

Andrei Sakharov

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Our country, like every modern state, needs profound democratic reforms. It needs political and ideological pluralism, a mixed economy and protection of human rights and the opening up of society.

~Andrei Sakharov

Both now and for always, I intend to hold fast to my belief in the hidden strength of the human spirit.

~Andrei Sakharov

A country which does not respect the rights of its own citizens will not respect the rights of its neighbours

~Andrei Sakharov

Do not trust governments more than governments trust their own people.

~Andrei Sakharov

Intellectual freedom is the only guarantee of a scientific - democratic approach to politics, economic development, and culture.

~Andrei Sakharov

Profound insights arise only in debate, with a possibility of counterargument, only when there is a possibility of expressing not only correct ideas but also dubious ideas.

~Andrei Sakharov

You can't sit on two chairs at once.

~Andrei Sakharov

In 1947 I defended my thesis on nuclear physics, and in 1948 I was included in a group of research scientists whose task was to develop nuclear weapons.

~Andrei Sakharov

I could not stop something I knew was wrong and terrible. I had an awful sense of powerlessness.

~Andrei Sakharov

I regard the death penalty as a savage and immoral institution that undermines the moral and legal foundations of society.

~Andrei Sakharov

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