

AI Franken Quotes

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It's easier to put on slippers than to carpet the whole world.

~Al Franken

The biases the media has are much bigger than conservative or liberal. They're about getting ratings, about making money, about doing stories that are easy to cover.

~Al Franken

Demagoguery sells. And therefore, radio stations will put it on. But that doesn't mean that you can't do something else and also make it sell.

~Al Franken

Antitrust law isn't about protecting competing businesses from each other, it's about protecting competition itself on behalf of the public.

~Al Franken

The Fourth Amendment doesn't apply to corporations.

~Al Franken

When you win an election, what you really win is a chance to go to work for working families who need a voice in Minnesota.

~Al Franken

My dad loved comedians, especially George Jessel, and he loved Henny Youngman and Buddy Hackett.

~Al Franken

The thing that interests me least about the radio business is the radio business. But I've had to learn a little bit about it. It's not rocket science: You get ratings, that's good.

~Al Franken

He [Newt Gingrich] is the most unpopular politician in America. His favorable rating is only four points higher than the Unabomber.

~Al Franken

We know that the Russian's interfered in our election and they did it to benefit President Trump. The intelligence agencies confirmed that.

~Al Franken

I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and dog-gone it, people like me.

~Al Franken

Whining is anger through a small opening.

~Al Franken

In our political system, money is power. And that means a few can have a lot more power than the rest. That's bad news for everyone else - and for our democracy itself.

~Al Franken

The crash of 2008 was driven in no small part by unfair practices in the mortgage industry which led to many consumers being trapped in loans they didn't understand and couldn't afford.

~Al Franken

We need an investigation, because we don't know what Donald Trump owes Russia. We don't know how many Russian oligarchs have invested in his business.

~Al Franken

We need to start by having a conversation about climate change. It would be irresponsible to avoid the issue just because it's uncomfortable to talk about.

~Al Franken

My parents were really political. The news was very important in our home. We basically had dinner every night while watching the news,

and then we'd discuss it with our parents.

~Al Franken

Most Americans don't think about antitrust law when they look at their cable bill, flip channels on TV, or worry about what their favorite website knows about them. But they should.

~Al Franken

It's the Power of the Almighty, the Splendor of Nature, and then you.

~Al Franken

Humor and seriousness are not in opposition to each other.

~Al Franken

When the president during the campaign said he was against nation building, I didn't realize he meant our nation.

~Al Franken

If you use a cell phone - as I do - your wireless carrier likely has records about your physical movements going back months, if not years.

~Al Franken

I want a president who can handle a cream soda.

~Al Franken

When you encounter seemingly good advice that contradicts other seemingly good advice, ignore them both.

~Al Franken

National security laws must protect national security. But they must also protect the public trust and preserve the ability of an informed electorate to hold its government to account.

~Al Franken

It is my fondest wish that in the fullness of time, the American people will look back on the Franken presidency as something of a mixed bag and not as a complete disaster.

~Al Franken

If I put myself on the ballot and even 50 people voted for me, it'd be a travesty.

~Al Franken

Why don't we focus on what Afghan women can do? They can cook, bear children, and pray. As I recall, that was fine for our grandmothers.

~Al Franken

I think Clinton fatigue was a real thing. It's just hard to get comfortable with Gore - it was hard for him to project who he is, the person people know in private.

~Al Franken

Sometimes if I tell people, 'I'm afraid that I'm really a fraud,' or 'I have a lot of self-doubt,' they go, 'Oh, no, you're kidding.' I go, 'No, I'm really honest.'

~Al Franken

I'm crushed by the responsibility of writing a satirical book.

~Al Franken

Bill Clinton is the greatest president of the 20th century because I played touch football with him.

~Al Franken

Too many people don't protect their smartphones with a password or PIN. I anticipate that Apple's fingerprint reader will in fact make iPhone 5S owners more likely to secure their smartphones.

