

# Barney Frank Quotes

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The best humor is offered up to you by the stupidity of your opponents.

~Barney Frank

Capitalism works better from every perspective when the economic decision makers are forced to share power with those who will be affected by those decisions.

~Barney Frank

The Moral Majority supports legislators who oppose abortions but also oppose child nutrition and day care. From their perspective, life begins at conception and ends at birth.

~Barney Frank

When community action was put into federal law in the early sixties as part of the effort to combat poverty and social injustice, I supported it intellectually.

~Barney Frank

These two entitiesâ€”Fannie Mae and Freddie Macâ€”are not facing any kind of financial crisis.

~Barney Frank

People are entitled to the presumption of innocence.

~Barney Frank

Most people who are activists and are concerned about issues get their information from sources which reinforce their opinions and give them the facts that they want to hear.

~Barney Frank

It is because the fight against the harshest aspects of unrestricted capitalism is therefore a political problem and not an intellectual one that community action remains so essential.

~Barney Frank

The single most important thing you can do politically for gay rights is to come out. Not to write a letter to your congressman but to come out.

~Barney Frank

I'm used to being in the minority. I'm a left-handed, gay Jew. I've never felt, automatically, a member of any majority.

~Barney Frank

But it is also clear that left entirely untouched by public policy, the capitalist system will produce more inequality than is socially healthy or than is necessary for maximum efficiency.

~Barney Frank

They appear to have become so attached to their outrage that they are even more outraged that they won't be able to be outraged anymore.

~Barney Frank

This bill is the legislative equivalent of crack. It yields a short-term high but does long-term damage to the system and it's expensive to boot.

~Barney Frank

What's troubling is that the Republicans to defend Mr. DeLay are weakening the ethics process.

~Barney Frank

Disruption never helps your cause. ... It just looks like you're afraid to have rational discussion.

~Barney Frank

Well, many of us believe that excessive media concentration is a subject that ought to be addressed, and it is, of course, the intention of the majority party not to allow that to be discussed.

~Barney Frank

Take free speech: most of the tough cases on free speech involve very unpleasant people saying very obnoxious things.

~Barney Frank

I do not believe that the federal government should treat adults who choose to smoke marijuana as criminals.

~Barney Frank

I smoke a cigar or two a day. I did have a brownie once. It made me sleepy.

~Barney Frank

The fact that they're a congressionally chartered group should no more incline people to give to that group than the fact that it's National Pickle Month should make them eat more pickles.

~Barney Frank

Community action is as valuable a principle on the international level as it has been domestically.

~Barney Frank

The best antidote to prejudice is reality.

~Barney Frank

Donald Trump has done more for getting people to understand the importance of public policy that respond to public needs in an affirmative way than anything we could have done on our own.

~Barney Frank

A leader can't move a country that's not ready. You can't make the waves, but when you see them coming, you can help direct them.

~Barney Frank

Today, many people take for granted the notion that people whose lives

are going to be very heavily affected by public policies should have a say in how they are formulated and carried out.

~Barney Frank

Nothing in the world is as mobile as capital. It can move anywhere in the world instantaneously.

~Barney Frank

The issue is not that morals be applied to public policy, it's that conservatives bring public policy to spheres of our lives where it should not enter.

~Barney Frank

Serving in Congress is like having a second shot at high school.

~Barney Frank

I can tell you about health care and also about the financial reform bill. The Barack Obama, the President personally and his administration officials at his direction were very much involved.

~Barney Frank

I don't think Donald Trump is the right person because I very much disagree with him.

~Barney Frank

Going before an audience of people who expect you to be funny is tough. Going before an audience that expect you to be boring, and then being a little funny, is much easier. I prefer easier.

~Barney Frank

Moderate Republicans are reverse Houdinis. They tie themselves up in knots and then tell you they can't do anything because they're tied up in knots.

~Barney Frank

There is an irony that the most active anti-gay groups are Al-Qaeda and the American Right wing.

~Barney Frank

And I think there is too much bloviating around from politicians.

~Barney Frank

Martin Luther King said, and it is sadly still true, that one of the most segregated times in America is the hour of worship.

~Barney Frank

Lawyers are very, very good at keeping you out of prison, but they will sacrifice your reputation and credibility to do so.

~Barney Frank

Ridicule is about the most powerful weapon possible.

~Barney Frank

There is a correlation between people who attack same-sex marriage and have difficulty maintaining their own.

~Barney Frank

Legislators have a formal set of responsibilities to work together, but there's no hierarchy.

~Barney Frank

We all have the right to call each other names. Rudeness is a deeply held constitutional value.

~Barney Frank

In America, unlike England, unlike Israel, unlike Japan, other democracies, we have elections that have staggered terms.

~Barney Frank

We don't get ourselves dry cleaned.

~Barney Frank

The rights of the people who have done terrible things are hard to defend. You have to keep pointing out, the question is the process to determine whether they've done the terrible things.

~Barney Frank

Bush senior used to say that we have more will than wallet. So he urged the country to attack poverty with a thousand points of light, none of which could be eaten.

~Barney Frank

There were a lot of Romneys. There's the Romney who was going to be better on gay rights than Ted Kennedy; now there's a Romney who checks with Rick Santorum on that issue.

~Barney Frank

I wouldn't want [gay marriage] to go to the United States Supreme Court now because that homophobe Antonin Scalia has too many votes on this current court.

~Barney Frank

Conservatives believe that from the standpoint of the federal government, life begins at conception and ends at birth.

~Barney Frank

[Democrats] are trying on every front to increase the role of government.

~Barney Frank

It seems to me that politicians ought to use the same words as other people.

~Barney Frank

I will tell you, I'm a lousy cook, but I think I'm a pretty good judge of a good meal.

~Barney Frank

Ronald Reagan believes in the free market like some people believe in unicorns.

~Barney Frank

The problem with the war in Iraq is not so much the intelligence as the stupidity.

~Barney Frank

I believe it is a good thing to get rid of Gaddafi. But does America have to do everything?

~Barney Frank

Whenever people are being intellectually dishonest in debate, it is an implicit concession they have lost the fight

~Barney Frank

I have been mislabeled as a big advocate of low-income home ownership over rental.

~Barney Frank

For most of my life, I have eaten to deal with stress.

~Barney Frank

There was a degree of interventionism in American foreign policy, the notion that we must be the superpower and we have to intervene everywhere, that I think makes no sense.

~Barney Frank

NATO was a wonderful idea. It was formed in 1949. We are as far away from NATO as NATO was when it was done in time from the



presidency of Grover Cleveland.

~Barney Frank

And unless you think there is a serious chance you're going to jail, don't listen to your lawyer.

~Barney Frank

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