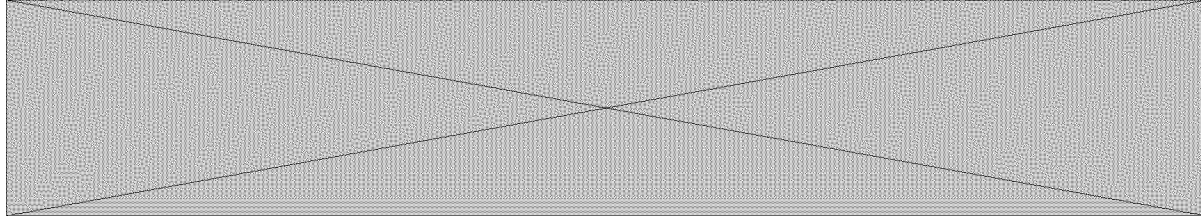


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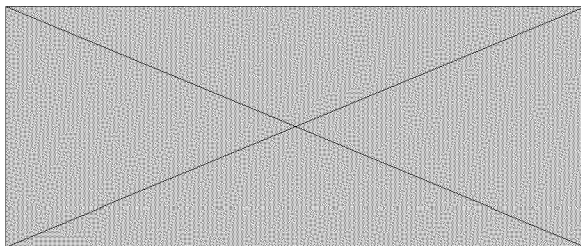
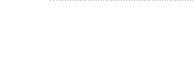
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## **America's allies are unsettled. Lately, that's par for the course.**

Thomas Donnelly | The Weekly Standard

German Chancellor Angela Merkel reflected on Donald Trump's blitz through Europe at the tail end of his first trip outside the United States. "The times when we could fully rely on others are kind of over," she said. Merkel was reflecting on the antagonistic approach to multilateral trade regimes and the Paris Agreement on climate change Trump had displayed. But the underlying message was more general and more disturbing.



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Peter J. Wallison | The Wall Street Journal

President Trump urged Republican lawmakers this week to overrule the Senate filibuster and get on with passing his agenda. “The U.S. Senate should switch to 51 votes, immediately,” he tweeted. Trump has a point. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said the Senate will not abandon the filibuster rule, which requires the consent of 60 senators to advance legislation. But there are compelling reasons to consider the idea.

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Benjamin Zycher | National Review

President Trump announced that he would withdraw the US from the international climate agreement reached in Paris in late 2015 but would seek to renegotiate it so as to achieve a “better deal.” And it took only minutes after his speech for all the usual suspects to begin screaming. Lost in all this rhetoric is that the Paris Agreement is all pain and no gain, regardless of one’s view of climate policy generally.

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Angela Rachidi | AEIdeas

It's been more than a week since President Trump released his first budget, and perhaps unsurprisingly it has been described as dead on arrival. Lawmakers on both sides are unlikely to support cuts that fall almost exclusively on the poor, even with the apparent trade-off in defense spending increases and tax cuts. Nonetheless, a few aspects related to safety net programs are worthy of consideration.

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