty-five million Russian people were killed by the Nazis in the Second World War. When that war ended Russia was once again threatened by Western forces. NATO forces are now on Russia's borders. The people of Russia live in fear of an American-led invasion. This is the reality of the situation. The neocons who control U.S. foreign policy make no secret of the fact that their "endgame" is regime change in Russia.

— *Dominick Eustace in London wrote in response to an article about Russia's endgame in Syria,*

Peter Liang Protests

10. The Asian-American community has been sold out by Black-Americans and the so-called minority-loving liberals.

The white killers of Tamir Rice and Michael Brown roam free. Liang meanwhile will spend the next 15 years behind bars because his firearm accidentally discharged a bullet that ricocheted off a wall and hit Mr. Gurley on the head, all while they were inside a poorly lit stairwell.

We have been scapegoated, offered as sacrificial lambs to appease the public for all the injustices wrought against blacks over the many years by white cops.

— *Jared Li in Rochester, reacting to the conviction of an Asian-American police officer in New York City who accidentally fired a shot that killed a black man in a stairwell.*