~Al Franken

Well, a lot of politics is communicating with people, and obviously comedy has something to do with that. I've been a producer and led people. Also, being a comedian, you're under pressure.

~Al Franken

Anybody who deliberately propagandizes with lies should be held up to scorn and ridicule.

~Al Franken

I wish I had spent more time at the office and less time in prison.

~Al Franken

I can assure you, this is not about spying on the American people.

~Al Franken

Our laws need to reflect the evolution of technology and the changing expectations of American society. This is why the Constitution is often called a "living" document.

~Al Franken

I think that the default for collecting any kind of personal data should be opt-in consent.

~Al Franken

There is - I mean - I found early in life that righteous indignation is a little off-putting, and so I try to couch it with humor.

~Al Franken

Changing technologies, changing marketplaces, and even changing trends in anti-competitive practices have all presented challenges to antitrust enforcement.

~Al Franken

I grew up in Minnesota, where we treasure our tradition of civic

engagement - and our record of having the nation's highest voter participation.

~Al Franken

I do have a self-censor; everybody does, or at least most who are not pathological do.

~Al Franken

I believe people have a right to know what's going on with their information and how it's collected, how it's stored and who gets it.

~Al Franken

Teen pregnancy went way down in the '90s, and 75 percent of it was because of increased use of contraception.

~Al Franken

My dad was a terrible businessman.

~Al Franken

Net neutrality isn't a government takeover of the Internet, as many of my Republican colleagues have alleged.

~Al Franken

My views about God come from my dad. Dad told me that he believed Nature, which to him included humankind, to be so beautiful, so magnificent, that there had to be something behind it all.

~Al Franken

Let's keep the Internet weird. Let's keep the Internet free.

~Al Franken

You know, Lincoln was funny. I don't think F.D.R. was very funny. But Lincoln was funny. Lincoln was really funny. But I think you should get elected first, and then show that you're funny.

~Al Franken

Russia has a strategy of creating the conditions that give rise to corruption, then exploiting that corruption to its own benefit.

~Al Franken

Putin has had many positive experiences working with Western political leaders whose business interests made them more disposed to deal with Russia.

~Al Franken

There's going to have to be investigations, and an independent investigation, into the Trump campaign and the Trump administration's relationship to Russia.

~Al Franken

Russia has cultivated an opaque network of patronage across the region that it uses to influence and direct decision-making.

~Al Franken

Being a comedian, you're under pressure. You have to deal with stress and pressure to perform - to deal with pressure without stress.

~Al Franken

It's really building Air America that I'm focused on, and for me, that almost only means doing a good show.

~Al Franken

I had a great time working on the movies, both the major movies I've done. I've had a great time. I like the people in Hollywood a lot.

~Al Franken

One thing I've noticed about politics is that these guys have pretty thick hides.

~Al Franken

I think the Internet has developed at this incredibly rapid pace because of net neutrality, because of the free nature of it, because a YouTube can start the way YouTube started.

~Al Franken

My parents didn't make a lot of money. My dad was not a high school graduate - he didn't have a career as such; he was a printing salesman essentially for most of his working life.

~Al Franken

I couldn't think of anything less appealing than molding the minds of tomorrow's leaders.

~Al Franken

Part of the middle class promise is that, after a lifetime of hard work, you'll be able to retire and enjoy the fruits of that labor. Medicare was established to secure that promise.

~Al Franken

The Republican agenda is a radical vision in which Medicaid is slashed to the bone - in which we start to balance the budget on the backs of, literally, our most vulnerable citizens.

~Al Franken

The reason I wrote political satire was because I thought it - politics - was important... that public policy was important. Then I transitioned into books, then into radio.

~Al Franken

The Medicare Part D prescription drug bill, which might be the most corrupt piece of legislation in history, was a huge giveaway of taxpayer funds to the big pharmaceutical companies.

~Al Franken

I ask the American people not to fall victim to disinformation. There are no death panels. The Affordable Care Act cuts the deficit.

