

Alex Gibney

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With every project I start out on, there's no footage. It's always a big slog to find the footage.

~Alex Gibney

No one likes documentaries.

~Alex Gibney

Jobs' incredible skill was as a storyteller, a salesman. He could captivate our imaginations and reel us in. He was more P.T. Barnum than Thomas Edison.

~Alex Gibney

As a filmmaker, I always took my inspiration from a filmmaker named Marcel Ophüls, who said, "I always have a point of view, but the trick is showing how hard it is to come to that point of view."

~Alex Gibney

In the case of the Catholic Church, it's hard to understand how they so willfully sacrifice the children.

~Alex Gibney

The Church must be all-powerful. You discover these horrors within institutions because predators find ways of hiding in plain sight.

~Alex Gibney

The internet connects us all and provides this fabulous fact-checking mechanism, and yet at the same time, the power of lies is conveyed much more efficiently now because they're accepted so fast.

~Alex Gibney

What a terrible world it would be if we only did films that were poster boards for political causes.

~Alex Gibney

If people are portrayed as monsters, we become disconnected from them, and to me that is not remotely interesting.

~Alex Gibney

Long ago I had a professor who told me, 'Embrace the contradictions.' I think that is what is most interesting about people like Jobs.

~Alex Gibney

The sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church is the result of what police call "noble cause corruption," the belief that because you are dedicated to doing good, you can do no wrong.

~Alex Gibney

Fundamental problem in American democracy is that we are allowing congressmen and senators to be bought and sold like sneakers.

~Alex Gibney

I come from a filmmaking tradition and a storytelling background. So somehow I've emerged like a mutant who can straddle both worlds.

~Alex Gibney

It's easy to get armchair analysts to talk, but to get people on the inside to talk is very, very hard.

~Alex Gibney

The stuff about film being a collaborative medium is no joke.

~Alex Gibney

I think many articles in the New Yorker have a strong point of view, but they are so rigorously fact-checked. I wouldn't call them objective, but they feel fair.

~Alex Gibney

As the power of governments wanes, corporations become ever more

powerful. Sometimes they do things that aren't so good. We should pay attention.

~Alex Gibney

You can't expect the institution to learn, if it doesn't accept any sense of justice.

~Alex Gibney

The funny thing about being Catholic, and I was raised Catholic, is that you identify with the Church, just as part of your character. Nevermind what you believe, it's just who you are.

~Alex Gibney

Bill Gates, who is the classic computer nerd, as opposed to Steve who is, like the coolest guy in the world. And who is really doing things to make the world a better place?

~Alex Gibney

In many ways, I'm a big admirer still of Julian Assange. He had balls to do what he did and his motivations in terms of holding the powerful to account are tremendously inspiring to me.

~Alex Gibney

I feel that Julian Assange came to be both paranoid and self-regarding in ways that ultimately undermined his own mission.

~Alex Gibney

Suicides aren't heroic in my opinion. And I don't think anybody ever really knows why somebody commits suicide.

~Alex Gibney

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