

Banksy Quotes

*Art, People, Graffiti, Thinking, Artist, World, Believe, Needs, Wall, War, Painting,
Cities, House, Dirty, Names, Should, Want, Mean, Order, Role Models*

People say graffiti is ugly, irresponsible and childish... but that's only if it's done properly.

~Banksy

Graffiti is one of the few tools you have if you have almost nothing. And even if you don't come up with a picture to cure world poverty you can make someone smile while they're having a piss.

~Banksy

Speak softly, but carry a big can of paint.

~Banksy

Graffiti is one of the few tools you have if you have almost nothing.

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Live as a villain, die as a hero

~Banksy

Some people become cops because they want to make the world a better place. Some people become vandals because they want to make the world a better looking place.

~Banksy

Writing graffiti is about the most honest way you can be an artist. It takes no money to do it, you don't need an education to understand it, and there's no admission fee.

~Banksy

There are four basic human needs; food, sleep, sex and revenge.

~Banksy

Your mind is working at its best when you're being paranoid. You explore every avenue and possibility of your situation at high speed with total clarity.

~Banksy

Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable.

~Banksy

A wall is a very big weapon. It's one of the nastiest things you can hit someone with.

~Banksy

If at first you don't succeed, Call an airstrike.

~Banksy

I wanted to highlight the destruction in Gaza by posting photos on my website - but on the internet, people only look at pictures of kittens.

~Banksy

Not everyone will understand your journey. That's okay. You're here to live your life, not to make everyone understand.

~Banksy

Is graffiti art or vandalism? That word has a lot of negative connotations and it alienates people, so no, I don't like to use the word 'art' at all.

~Banksy

A lot of mothers will do anything for their children, except let them be themselves.

~Banksy

I mean, they say you die twice. One time when you stop breathing and a second time, a bit later on, when somebody says your name for the last time.

~Banksy

The greatest crimes in the world are not committed by people breaking

the rules but by people following the rules. It's people who follow orders that drop bombs and massacre villages.

~Banksy

I don't think you should have to pay to look at graffiti. You should only pay if you want to get rid of it.

~Banksy

I have a theory that you can make any sentence seem profound by writing the name of a dead philosopher at the end of it.

~Banksy

Become good at cheating and you never need to become good at anything else.

~Banksy

Should graffiti be judged on the same level as modern art? Of course not: It's way more important than that

~Banksy

Bus stops are far more interesting and useful places to have art than in museums.

~Banksy

Nobody ever listened to me until they didn't know who I was

~Banksy

It doesn't take much to be a successful artist-all you need to do is dedicate your entire life to it.

~Banksy

When you go to an art gallery you are simply a tourist looking at the trophy cabinet of a few millionaires.

~Banksy

If you want to say something and have people listen then you have to wear a mask. If you want to be honest then you have to live a lie.

~Banksy

You don't need planning permission to build castles in the sky

~Banksy

I just wanna make the world a better-looking place. If you don't like it, you can paint over it!

~Banksy

Nothing in the world is more common than unsuccessful people with talent, leave the house before you find something worth staying in for.

~Banksy

I originally set out to try and save the world, but now I'm not sure I like it enough.

~Banksy

Think outside the box, collapse the box, and take a f**king sharp knife to it.

~Banksy

All artists are willing to suffer for their work. But why are so few prepared to learn to draw?

~Banksy

The grumpier you are, the more assholes you meet.

~Banksy

Graffiti is only dangerous in the mind of three types of people; politicians, advertising executives and graffiti writers.

~Banksy

I don't know why people are so keen to put the details of their private life in public; they forget that invisibility is a superpower.

~Banksy

Modern art is a disaster area. Never in the field of human history has so much been used by so many to say so little.

~Banksy

Film is incredibly democratic and accessible, it's probably the best option if you actually want to change the world, not just re-decorate it.

~Banksy

If it doesn't matter, get rid of it. If you can't get rid of it, it matters.

~Banksy

There's nothing more dangerous than someone who wants to make the world a better place.

~Banksy

Keep your coins, I want change.

~Banksy

You can win the rat race but you're still a rat.

~Banksy

The bad artists imitate, the great artists steal.

~Banksy

I've never really understood why people sleep. Wasting a third of your life and becoming vulnerable for almost 8 hours every night. Doesn't seem very appealing to me.

