

# Bill de Blasio

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I have a bold plan to break from the Bloomberg years, and end the 'Tale of Two Cities' by providing real opportunity to all New Yorkers, no matter where they live.

~Bill de Blasio

If we can have a fast food restaurant on almost every corner, then we can certainly have a garden.

~Bill de Blasio

We are New Yorkers. Proud citizens of the greatest city on earth. Thinking big isn't new to us. It is the very foundation of who we are.

~Bill de Blasio

At a certain point, particularly in his third term, Mayor Bloomberg lost touch with the people he was serving.

~Bill de Blasio

Everything you heard about me is true. . . . I am not a free marketer. . . . I believe in the heavy hand of government.

~Bill de Blasio

I have an activist's desire to improve people's lives.

~Bill de Blasio

I believe there's an emerging American majority for progressive economic change.

~Bill de Blasio

There is nothing wrong with listening. You can listen to people; you can hear people's concerns. You can keep an open mind and still be perfectly strong.

~Bill de Blasio

While this has been a private part of my family's life, it is now clear a

media story will soon emerge. My father tragically ended his life while battling terminal cancer in 1979.

~Bill de Blasio

I've always had a very positive relationship with the municipal labor unions - a respectful relationship.

~Bill de Blasio

We do not ask more of the wealthy to punish success. We do it to create more success stories.

~Bill de Blasio

I think like a lot of people in this country I want to see a vision. And, again, that would be true of candidates on all levels. It's time to see a clear, bold vision for progressive economic change.

~Bill de Blasio

I think a lot of the best ideas come from the grassroots; I'm someone who does not like a bunker mentality and does not like groupthink.

~Bill de Blasio

Going back to high school and college, I believed I would be involved in public service. I literally could not conceptualize anything else.

~Bill de Blasio

I think unionization is good public policy. I think when families secure their economic future, that's good for everyone.

~Bill de Blasio

My wife and family, to say the least, are the center of my life; they are my grounding. I don't want to sound schmaltzy, but they are my inspiration and you name it.

~Bill de Blasio

I am very much a Red Sox fan; I can name you more players than you could possibly imagine. It's just part of who I am.

~Bill de Blasio

We have come too far to go back, my friends.

~Bill de Blasio

I haven't smoked marijuana since I was at NYU.

~Bill de Blasio

I love the MLB app, because I'm a pretty obsessed baseball fan.

~Bill de Blasio

NY is the city it is today in part because of the contributions from generations of artistic visionaries

~Bill de Blasio

My parents were divorced when I was young. I was really brought up by my mother's side of the family.

~Bill de Blasio

I didn't set out with the notion of running for elective office; it sort of grew over time. And I honestly at times questioned if progressive change can be effected through elected office.

~Bill de Blasio

There are families of every kind. I think a lot of people are struggling to make sense of their identity in a very complicated world.

~Bill de Blasio

My professional life has been about public service. My personal life I define very intently through my family.

~Bill de Blasio

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