

Boris Yeltsin Quotes

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A total of 1,580 people, the civilian population, suffered as a result of the bloody wave of terrorist acts that swept over Moscow and other towns and villages of our country.

~Boris Yeltsin

You can build a throne with bayonets, but it's difficult to sit on it.

~Boris Yeltsin

Gorbachev gave us freedom of worship and freedom of speech and freedom to see what was going on and freedom to vote, but that freedom won't last unless it is underpinned by economic freedom.

~Boris Yeltsin

It is especially important to encourage unorthodox thinking when the situation is critical

~Boris Yeltsin

A man must live like a great brilliant flame and burn as brightly as he can. In the end he burns out. But this is far better than a mean little flame.

~Boris Yeltsin

Let's not talk about Communism. Communism was just an idea, just pie in the sky.

~Boris Yeltsin

We don't appreciate what we have until it's gone. Freedom is like that. It's like air. When you have it, you don't notice it.

~Boris Yeltsin

Liberty sets the mind free, fosters independence and unorthodox thinking and ideas. But it does not offer instant prosperity or happiness and wealth to everyone.

~Boris Yeltsin

Money, big money (which is actually a relative concept) is always, under any circumstances, a seduction, a test of morals, a temptation to sin.

~Boris Yeltsin

A politician must have some scruples, a certain decency; he cannot smear himself in the mud for the sake of a high ideal.

~Boris Yeltsin

I cannot shift the blame for Chechnya, for the sorrow of numerous mothers and fathers. I made the decision, therefore I am responsible.

~Boris Yeltsin

Your commanders have ordered you to storm the White House and to arrest me. But I as the elected President of Russia give you the order to turn your tanks and not to fight against your own people.

~Boris Yeltsin

You have no right to criticise Russia over Chechnya.

~Boris Yeltsin

We Russians are already living, not getting ready to live.

~Boris Yeltsin

I ask you to forgive me for not fulfilling some hopes of those people who believed that we would be able to jump from the totalitarian past into a bright, rich and civilized future in one go.

~Boris Yeltsin

I understand that it's hard for everyone, but one cannot give in to emotions... we'll have to draw lessons from the current crisis and now we'll have to work on overcoming it.

~Boris Yeltsin

We, Russia, are prepared to work with others. I am convinced that stability and security in Europe cannot be considered without taking Russia into account.

~Boris Yeltsin

I would like to stress here that a lasting peace in the Chechen republic and so-called peace talks with the bandits are not the same thing, and I would ask everyone to make no mistake about that.

~Boris Yeltsin

One could see that what you are writing was that today's meeting with President Bill Clinton was going to be a disaster. Now, for the first time, I can tell you that you are a disaster.

~Boris Yeltsin

The most important thing is that Milosevic agreed to sit at the negotiating table with the Kosovo Albanians

~Boris Yeltsin

I especially love driving down a hill directly at a tree and swerving to one side at the last moment. That's my way to relax.

~Boris Yeltsin

While maintaining our nuclear potential at the proper level, we need to devote more attention to developing the entire range of means of information warfare

~Boris Yeltsin

Thousands of mercenaries, who have trained in camps on the territory of Chechnya as well as come in from abroad, are actually preparing to impose extremist ideas on the whole world.

~Boris Yeltsin

I refer to calls for humanitarian intervention in the affairs of another

state - a new idea, this - even when they are made under the pretext of defending human rights and freedoms.

~Boris Yeltsin

International terrorism is throwing down a challenge, and not just to Russia.

~Boris Yeltsin

A government is not an old pair of socks that you throw away.

~Boris Yeltsin

Russia also declared its independence. This was approved by the Supreme Soviet, and you know and remember that there was the Declaration on the Independence of Russia.

~Boris Yeltsin

We want peace and a political solution to the situation in Chechnya.

~Boris Yeltsin

Storm clouds of terror and dictatorship are gathering over the whole country... They must not be allowed to bring eternal night.

~Boris Yeltsin

Not a single reform effort in Russia has ever been completed.

~Boris Yeltsin

A sense of proportion and humanitarian action are not issues for terrorists. Their aim is that of killing and destroying.

~Boris Yeltsin

I believe in this tragic hour you can make the right choice. The honor and glory of Russian men of arms shall not be stained with the blood of the people.

~Boris Yeltsin

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