

Bob Woodward

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We're not going to have another Watergate in our lifetime. I'm sure.

~Bob Woodward

The source known as Deep Throat provided a kind of road map through the scandal. His one consistent message was that the Watergate burglary was just the tip of the iceberg.

~Bob Woodward

The fact of the Watergate cover-up is not nearly as interesting as the step into making the cover-up. And when you understand the step, you understand that Richard Nixon lied. That he was a criminal.

~Bob Woodward

Sometimes, doing nothing is the best reaction.

~Bob Woodward

Watergate provides a model case study of the interaction and powers of each of the branches of government. It also is a morality play with a sad and dramatic ending.

~Bob Woodward

I believe Watergate shows that the system did work. Particularly the Judiciary and the Congress, and ultimately an independent prosecutor working in the Executive Branch.

~Bob Woodward

Getting up in the morning and having work you love is what makes life different for people. If you get into a position where you don't love what you're doing, get off it.

~Bob Woodward

When you see how the President makes political or policy decisions, you see who he is. The essence of the Presidency is decision-making.

~Bob Woodward

I recently read some of the transcripts of Nixon's Watergate tapes, and they spent hours trying to figure out who was leaking and providing information to Carl and myself.

~Bob Woodward

It was accountability that Nixon feared.

~Bob Woodward

The central dilemma in journalism is that you don't know what you don't know.

~Bob Woodward

A reporter's ability to keep the bond of confidentiality often enables him to learn the hidden or secret aspects of government.

~Bob Woodward

I don't think voters give a hoot about the character of their political advisors, except to the extent that character reflects on the candidates.

~Bob Woodward

Many people have their reputations as reporters and analysts because they are on television, batting around conventional wisdom. A lot of these people have never reported a story.

~Bob Woodward

Reporters may believe they control the story, but the story always controls the reporters.

~Bob Woodward

I think journalism gets measured by the quality of information it presents, not the drama or the pyrotechnics associated with us.

~Bob Woodward

If you interviewed 1,000 politicians and asked about whether the

media's "too soft" or "too hard," about 999 would say "too hard."

~Bob Woodward

Clinton feels a profound alienation from the Washington culture here, and I happen to agree with him.

~Bob Woodward

Good work is always done in defiance of management.

~Bob Woodward

If information is true, if it can be verified, and if it's really important, the newspaper needs to be willing to take the risk associated with using unidentified sources.

~Bob Woodward

When you practice reporting for as long as I have, you keep yourself at a distance from True Believers. Either conservatives or liberals or Democrats or Republicans.

~Bob Woodward

Newspapers that are truly independent, like The Washington Post, can still aggressively investigate anyone or anything with no holds barred.

~Bob Woodward

I always am very aggressive and putting out much more than people would like, but that's the business I'm in.

~Bob Woodward

Not a season passes without new disclosures showing Nixon's numerous attempts at criminal use of his presidential powers and in fact the scorn he held for the rule of law.

~Bob Woodward

We need to police ourselves in the media.

~Bob Woodward

The cloud of doubt that surrounds political figures tends to remain and never dissipate or be clarified.

~Bob Woodward

There are people who take rumors and embellish them in a way that can be devastating. And this pollution has to be eradicated by people in our business as best we can.

~Bob Woodward

I have found people don't want to be told. That they can figure it out.

~Bob Woodward

It would seem that the Watergate story from beginning to end could be used as a primer on the American political system.

~Bob Woodward

Nixon had some large achievements in foreign affairs. They will be remembered. But a president probably gets remembered for one thing, and Watergate will head the Nixon list, I suspect.

~Bob Woodward

I don't think there will ever be a permanent truce, but I believe the media needs to be more careful and be willing to count to 10 before rushing on the air or into print.

~Bob Woodward

There is a garbage culture out there, where we pour garbage on people. Then the pollsters run around and take a poll and say, do you smell anything?

~Bob Woodward

I think that everyone is kind of confused about the information they get

from the media and rightly so. I'm confused about the information I get from the media.

~Bob Woodward

I don't think it's useful for somebody to argue with reviews.

~Bob Woodward

Way before Watergate, senior administration officials hid behind anonymity.

~Bob Woodward

Even now there is no evidence that anyone involved in the Nixon operation was going to threaten us.

