

Bob Hawke

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The things which are most important don't always scream the loudest.

~Bob Hawke

By 1990, no Australian child will be living in poverty.

~Bob Hawke

Do you know why I have credibility? Because I don't exude morality.

~Bob Hawke

I find a fence a very uncomfortable place to squat my bottom.

~Bob Hawke

The world will not wait for us.

~Bob Hawke

My point was that the war was intrinsically wrong, and as a result of our participation we haven't improved Australia's security but created a greater danger at home and abroad.

~Bob Hawke

I think it is just stupid economics for a government to approach economic management from a strand of thinking regarding unions as enemies.

~Bob Hawke

We will not allow to become a political issue in this country the question of Asianisation.

~Bob Hawke

Unless and until something concrete is done about addressing the Israeli-Palestinian issue you won't get a real start on the war against terrorism.

~Bob Hawke

I really had very little to do with Pierre Trudeau. He was off the scene very soon.

~Bob Hawke

I can't speak with authority about Emeka Anyaoku. I just didn't know him that well.

~Bob Hawke

I hated [Robert Mugabe]. He's one of the worst human beings I've ever met. He treated black and white with equal contempt. He was a horrible human being.

~Bob Hawke

I had no time for Indira Gandhi. She was too much in the Russian camp for my liking.

~Bob Hawke

Bill Heseltine had been at university with me, at the University of Western Australia. I knew him well.

~Bob Hawke

[John Howard] led the Government. They had the numbers, and just basically automatically went along with the Americans.

~Bob Hawke

I went along with it, and wanted to appoint a significant figure in Malcolm Fraser. I didn't have high hopes that they'd be able to do anything, but something was worth a try.

~Bob Hawke

One of the features of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings was [that] she [Elizabeth II] would have a meeting with each of them. You'd have an allotted time.

~Bob Hawke

Brian Mulroney, myself, [and] Rajiv Gandhi; I think that was the real core [of the Commonwealth]. That was the engine room, I reckon.

~Bob Hawke

She [Elizabeth II] is, you know, "Do-what-you're-told, Lady". But in the Commonwealth, she is much more than just a figurehead.

~Bob Hawke

I believe [Rajiv Gandhi] had a real sense that he would be assassinated.

~Bob Hawke

Geoffrey [Howe] and I were mates, and he disagreed with [Margaret Thatcher] position. So, we cooperated surreptitiously.

~Bob Hawke

I don't know who described Mahathir [bin Mohamad] as a pillar of the Commonwealth, but they don't know what they're talking about.

~Bob Hawke

We had a very good relationship. Very good. I liked [Sonny Ramphal]. I thought he was a genuine man.

~Bob Hawke

I had a very close relationship with [Brian] Mulroney.

~Bob Hawke

[Elizabeth II] has immersed herself, in the sense [that] she can speak intelligently about any and all members of the Commonwealth and she has played a role.

~Bob Hawke

I respected [Margaret Thatcher] enormously. She had great integrity in that respect.

~Bob Hawke

George Bush Junior [George W Bush] was a religious fanatic, and Tony Blair wasn't far behind in a way.

~Bob Hawke

It had things that it could do and which I thought were worthwhile: one would be South Africa, of course. And, as I said, I assumed a leadership role within the Commonwealth on that.

~Bob Hawke

[Rajiv Gandhi] was such an infinitely more attractive leader than his mother.

~Bob Hawke

If you've got good chemistry at the top, it's an enormous help. It's easy to have good chemistry with some, not so easy with others. With [Robert Mugabe], for example.

~Bob Hawke

As far as we're concerned, there was no sporting organisation [that] should have anything to do with the sport in South Africa.

~Bob Hawke

Institutions do live on their history.

~Bob Hawke

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