

Quotes by Abraham Lincoln

And that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth... ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Man (Women) is just about as happy as he makes his mind up to be. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

You cannot help men permanently, by doing for them, what they could and should be doing for themselves. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.
~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Friends, no one not in my situation can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children were born, and one lies buried. I leave you now, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which devolved upon General Washington. Without the assistance of that Devine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To his care commending you, as I hope you will commend me in your prayers. I bid you an affectionate farewell. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what's said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Leave nothing for tomorrow which can be done today. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Public Opinion is Everything. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right" They speak of good losers, that man new how to be a good winner. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Give me 6 hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first 4 hours sharpening the axe.
~ **Abraham Lincoln**

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow it. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

A house divided against itself cannot stand. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

The probability that we may fall in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just; it shall not deter me. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Whatever you are, be a good one. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income. You cannot establish security on borrowed money. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they will not do for themselves. ~ **Abraham Lincoln**

Quotes by Andrew Jackson

I weep for the liberty of my country when I see at this early day of its successful experiment that corruption has been imputed to many members of the House of Representatives, and the rights of the people have been bartered for promises of office. ~ **Andrew Jackson**

It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their own selfish purposes. ~ **Andrew Jackson**

One man with courage makes a majority. ~ **Andrew Jackson**

Quotes by Calvin Coolidge

Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race. ~ **Calvin Coolidge**

There is no dignity so impressive and no independence quite so important as living within your means. ~ **Calvin Coolidge**

Nobody will ever forget what I've accomplished. ~ **Calvin Coolidge**

Honor has been the reward for what he gave. ~ **Calvin Coolidge**

The right thing to do never requires any subterfuge; it is always simple and direct. ~ **Calvin Coolidge**

Quotes by Dwight D. Eisenhower

You do not lead by hitting people over the head! That's assault, not leadership! ~ **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done. ~ **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

A People that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both. ~ **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight--it's the size of the fight in the dog. ~ **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

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Quotes by Franklin D. Roosevelt

Be sincere; be brief; be seated. ~ **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

It is an unfortunate human failing that a full pocketbook often groans more loudly than an empty stomach. ~ **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much it is whether we provide enough for those who have little. ~ **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

We have nothing to fear but fear itself. ~ **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

Quotes by George Washington

Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble. ~ **George Washington**

Fool me once, shame on me. Fool me twice, we won't get fooled again. ~ **George Washington**

My observation is that whenever one person is found adequate to the discharge of a duty... it is worse executed by two persons, and scarcely done at all if three or more are employed therein. ~ **George Washington**

Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior - Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present. ~ **George Washington**

Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble. ~ **George Washington**

You are fairly in and I am fairly out, let's see which one of us will be the happiest. ~ **George Washington**

Quotes by Harry S. Truman

Always be sincere, even if you don't mean it. ~ **Harry S. Truman**

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. ~ **Harry S. Truman**

The buck stops here! ~ **Harry S. Truman**

When you get to be President, there are all those things, the honors, the twenty-one gun salutes, all those things. You have to remember it isn't for you. It's for the Presidency. ~ **Harry S. Truman**

You know that being an American is more than a matter of where your parents came from. It is a belief that all men are created free and equal and that everyone deserves an even break. ~ **Harry S. Truman**

An optimist is presented with a problem and sees an opportunity. A pessimist is presented with an opportunity and sees a problem. ~ **Harry S. Truman**

If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen. ~ **Harry S. Truman**

The only thing new on this earth is the history you don't know. ~ **Harry S. Truman**

Quotes by John F. Kennedy

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.
~ **John F. Kennedy**

And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

Victory has many fathers while defeat is an orphan. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

One person can make a difference and every person should try. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

One man with courage makes a majority. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

When written in Chinese, the word "crisis" is composed of two characters. One represents danger, and the other represents opportunity. ~ **John F. Kennedy**

Miscellaneous

Always remember, others may hate you. But those who hate you don't win, unless you hate them...and then, you destroy yourself. ~ **Richard Nixon**

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. ~ **Barack Obama**

If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person. It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit. ~ **Bill Clinton**

A president's hardest task is not to do what is right, but to know what is right. ~ **Lyndon B. Johnson**

When I left here, I didn't have much of a life plan. I knew some people who thought they did. But it turned out that we were all in for ups and downs, most of them unexpected. Life takes its own turns, makes its own demands, writes its own story. And along the way, we start to realize we are not the author. ~ **George W. Bush**

Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote. The relative positions to be assumed by man and woman in the working out of our civilization were assigned long ago by a higher intelligence than ours. ~ **Grover Cleveland**