~Al Franken

I believe in not attacking a country pre-emptively unless you're sure of what you're doing and you're working with allies.

~Al Franken

People lucky enough to live in the vicinity of an industrial hog farm are, with each breath, made keenly aware of the cause of their declining property values.

~Al Franken

The way I see it, I'm not going to Washington to be the 60th Democratic senator. I'm going to Washington to be the second senator from the state of Minnesota.

~Al Franken

Technology is an incredible tool - it connects people to each other, creates jobs all over the world, and makes life easier for millions of Americans.

~Al Franken

The civil rights movement was very important in my house, and then Vietnam was very important 'cause there were two boys, so I came of age during a very heated political climate.

~Al Franken

When you live in New York, one of two things happen - you either become a New Yorker, or you feel more like the place you came from.

~Al Franken

Well, I think that there's a value to comedy in and of itself.

~Al Franken

Most of us here in the media are what I call infotainers...Rush Limbaugh is what I call a disinfortainer. He entertains by spreading disinformation.

~Al Franken

I do personal attacks only on people who specialize in personal attacks.

~Al Franken

We need to be pro-science; we have to go back to science.

~Al Franken

There's an appeal to the American sense of exceptionalism, that we're morally superior, as way to not be self-critical. I think that's a bit dangerous.

~Al Franken

My dad never graduated high school. He was a printing salesman. We lived in a two-bedroom, one-bath house in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. We weren't rich - but we felt secure.

~Al Franken

My dad didn't graduate from high school, ended up being a printing salesman, probably never made more than \$8,000 a year. My mom sold real estate and did it part time.

~Al Franken

It's hard to have that debate around secret programs authorized by secret legal opinions issued by a secret court. Actually, it's impossible to have that debate.

~Al Franken

It's hard for a liberal to go on between Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh, because it's like doing country music after hip-hop. I mean, just, the audience doesn't go from one to the other.

~Al Franken

I don't know how many of you have been to New York, but if a building is two blocks away from anything, you can't see it.

~Al Franken

If Republicans eliminate Medicare, America will become a country in which you can never retire - and once you physically can no longer work, you are desperately poor until you die.

~Al Franken

I know I have an awful lot to learn from the people of Minnesota.

~Al Franken

I'm a bit of a shill for the Clinton Administration, which has its perks. I'm invited to all the inaugural balls.

~Al Franken

Today I will masterbate! Okay, that was a mistake. I should have written "Today I will masterbate--if I want to!"

~Al Franken

At 'SNL,' I wrote political stuff, but I never felt the show should have an axe to grind. But when I left in '95, I could let my own beliefs out.

~Al Franken

Gary Bauer is a very good - he's a good friend of mine.

~Al Franken

We owe an historic debt to American Indians. They have a unique set of concerns that haven't been addressed and I'd like to stand with them.

Also, I'd like to get their views on immigration.

~Al Franken

Having an actual income can expand your romantic horizons toward the more appealing end of the spectrum.

~Al Franken

Bob Dole used to be really funny. Barney Frank can be kind of funny. Bob Kerrey has a good sense of humor.

~Al Franken

I'm a perfectionist and if I start making changes, I'll never stop.

~Al Franken

Apple has long been a leading innovator of mobile technology; I myself own an iPhone.

~Al Franken

Service dogs raise their masters' sense of well-being.

~Al Franken

Liberals don't hate America. We love America more than Ann Coulter does. I love it enough to engage my readers honestly.

~Al Franken

Skepticism turns to cynicism, which leads to apathy and despair, which can cause sleeplessness, dry-mouth, and loss of sex drive?

~Al Franken

If you control the flow of information, you can control the conversation around important issues. If you can control the conversation, you can change this country.

~Al Franken

Google might be doping the horses.

~Al Franken

I hope you realize, in a democracy, laughter is assent.

~Al Franken

I got interested in politics during the civil rights movement and then Vietnam.

~Al Franken

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