

# Comey Firing Upends Russia Probe

Amid the controversy over the firing of FBI Director James Comey, the key players in Washington suddenly are a small group of moderate and independent-minded Republican senators whose support—or lack thereof—now becomes the crucial factor for President Trump, writes Gerald F. Seib.

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WSJ's Gerald F. Seib examines how Comey's exit affects the investigations into possible ties between the Trump campaign and Russia. Photo: Getty



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In the months before Comey's dismissal, frustration was growing among top associates of President Trump that the FBI director wouldn't publicly tamp down questions about possible collusion with Russian interference in the 2016 presidential race.

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## Democrats Call for a Special Counsel to Handle Russia Investigation

President Trump's decision to fire the head of the FBI in the midst of the bureau's probe into possible links between his presidential campaign and Russia added impetus to calls for a special counsel to handle the case.

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## Trump's New Tax Plan Is a Mystery for the Middle Class



President Donald Trump's one-page tax outline released in April is silent on essential details, including how the tax code will treat the personal exemption that reduces taxable income depending on family size.

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South Korea's Moon Jae-in opened his presidency by declaring his willingness to go to North Korea when conditions are right and appointing as spy chief the man who led negotiations for the 2000 and 2007 inter-Korean summits.

- How Moon Aims to Kick-Start the Economy
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## Six-Figure Payouts for Sick Leave Spur Outrage, Calls for Overhaul



When a college president retired in March, in addition to his pension, he received a \$266,060 payment for 1,250 unused sick days earned over his 46-year career.

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## Fewer Visas Aggravate Tight Labor Market for Seasonal Businesses



Fewer visas for temporary foreign workers and low unemployment have conspired to send small hotels, restaurants and other resort businesses scurrying to find workers before the summer season.

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## Coke's New CEO to Staff: Make Mistakes

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## Big Tech Companies Could Face More Rules in the EU

Tech companies face the prospect of more new rules in Europe as the EU's executive body considers moves that would prevent web platforms from offering unfair terms to small businesses.

San Diego Chargers cheerleaders were on hand to greet fans at the ESPN Zone in Anaheim, Calif., where season ticket holder got the chance watch the 2017 NFL draft in April.

## Disney's ESPN Looks to an Online Future, as Cable Subscribers Decline

Faced with ongoing subscriber and viewership losses, Walt Disney Co.'s ESPN is planning to launch digital subscription services focused on particular sports, teams and regions. The sports channel accounts for the majority of profits in the company's cable business, which has lost momentum in the past few years while other divisions are booming.



## U.S. Stock Futures Drift Lower

U.S. futures edged lower as investors looked to the latest batch of corporate earnings for clues on whether major Western indexes can push past recent highs.

- Oil Prices Up as U.S. Crude Supplies Decline



## HEARD ON THE STREET The Surprising Losers From the VIX's Decline

The low level of the market's so-called fear gauge is not only bad news for investors who bet on higher volatility, it is bad for conservative investing strategies that profit directly from market choppiness, too.

## J.P. Morgan Expands Investment in Detroit

Encouraged by its return on a \$100 million bet it made on the Motor City three years ago, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. is planning an additional \$50 million investment in Detroit's revitalization efforts.



## Oil Prices Up as U.S. Crude Supplies Decline

Oil prices edged up after an industry group said U.S. crude supplies fell by nearly 6 million barrels last week.



## Deadline Looms for GOP's Effort to Undo Obama Rules

The window for Republicans to use an obscure law to rescind regulations enacted in the last six months of former President Barack Obama's administration is closing, although at least one lawmaker is hoping a loophole may allow for an extension.

## Medicaid Expansion Transformed a Community—Now the Bill Is Due

The Senate is set to take up the GOP's health-care overhaul, where debate over the Medicaid program, which was expanded dramatically under the Affordable Care Act, will be central. The experience of Klamath Falls, Ore., shows both sides.

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## Judge Vacates Aaron Hernandez's Murder Conviction

A Massachusetts judge tossed out the murder conviction of Aaron Hernandez under a state legal principle triggered after the former New England Patriots player killed himself in prison last month.

## Trump Set to Arm Kurds in ISIS Fight, Angering Turkey

President Donald Trump approved plans to directly arm Kurdish fighters battling Islamic State in Syria, U.S. officials said Tuesday, paving the way for an offensive against the extremist group's de facto capital.