A good old fashion Stimulus Program ought to turn around this little recession. ~ **Herbert Hoover**

Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature....If the next centennial does not find us a great nation...it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces. ~ **James Garfield**

Charity is no part of the legislative duty of the government. ~ **James Madison**

I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents. ~**James Madison**

Aggression unopposed becomes a contagious disease. ~ **Jimmy Carter**

Well done is better than well said. ~ **John Adams**

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. ~ **John Quincy Adams**

Go you now, Mr. Clay, to your end of the avenue, where stands the Capitol, and there perform your duty to the country as you shall think proper. So help me God, I shall do mine at this end of it as I shall think proper. ~ **John Tyler**

Popularity, I have always thought, may aptly be compared to a coquette—the more you woo her, the more apt is she to elude your embrace. ~ **John Tyler**

The telephone is "An amazing invention - but who would ever want to use one?"
~ **Rutherford B. Hayes**

I intend to fight it out along this line if it takes all summer. ~**Ulysses S. Grant**

I know only two tunes: One of them is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other isn't. ~**Ulysses S. Grant**

The friend in my adversity I shall always cherish most. I can better trust those who helped to relieve the gloom of my dark hours than those who are so ready to enjoy with me the sunshine of my prosperity. ~**Ulysses S. Grant**

There's no heartache involved with running this country. ~ **Warren G. Harding**

With Nobel Prize in hand, I am proud to announce ... the League of Nations. I was going to call it the 'United' Nations, but that sounded too much liked it would be funded by the United States. ~ **Woodrow Wilson**

Quotes by Ronald Reagan

Don't be afraid to see what you see. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.
~ **Ronald Reagan**

Government is like a baby, an alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

I am from Washington, D.C. and I am here to help. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

I want you to know that also I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

I won't hold my opponent's youth and inexperience against him. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

If not us - who? If not now - when? ~ **Ronald Reagan**

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.
~ **Ronald Reagan**

Man is not free unless government is limited. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Protecting the rights of even the least individual among us is basically the only excuse the government has for even existing. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Status quo, you know, is Latin for the mess we're in. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

"Trust, but verify. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

We are never defeated unless we give up on God. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone ~ **Ronald Reagan**

You can disagree without being disagreeable. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Recession is when a neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Some people wonder all their lives if they've made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Above all, we must realize that no arsenals, or no weapon in the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

American needs to realize once and for all that we cannot tax our way to prosperity Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Go ahead; make my day! ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Governments tend not to solve problems, only to rearrange them. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

I used to say that Politics is the second oldest profession, but I have come to realize that it bears a gross similarity to the first. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire. It wafts across the electrified borders. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Recession is when a neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours.
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The best minds are not in government. If they were, business would steal them away.
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The size of government and freedom is inversely proportionate. The bigger the government the less freedom we have. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

We are a great nation with over a thousand ice cream flavors. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

When asked what his Cold War strategy would be: "We Win they Lose" ~ **Ronald Reagan**

With our eyes fixed on the future, but recognizing the realities of today, we will achieve our destiny to be a shining city on a hill for all mankind to see. ~ **Ronald Reagan**

Quotes by Theodore Roosevelt

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat. ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat. ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

The best executive is one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it. ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

We can have no "50-50" allegiance in this country. Either a man is an American and nothing else, or he is not an American at all. ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

Speak softly and carry a big stick. ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

What I really said was, 'Yell a lot and brandish a firearm. ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

When they call the roll in the Senate, the senators do not know whether to answer "present" or "not guilty." ~ **Theodore Roosevelt**

Quotes by Thomas Jefferson

Government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have ... The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases.
~ **Thomas Jefferson**

I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations, which dare already to challenge our government to a trial of strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

On every question of construction [of the Constitution], let us carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed.

~ **Thomas Jefferson**

That government is best which governs the least, because its people discipline themselves.

~ **Thomas Jefferson**

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

To take from one, because it is thought his own industry and that of his father has acquired too much, in order to spare to others, who, or whose fathers, have not exercised equal industry and skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association, the guarantee to everyone the free exercise of his industry and the fruits acquired by it. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

When the people fear their government there is Tyranny. When the government fears the people there is Liberty. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicity.

~ **Thomas Jefferson**

I am not a friend to a very energetic government, it is always oppressive. I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

I think myself that we have more machinery of government that is necessary, too many parasites living on the labor of the industrious. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal. Nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

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The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

Were we directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**

When the people fear their government there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty. ~ **Thomas Jefferson**