~Banksy

I like to think I have the guts to stand up anonymously in a western

democracy and call for things no-one else believes in - like peace and justice and freedom.

~Banksy

A lot of people never use their initiative because no-one told them to.

~Banksy

People who get up early in the morning cause war, death and famine.

~Banksy

I used to tell everyone I met to be an artist..... I don't do that any more.

~Banksy

All graffiti is low-level dissent, but stencils have an extra history. They've been used to start revolutions and to stop wars

~Banksy

Sometimes I feel so sick at the state of the world I can't even finish my second apple pie.

~Banksy

It's a very frustrated feeling you get when the only people with good photos of you work are the police department.

~Banksy

I'd been painting rats for three years before someone said 'that's clever it's an anagram of art' and I had to pretend I'd known that all along.

~Banksy

The holy grail is to spend less time making the picture than it takes people to look at it.

~Banksy

At this time of year it's easy to forget the true meaning of Christianity -

the lies, the corruption, the abuse.

~Banksy

I don't know if street art ever really works indoors. If you domesticate an animal, it goes from being wild and free to sterile, fat and sleepy. So maybe the art should stay outside.

~Banksy

We can't do anything to change the world until capitalism crumbles. In the meantime we should all go shopping to console ourselves.

~Banksy

Some people represent authority without ever possessing any of their own.

~Banksy

Stencils are good for two reasons; one - they're quick; two - they annoy idiots.

~Banksy

T.V. has made going to the theatre seem pointless, photography has pretty much killed painting but graffiti has remained gloriously unspoilt by progress.

~Banksy

A recent survey of North American males found 42% were overweight, 34% were critically obese and 8% ate the survey.

~Banksy

One Original Thought is worth 1000 Meaningless Quotes.

~Banksy

If Michaelangelo or Leonardo Da Vinci were alive today they'd be making Avatar, not painting a chapel.

~Banksy

I need someone to protect me from all the measures they take in order to protect me.

~Banksy

We don't need any more heroes; we just need someone to take out the recycling.

~Banksy

Today's art has been cancelled due to police activity.

~Banksy

When the time comes to leave, just walk away quietly and don't make any fuss.

~Banksy

I tell myself I use art to promote dissent, but maybe I am just using dissent to promote my art. I plead not guilty to selling out. But I plead it from a bigger house than I used to live in.

~Banksy

Anyone who believes in capital punishment should be shot

~Banksy

People seem to think if they dress like a revolutionary they don't actually have to behave like one.

~Banksy

Fight the fighters, not their wars.

~Banksy

People either love me or they hate me, or they don't really care.

~Banksy

Nobody knows what you feel inside unless you tell them.

~Banksy

The difference between freedom and slavery is one thin line

~Banksy

As far as I can tell the only thing worth looking at in most museums of art is all the schoolgirls on daytrips with the art departments.

~Banksy

I wouldn't want to be remembered as the guy who contaminated a perfectly legitimate form of protest art with money and celebrities.

~Banksy

If you are dirty, insignificant and unloved then rats are the ultimate role model.

~Banksy

Painting something that defies the law of the land is good. Painting something that defies the law of the land and the law of gravity at the same time is ideal.

~Banksy

People who enjoy waving flags don't deserve to have one.

~Banksy

Nothing is black and white, and there is no purity and there is no such thing as justice.

~Banksy

I don't believe in anything. I'm just here for the violence.

~Banksy

You're advised not to drink the replica Arab spring water.

~Banksy

You live in the city and all the time there are signs telling you what to do and billboards trying to sell you something.

~Banksy

In the future, everybody will be anonymous for 15 minutes.

~Banksy

There's obviously nothing wrong with selling your art - only an idiot with a trust fund would tell you otherwise. But it's confusing to know how far you should take it.

~Banksy

I am unable to comment on who may or may not be Banksy, but anyone described as 'good at drawing' doesn't sound like Banksy to me.

~Banksy

I give away thousands of paintings for free.

~Banksy

All I know about what people think of my gear is what a couple of my friends tell me, and one of them always wants to borrow money, so I'm not sure how reliable he is.

~Banksy

I love the way capitalism finds a place - even for its enemies.

~Banksy

I used to encourage everyone I knew to make art; I don't do that so much anymore.

~Banksy

If you feel dirty, insignificant or unloved, then rats are a good role model. They exist without permission, they have no respect for the hierarchy of society, and they have sex 50 times a day.

~Banksy

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