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White House struggles to explain how attack on Syria fits into broader policy

The Trump administration has sought to cast the mission as a major success by putting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad on notice that he can no longer use chemical weapons without consequences. But Saturday brought fresh reminders that a single U.S. attack would hardly dissuade Assad from his campaign to crush a six-year rebellion that has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives.

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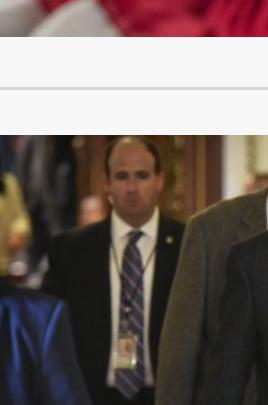
With the Syria strike, the president got approval even from tough critics swept up in the drama. Some now fear the coverage is mirroring the notorious reporting ahead of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

By Margaret Sullivan

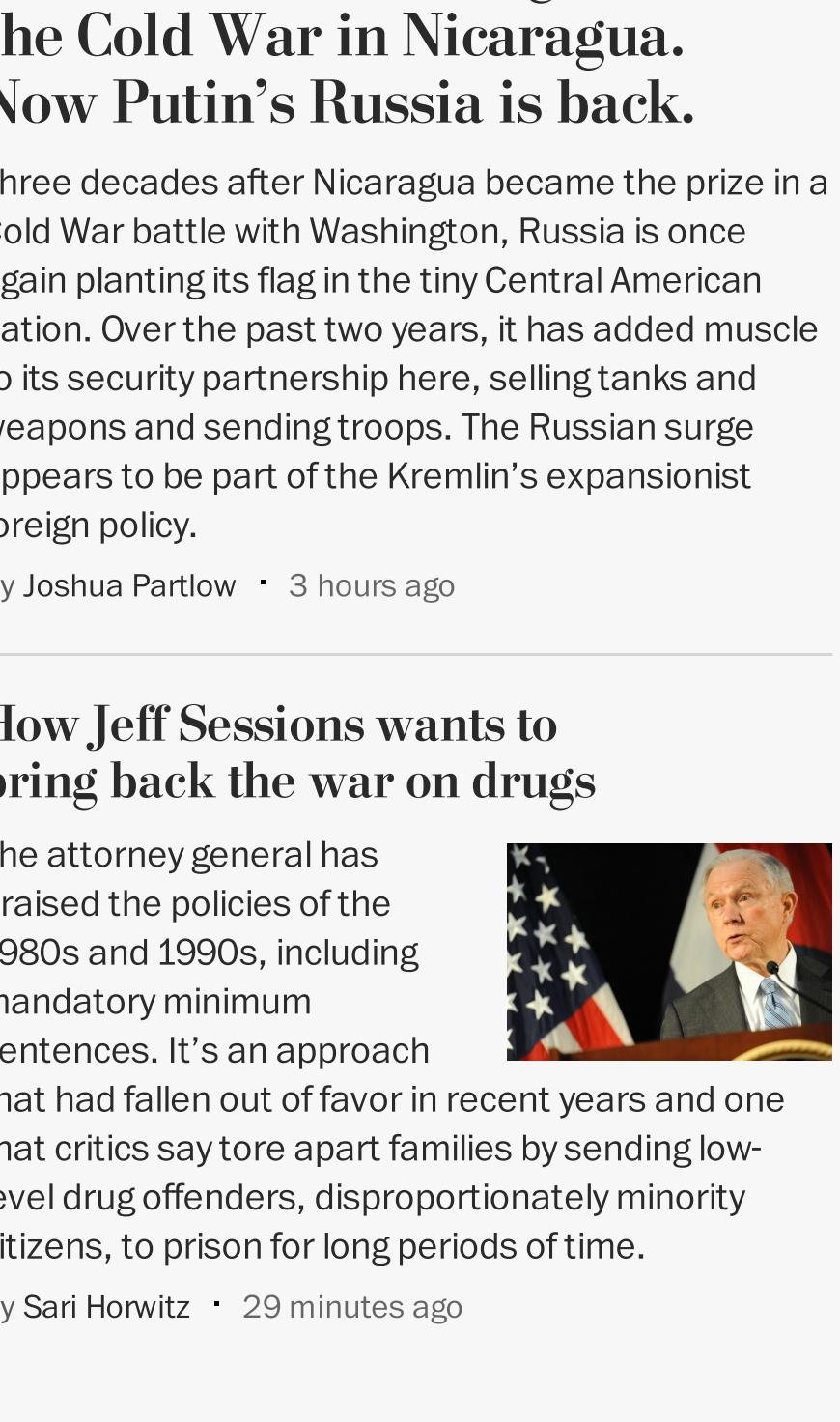
- 'Even the liberals were all over this': Bill Maher disgusted by the cable news response



The Take: Trump confronts the contradictions of his foreign policy rhetoric



MSNBC host's conspiracy theory: What if Putin planned Syrian chemical attack to help Trump?



A view from the outside of the new Russian satellite station above a volcanic crater in Managua. (Joshua Partlow/The Washington Post)

The Soviet Union fought the Cold War in Nicaragua. Now Putin's Russia is back.

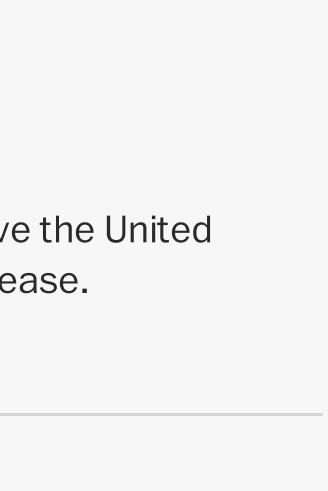
Three decades after Nicaragua became the prize in a Cold War battle with Washington, Russia is once again planting its flag in the tiny Central American nation. Over the past two years, it has added muscle to its security partnership here, selling tanks and weapons and sending troops. The Russian surge appears to be part of the Kremlin's expansionist foreign policy.

