

MEANWHILE, OVER AT FOGGY BOTTOM

It's rough being a career member of the US State Department workforce in the Donald Trump era. These days, there's a new rule: don't do anything to make the guy in the room with no corners look bad. This is becoming increasingly hard for anyone to follow.

JOHN LEWIS WAS NOT ALWAYS OLD

John Lewis has been a fighter his whole life long. He is the last living member of the Big Six, the speakers at the 1963 March on Washington for civil rights, and now is a senior member of Congress fighting pancreatic cancer. But it's important to remember that John Lewis was not always old.

IT'S CALLED A SPINE, NOT A CONSCIENCE

If burning sources that lie to you is not a cardinal rule of journalism, it damn well ought to be. I suspect that Marcy's honest sources will respect her more for this, and her dishonest ones will be very very nervous. Isn't that something that all journalists ought to strive for? Sullivan lauded Marcy for being a journalist with a conscience – which she is, but that's not the point here. The point is that Marcy is a journalist with a spine.

MEANWHILE, OVER IN TURKEY . . .

Well isn't this interesting? From Diplopundit last Friday comes a post with this title: Tillerson Meets Erdoğan in Ankara With Turkish Foreign Minister as Interpreter. Notice anyone missing?