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| **Morning Briefing - Friday, December 9** |

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| **Today's top stories:**1. *NBC News*: [**Sen. Kyrsten Sinema leaves Democratic Party and registers as an independent, will still caucus with Democrats**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=6155eca86b&e=64072a309f)2. *AP*: [**How senators 'defied political gravity' on same-sex marriage**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=ff3547f5e0&e=64072a309f)3. *Axios*: [**Brittney Griner lands in U.S. after prisoner swap with Russia**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=eb9f7a3244&e=64072a309f)4. *CNN*: [**Why Viktor Bout's return to Russia is so important for Vladimir Putin**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=71d9b00cf3&e=64072a309f)5. *Politico*: [**Trump’s push for a special master in Mar-a-Lago docs case comes to an end**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=8b5be1ddac&e=64072a309f)6. *The Hill*: [**Senate Democrats gear up for battle with corporate America**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=89659715f4&e=64072a309f)7. *CNN*: [**What to know about the triple threat of influenza, Covid and RSV**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=6869121245&e=64072a309f)8. *AP*: [**As Democrats look elsewhere, Republicans are keeping Iowa first**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=fdaa03e7bf&e=64072a309f)9. *Politico*: [**Private RNC member emails reveal anger to Trump, frustration with McDaniel’s response to him**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=3e4e4be34c&e=64072a309f)10. *The Hill*: [**First Gen Z congressman-elect says he was denied DC apartment, noting ‘really bad’ credit**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=06126bf6f8&e=64072a309f)**Stock Market Update:***CNBC*: [**Stock futures rise as traders look ahead to November wholesale inflation report**](https://rantt.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=aaa7034b5e7048382fe9437e7&id=5718e62d56&e=64072a309f) |

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