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How Jeff Sessions wants to bring back the war on drugs

The attorney general has praised the policies of the 1980s and 1990s, including mandatory minimum sentences. It's an approach that had fallen out of favor in recent years and one that critics say tore apart families by sending low-level drug offenders, disproportionately minority citizens, to prison for long periods of time.

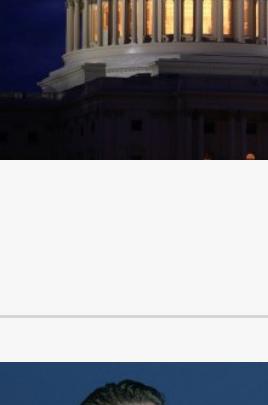
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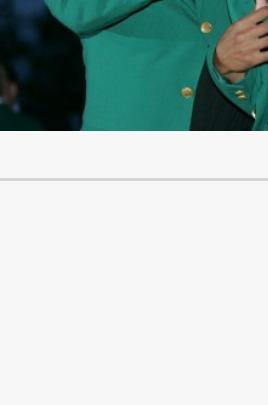
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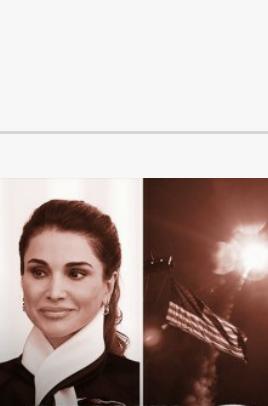
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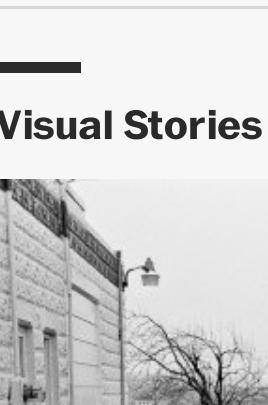
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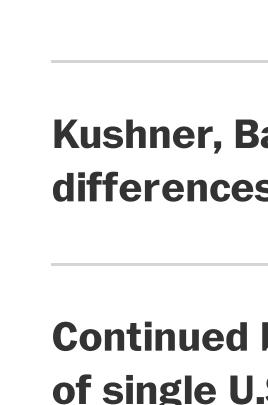
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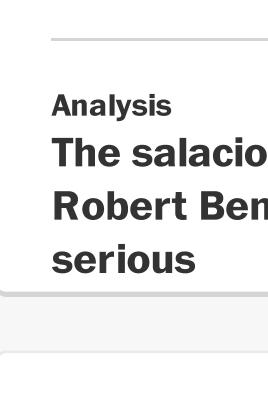
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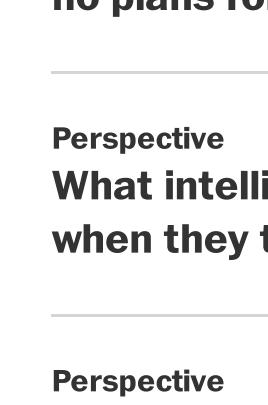
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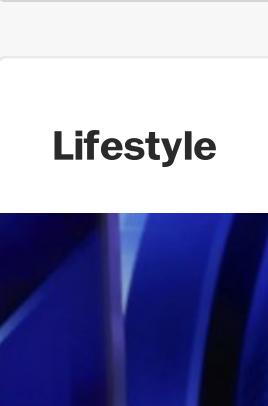
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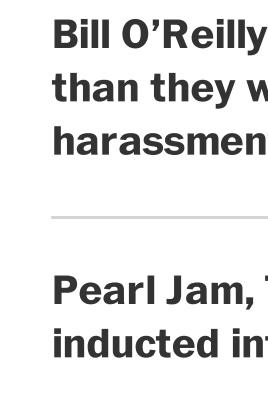
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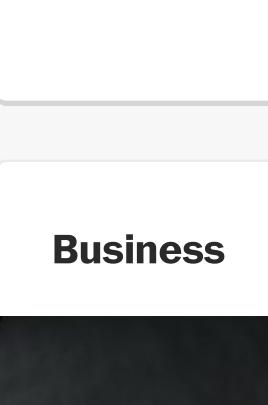
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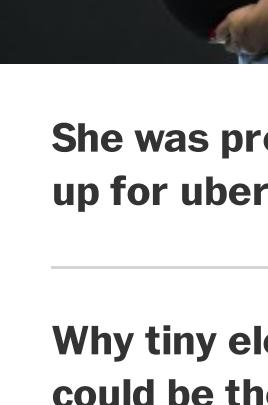
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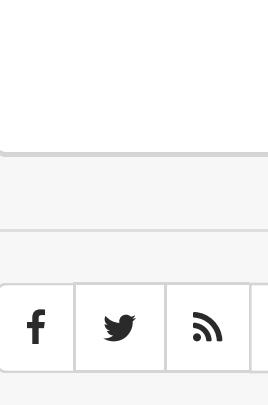
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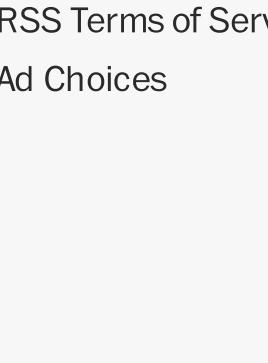
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