Shakespeare Views the Off-Year Elections

"What imports the nomination of this gentleman?" — Hamlet (Act V, Scene 2)

"My meaning in saying he is a good man, is to have you understand me that he is sufficient."— The Merchant of Venice (Act I, Scene 3)

"He was ever precise in promise-keeping." — Measure for Measure (Act I, Scene 1)

"A gentleman, nurse, that loves to hear himself talk; and will speak more in a minute than he will stand to in a month." — Romeo and Juliet (Act II, Scene 4)

"This supernatural soliciting cannot be ill, cannot be good." — Macbeth (Act I, Scene 3)

"I have bought golden opinions from all sorts of people." — Macbeth (Act I, Scene 7)

"... Both he and they and you, yea, every man shall be my friend again and I’ll be his." — King Henry IV, Part I (Act IV, Scene 3)

"If I do vow a friendship, I’ll perform it to the last article." — Othello (Act III, Scene 3)

"Call you that backing of your friends? A plague upon such backing." — King Henry IV, Part I (Act II, Scene 4)

"Some villain hath done me wrong." — King Lear (Act I, Scene 2)

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