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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":  
TRUMP'S APPOINTEES:  
THE BEST NEWS  
OF THE NEW YEAR!**

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*Some Trump despisers just refuse to accept the fact that Trump is capable of a rational thought. Such was the case of a writer who predicts that "heads will soon role" as Trump fires folks for not agreeing with him.*

*Here's my response:*

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The January 18 StarTribune editorial was an objective attempt to be fair and balanced ("Independent voices in Trump's cabinet"). Given the paper's pointed criticism and skepticism surrounding Trump's election and his admittedly unconventional antics, the paper nevertheless recognized that Trump's appointments contradict the opposition's definition of who he is. The editorial stated: "For a man who seems particularly averse to criticism and dissent, President-elect Donald Trump's appointment of Cabinet nominees who appear unafraid to disagree with him is a welcome development."

Yet, on January 19 a writer isn't "buying" it ("Ballyhoo that independence if you'd like, but I don't trust it"). The writer is certain Trump will soon start replacing these independent thinkers with "yes men." I understand skepticism, but in the face of evidence to the contrary, the writer's refusal to "wait and see" gives a symptom of something much more fundamental. He simply doesn't want to believe Trump is capable of rational, objective, and fair-minded thoughts.

For me, Trump's cabinet selections are the best news we've had in a long time. They differ with him in many ways and he has stated he is willing to listen to them. He's unconventional, and "in your face," but he's no dummy!