

Bill Moyers Quotes

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Hyperbole was to Lyndon Johnson what oxygen is to life.

~Bill Moyers

Creativity is piercing the mundane to find the marvelous.

~Bill Moyers

Freedom begins the moment you realize someone else has been writing your story and it's time you took the pen from his hand and started writing it yourself.

~Bill Moyers

As a student I learned from wonderful teachers and ever since then I've thought everyone is a teacher.

~Bill Moyers

Charity provides crumbs from the table; justice offers a place at the table.

~Bill Moyers

America's corporate and political elites now form a regime of their own and they're privatizing democracy. All the benefits - the tax cuts, policies and rewards flow in one direction: up.

~Bill Moyers

Secrecy is the freedom tyrants dream of.

~Bill Moyers

In marriage, everyday you love, and everyday you forgive. It is an ongoing sacrament, love and forgiveness

~Bill Moyers

I'll believe corporations are people when Texas executes one

~Bill Moyers

Democracy doesn't begin at the top; it begins at the bottom, when flesh-and-blood human beings fight to rekindle what Arlo Guthrie calls 'The Patriot's Dream.

~Bill Moyers

You can't have a people's democracy as long as corporations are considered people.

~Bill Moyers

Ideas are great arrows, but there has to be a bow.

~Bill Moyers

I hear an almost inaudible but pervasive discontent with the price we pay for our current materialism. And I hear a fluttering of hope that there might be more to life than bread and circuses.

~Bill Moyers

We now know that a neo-conservative is an arsonist who sets the house on fire and six years later boasts that no one can put it out.

~Bill Moyers

When I learn something new - and it happens every day - I feel a little more at home in this universe, a little more comfortable in the nest.

~Bill Moyers

Our media and political system has turned into a mutual protection racket.

~Bill Moyers

Journalists who make mistakes get sued for libel; historians who make mistakes get to publish a revised edition.

~Bill Moyers

I really believe that coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.

~Bill Moyers

Although our interests as citizens vary, each one is an artery to the heart that pumps life through the body politic, and each is important to the health of democracy.

~Bill Moyers

Conservatism is less a set of ideas than it is a pathological distemper, a militant anger over the fact that the universe is not closed and life is not static.

~Bill Moyers

For the first time in our history, ideology and theology hold a monopoly of power in Washington.

~Bill Moyers

[Martin Luther] King subpoenaed the nation's conscience. He was killed for it.

~Bill Moyers

I own and operate a ferocious ego.

~Bill Moyers

News is what people want to keep hidden and everything else is publicity.

~Bill Moyers

I have seen hate born of fear, hate speaking in the name of God and truth, hate holding up a distorting mirror to fellow human beings.

~Bill Moyers

I believe democracy requires a 'sacred contract' between journalists and those who put their trust in us to tell them what we can about how the world really works.

~Bill Moyers

The delusional is no longer marginal.

~Bill Moyers

The quality of democracy and the quality of journalism are deeply entwined.

~Bill Moyers

Our economy is a plantation run for the aristocrats - the CEOs, hedge funds, private equity firms - while the field hands are left with the scraps.

~Bill Moyers

There's hardly a more bitter pill to take than when a President disappoints the people who most believed in him.

~Bill Moyers

Our very lives depend on the ethics of strangers, and most of us are always strangers to other people.

~Bill Moyers

In fact, so much of life, as you know, is serendipitous. That's why you better be prepared at any time for anything, because it may happen to you.

~Bill Moyers

I take "We, the People" seriously because I don't know how we build a civilization without reciprocity.

~Bill Moyers

War, except in self-defense, is a failure of moral imagination.

~Bill Moyers

I like what I do and keep thinking the best is yet to come.

~Bill Moyers

Plutocracy too long tolerated leaves democracy on the auction block, subject to the highest bidder.

~Bill Moyers

We don't care really about children as a society and television reflects that indifference to children as human beings.

~Bill Moyers

There is no more important struggle for American democracy than ensuring a diverse, independent and free media. Free Press is at the heart of that struggle.

~Bill Moyers

When ideology and theology couple, their offspring are not always bad but they are always blind.

~Bill Moyers

Democracy works when people claim it as their own

~Bill Moyers

How do we protect the soul of democracy against bad theology in service of an imperial state?

~Bill Moyers

Democracy belongs to those who exercise it.

~Bill Moyers

What's right and good doesn't come naturally. You have to stand up and fight for it - as if the cause depends on you, because it does.

~Bill Moyers

If the watchdog doesn't bark, how do you know there's a burglar in the basement? And the press is supposed to be a watchdog.

