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Totalitarianism surpasses autocracy.

~Bernard Crick

The praise of free men is worth having, for it is the only praise which is free from either servility or condescension.

~Bernard Crick

Democracy is perhaps the most promiscuous word in the world of public affairs.

~Bernard Crick

Factory workers are not working for capitalism, they are working for a living wage.

~Bernard Crick

What matters in Politics is what men actually do - sincerity is no excuse for acting unpolitically, and insincerity may be channelled by politics into good results.

~Bernard Crick

The agony of international relations is the need to try to practice politics without the basic conditions for political order.

~Bernard Crick

The politician has no more use for pride than Falstaff had for honour.

~Bernard Crick

The unique character of political activity lies, quite literally, in its publicity.

~Bernard Crick

Since the business of politics is the conciliation of differing interests, justice must not merely be done, but to be seen to be done.

~Bernard Crick

The plain truth is that what holds a free state together is neither general will nor a common interest, but simply politics itself.

~Bernard Crick

In an abstract but real sense, Marxism arose through the breakdown first of religion and then of 'reason' as single sources of authority.

~Bernard Crick

Free men stick their necks out.

~Bernard Crick

The method of rule of the tyrant and the oligarch is quite simply to clobber, coerce, or overawe all or most other groups in the interest of their own.

~Bernard Crick

Quite apart from the prestige of technology, people do, after all, prefer a simple idea to a complex one.

~Bernard Crick

Totalitarian rule marks the sharpest contrast imaginable with political rule, and ideological thinking is an explicit and direct challenge to political thinking.

~Bernard Crick

A politics of vengeance is not politics. Revenge is a recklessness towards the future in a vain attempt to make the present abolish a suffering which is already past.

~Bernard Crick

Politics is a way of ruling in divided societies without undue violence...politics is not just a necessary evil; it is a realistic good.

~Bernard Crick

The attempt to politicize everything is the destruction of politics. When everything is seen as relevant to politics, than politics has in fact become totalitarian.

~Bernard Crick

The idea of a rational bureaucracy, of skill, merit, and consistency, is essential to all modern states.

~Bernard Crick

Too often the revolutionary is the man who must create order in the chaos left by failed conservatives.

~Bernard Crick

If a government is to do great new things, it will need more support. If a government is to change the world, it will need mass support. This is one of the discoveries of modern government.

~Bernard Crick

Where government is impossible, politics is impossible.

~Bernard Crick

Politics is too often regarded as a poor relation, inherently dependent and subsidiary; it is rarely praised as something with a life and character of its own.

~Bernard Crick

BOREDOM with established truths is a great enemy of free men.

~Bernard Crick

There is no great danger to politics in the desire for certainty at any price.

~Bernard Crick

To Marx the claim of the theory of ideology is that all doctrine is a

derivative of social circumstance.

~Bernard Crick

Politics has rough manners, but it is a very useful thing.

~Bernard Crick

Certainly if the fundamental problem of society is that demands are infinite and resources are always limited, politics, not economics is the master science.

~Bernard Crick

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