

obtained by POLITICO. 'In this rhetoric-driven time of divisive behavior, you have added solutions to an honest critique.' As the leader of the conservative think tank, 'your impact has reached far beyond the political arena impacting the very culture of conservative thought in the 21st century,' the letter continues. 'Your steadfast devotion to the principles you have stood with us to advocate for, and the as yet unseen impact of the wisdom you have instilled in so many, already stand as a testament to your true accomplishments.'" <http://politi.co/2pILuSM>

-- **HERITAGE HASN'T ANNOUNCED** who will succeed DeMint, but the direction of the group and its political arm, Heritage Action, will be closely watched by GOP lawmakers. The group has drawn significant fire from Republican leaders and some conservatives in recent years as it has grown more political, putting the group at odds with leadership over a number of legislative issues.

\*\*\*\*\* **A message from JPMorgan Chase & Co.:** "A critical and deliberate part of our strategy is strengthening the underlying organizations and systems that are needed to empower communities to deliver and sustain change," notes JPMorgan Chase Head of Corporate Responsibility, Peter Scher. Learn more from this approach in the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Responsibility Report <http://politi.co/2ouiWI5> \*\*\*\*\*

**K STREET FILES -- "MPAA Shakeup: Chief Chris Dodd to Be Replaced by Charles Rivkin,"** by Variety's Brent Lang and Ted Johnson: "He will be replaced by Charles Rivkin, the former assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs under President Barack Obama. Though not as well known as Dodd, Rivkin boasts film business and Beltway ties. He was president of The Jim Henson Company and ambassador to France and Monaco, and is considered to be well connected in Washington D.C. He will join the organization on Sept. 5. Dodd will remain onboard for a short time, with a goal of completing the transition by the beginning of next year." <http://bit.ly/2oSGJBd>

**BRET STEPHENS' NYT debut -- "Climate of Complete Certainty" --** "Claiming total certainty about the science traduces the spirit of science and creates openings for doubt whenever a climate claim proves wrong. Demanding abrupt and expensive changes in public policy raises fair questions about ideological intentions. Censoriously asserting one's moral superiority and treating skeptics as imbeciles and deplorables wins few converts. None of this is to deny climate change or the possible severity of its consequences. But ordinary citizens also have a right to be skeptical of an overweening

scientism. They know - as all environmentalists should - that history is littered with the human wreckage of scientific errors married to political power."

<http://nyti.ms/2qg2jkO>

**SAD! - "Analysis shows declining engagement with Trump's tweets,"** by AP's Jonathan Lemire and Maureen Linke: "His 'FAKE NEWS' tweets don't rocket like they once did. His exclamation points (!) don't excite quite the same old way. ... The number of people engaging with Trump on Twitter - through likes, retweets, quotes and replies - has gradually declined, according to an Associated Press analysis of his feed and the users who read, react and propel his words throughout the Twittersphere. ... Even with the recent tapering off, bursts with exclamation points or capital letters get more favorites and retweets. Tweets mentioning 'Russia' or 'fake news' spark far more interaction than those that don't." <http://apne.ws/2oSyrcg>

-- **SPEAKING OF TRUMP'S TWEETS -- @realDonaldTrump** at 7:26 p.m.: "North Korea disrespected the wishes of China & its highly respected President when it launched, though unsuccessfully, a missile today. Bad!" ... **at 10:40 p.m.:** ".@LouDobbs just stated that 'President Trump's successes are unmatched in recent presidential history' Thank you Lou!"

**FOR YOUR RADAR -- "North Korea test-fires ballistic missile in defiance of world pressure,"** by Reuters' Jack Kim and Ju-min Park in Seoul: "North Korea test-fired a ballistic missile on Saturday shortly after U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson warned that failure to curb Pyongyang's nuclear and ballistic missile programs could lead to 'catastrophic consequences.' U.S. and South Korean officials said the test, from an area north of the North Korean capital, appeared to have failed, in what would be the North's fourth straight unsuccessful missile test since March. The test came as the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier group arrived in waters near the Korean peninsula, where it began exercises with the South Korean navy on Saturday, about 12 hours after the failed launch, a South Korean navy official said." <http://reut.rs/2pIsUtG>

**COMING ATTRACTIONS -- "EU leaders show firm united front ahead of Brexit talks,"** by AP's Raf Casert and Lorne Cook in Brussels: "European Union leaders vowed Saturday to stand shoulder-to-shoulder behind their negotiating team during the divorce proceedings with Britain and warned that demands from British Prime Minister Theresa May will be dealt with 'firmly.' The 27 EU leaders in Brussels finalized the cornerstones of their negotiating stance within minutes of starting a short summit, a month after the British leader triggered two years of exit talks on March 29.