~Bill Moyers

It's the people who are doing the nonviolent organizing at the grassroots that make me think there's still hope.

~Bill Moyers

Our great progressive struggles have been waged to make sure ordinary citizens, and not just the rich and privileged, share in the benefits of a free society.

~Bill Moyers

Democracy may not prove in the long run to be as efficient as other forms of government, but it has one saving grace: it allows us to know and say that it isn't.

~Bill Moyers

We have got to nurture the spirit of independent journalism in this country, or we'll not save capitalism from its own excesses, and we'll not save democracy from its own inertia.

~Bill Moyers

Our children are being raised by appliances.

~Bill Moyers

Scientists investigate that which already is; Engineers create that which has never been. Creativity is piercing the mundane to find the marvelous.

~Bill Moyers

Although I was brought up in a culturally and religious conservative culture, as a Baptist I was taught that no one has the right to subpoena your conscience.

~Bill Moyers

Professionals give advice; pilgrims share wisdom.

~Bill Moyers

When the public loses faith in democracy's ability to solve the problems it has created for itself, the game's almost over. And I think we are this close to losing democracy to the mercenary class.

~Bill Moyers

Standing up to your government can mean standing up for your country.

~Bill Moyers

I can't speak for a war that I believe is immoral.

~Bill Moyers

I can tell you that the job of trying to tell the truth about people whose job it is to hide the truth is about as complicated and difficult as trying to hide it in the first place.

~Bill Moyers

I'm the front man, I'm the man on camera, but there's a whole team beyond me.

~Bill Moyers

I was not a public - I was not a thinker. I was a doer.

~Bill Moyers

Why is the country not having this conversation, the kind of conversation that requires the politicians who are responsible for the war to be specific to the concerns of the American people.

~Bill Moyers

The thing about war is that once it's triggered, it is unyielding in its appetite. And the more it consumes and gorges, the more it wants.

~Bill Moyers

Journalism's been a continuing course in adult education for me.

~Bill Moyers

Lyndon Johnson believed the poor deserved a better life than the economy was providing them. He thought private power and greed had to be checked by a vibrant democracy.

~Bill Moyers

I'm angry at what's happening to America and angry with myself that I can't do more. I would be miserable if I couldn't bear witness.

~Bill Moyers

The consensual seduction of the mainstream media by and with the government is one of the most dangerous toxins at work in America today.

~Bill Moyers

There's 1,000 ways into addiction 1,000 ways out.

~Bill Moyers

A producer is a saboteur who tries to infiltrate the passivity of viewers and to create impressions that are lasting.

~Bill Moyers

...there is no more effective public interest watchdog in Washington, D.C.

~Bill Moyers

When a library is open, no matter its size or shape, democracy is open, too.

~Bill Moyers

Watching the debate this afternoon it was apparent they loved term limits in the House - as Brutus loved Caesar.

~Bill Moyers

How can those of us who are parents help our children recognize their bliss?

~Bill Moyers

We see more and more of our Presidents and know less and less about what they do.

~Bill Moyers

Television can stir emotions, but it doesn't invite reflection as much as the printed page.

~Bill Moyers

Beauty is an expression of that rapture of being alive.

~Bill Moyers

The rich today are richer, there are more of them, they have round-the-clock propaganda factories in Rupert Murdoch's empire and rightwing talk radio, and corporate media have their back.

~Bill Moyers

People who don't believe in government are likely to defy our government.

~Bill Moyers

The fault line in American history is now a dividing line in the election and it's changing the conversation.

~Bill Moyers

Barack Obama treated too lightly the people and forces determined to destroy him. They spat in his face and didn't even get ticketed for a misdemeanor.

~Bill Moyers

Television is a medium. It is neither rare nor well done.

~Bill Moyers

When I was growing up, I never heard anyone pray, "Give me this day my daily bread." It was always, "Give us this day our daily bread." That stuck. We're all in this together.

~Bill Moyers

America is the longest argument in the world.

~Bill Moyers

Democracy only works when we claim it as our own.

~Bill Moyers

In uniform patriotism can salute one flag only, embrace but the first circle of life - one's own land and tribe. In war that is necessary, in peace it is not enough.

~Bill Moyers

There are honest journalists like there are honest politicians - they stay bought.

~Bill Moyers

What we need is what the ancient Israelites called hochma - the science of the heart...the capacity to see, to feel, and then to act as if the future depended on you. Believe me, it does.

~Bill Moyers

If being tolerant of differing opinions, if believing that America has to

make it as a pluralistic nation, if being civil, if that makes you a liberal, I plead guilty.

~Bill Moyers

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