~Bob Woodward

Using these unnamed sources, if done properly, carefully and fairly, provides more accountability in government.

~Bob Woodward

There may yet be another Watergate book. I have thought a book about the aftermath of Watergate and its impact could be done, perhaps by me or someone else.

~Bob Woodward

Watergate is an immensely complicated scandal with a cast of characters as varied as a Tolstoy novel.

~Bob Woodward

In Haig's presence, Kissinger referred pointedly to military men as "dumb, stupid animals to be used" as pawns for foreign policy.

~Bob Woodward

Rawhide Down is full of spectacular, original reporting.

~Bob Woodward

The failure of the system to deal quickly was attributable to Nixon's lying, stonewalling and refusal to come clean. So it took 26 months for the final truth to be known.

~Bob Woodward

Some newspapers have a hands-off policy on favored politicians. But it's generally very small newspapers or local TV stations.

~Bob Woodward

Nixon's attempts to order subversion of various departments was bound to come out in some form.

~Bob Woodward

I'm not going to name some of my colleagues who are very well-known for their television presentation, but they wouldn't know new information or how to report a story if it came up and bit them.

~Bob Woodward

I suspect there have been a number of conspiracies that never were described or leaked out. But I suspect none of the magnitude and sweep of Watergate.

~Bob Woodward

Certain political figures think when you call them and ask them for a comment; that you are somehow doing something that you shouldn't be doing.

~Bob Woodward

After Nixon resigned in 1974, he engaged in a very aggressive war with history, attempting to wipe out the Watergate stain and memory. Happily, history won, largely because of Nixon's tapes.

~Bob Woodward

The legislator learns that when you talk a lot, you get in trouble. You

have to listen a lot to make deals.

~Bob Woodward

I give lectures for money, but all the money goes to charity. So, I make no money from it.

~Bob Woodward

There's hostility to lying, and there should be.

~Bob Woodward

Suppose Watergate had not been uncovered? I'd still be on the City Desk.

~Bob Woodward

They need to review this secret world. We have an incredibly powerful government that gets on automatic pilot.

~Bob Woodward

Because of Watergate in part, I am kind of a magnet for calls and information and suggestions.

~Bob Woodward

The biggest rap on me is that I don't find a Watergate every couple of years. Well, Watergate was unique. It's not something Carl Bernstein, I, or the Washington Post caused.

~Bob Woodward

Nixon's grand mistake was his failure to understand that Americans are forgiving, and if he had admitted error early and apologized to the country, he would have escaped.

~Bob Woodward

Watergate is not the sort of issue that changes the vote. I don't know anyone who has changed their vote because of it.

~Bob Woodward

People like to pigeonhole and say, Well, I'm a Washington insider, and you know, that's quite silly. What does that even mean?

~Bob Woodward

I believe there's too little patience and context to many of the investigations I read or see on television.

~Bob Woodward

Deep Throat did serve the public interest by providing the guidance and information to us.

~Bob Woodward

Deep Throat was a very unfortunate name given to the source by the managing editor of The Washington Post.

~Bob Woodward

Deep Throat's information, and in my view, courage, allowed the newspaper to use what he knew and suspected.

~Bob Woodward

It would be absurd for me or any other editor to review the authenticity or accuracy of stories that are nominated for prizes.

~Bob Woodward

Any suggestion that I'm writing about political operatives because I'm interested in political operatives misses the entire point.

~Bob Woodward

Lawyers didn't seriously get involved in the Watergate stories until quite late, when we realized we were on to something.

~Bob Woodward

[Clinton] believes that the Washington press corps is so out of touch that it is absolutely inconceivable that reporters will understand the issues that people are really dealing with in their lives.

~Bob Woodward

I gave my word that this source would not be identified unless he changed his mind. He has not...

~Bob Woodward

I deal with first-hand sources. And give the people, even John Sununu, the opportunity to respond to what I've been told by first-hand sources.

~Bob Woodward

If there's one thing that Trump does, he never quits.

~Bob Woodward

...Obama said, 'I welcome debate among my team, but I won't tolerate division'.

~Bob Woodward

Finally, the president added, 'The American people are idealists, but they also want their leaders to be realistic...'

~Bob Woodward

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