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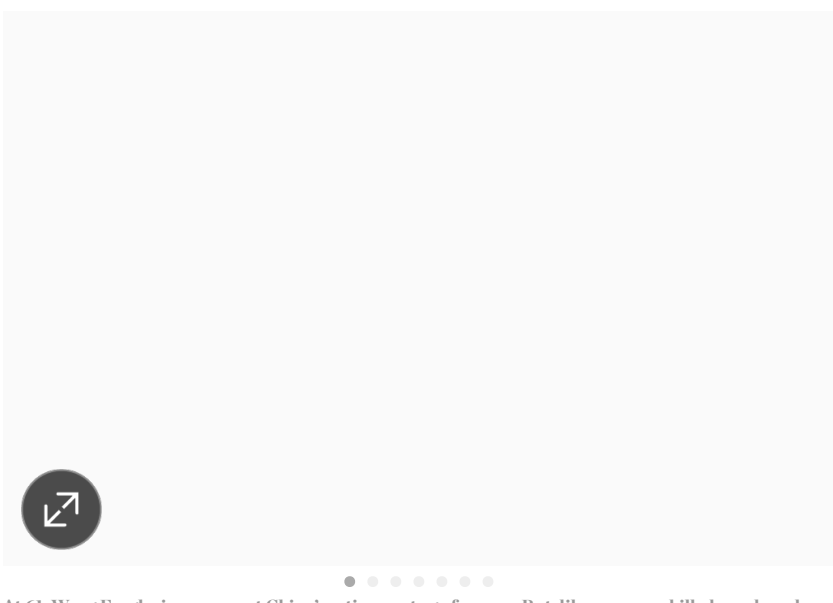
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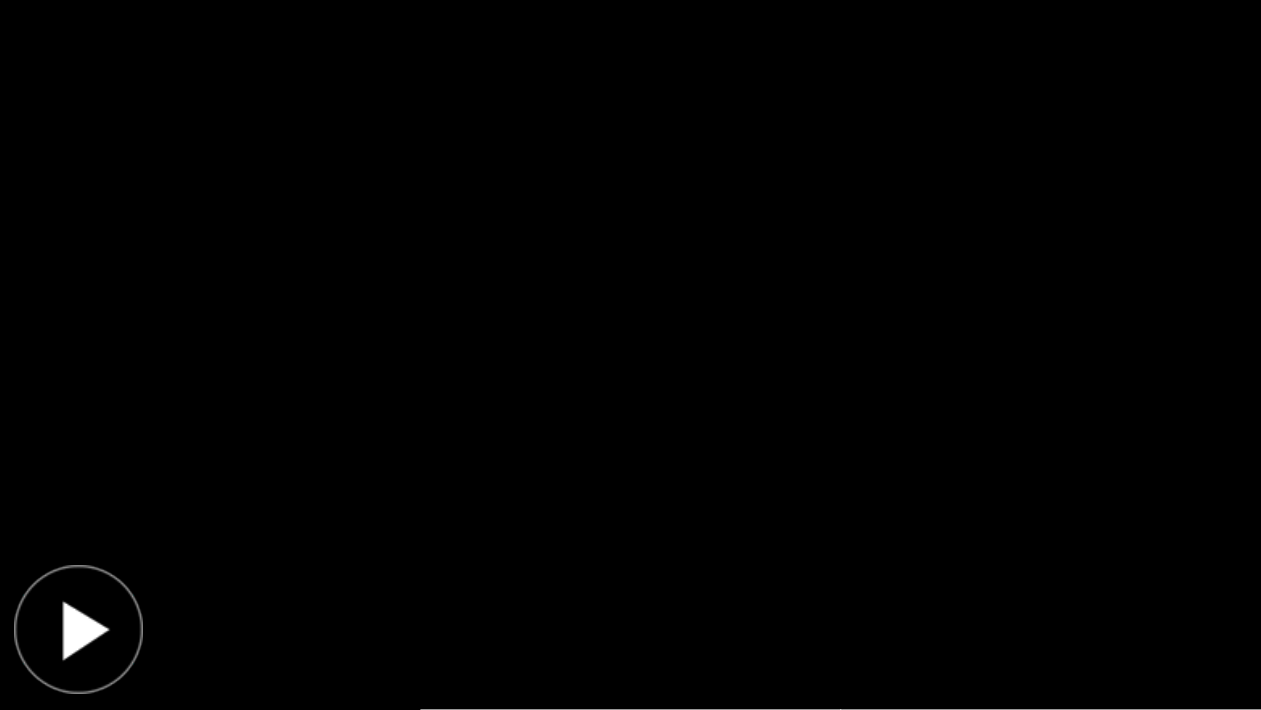
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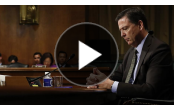
ahead of a major exercise by Moscow, American defense officials said.

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