

Charles Kennedy

Quotes

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To run an effective political party you need a degree of tribalism, it's the glue that holds everyone together.

~Charles Kennedy

Courage is a peculiar kind of fear.

~Charles Kennedy

The quicker we get rid of the lobby system the better for all of us. I don't think in this day and age it is tenable to have these nods and winks, and on-the-record and off-the-record briefings.

~Charles Kennedy

Immigrants provide skills that we simply cannot afford to do without. They have contributed hugely to Britain's success.

~Charles Kennedy

Three simple words - freedom, justice and honesty. These sum up what the Liberal Democrats stand for.

~Charles Kennedy

Paddy Ashdown is the only party leader who's a trained killer. Although, to be fair, Mrs Thatcher was self taught.

~Charles Kennedy

My favourite novel is Frederick Forsythe's Day Of The Jackal, the story about the unproven case of this apparent Englishman who was hired to assassinate De Gaulle.

~Charles Kennedy

We should have high expectations of our children, but politicians should not tell teachers how to meet them.

~Charles Kennedy

Politics is much too serious to be taken too seriously; equally, there are

many aspects of it so laughable as to be lamentable.

~Charles Kennedy

Music and politics are in essence about communication. Without over-stretching the analogy I do feel a sense of rhythm is important in getting your message across.

~Charles Kennedy

If you were to describe me as teetotal, on behalf of my constituency I'd have to sue; that would lose me every vote in the Highlands.

~Charles Kennedy

The one thing we can all be sure about in politics is you are as well to expect the unexpected.

~Charles Kennedy

I couldn't imagine a day without music. It relaxes and stimulates me in equal measure and I hate the sound of silence - the concept, I mean, not the track by Simon and Garfunkel.

~Charles Kennedy

I'm not someone who dwells upon past events, taking the view that life is too short

~Charles Kennedy

I don't want a headline saying 'Kennedy suggests this or implies that.'

~Charles Kennedy

I will go out of this world feet first with my Lib Dem membership card in my pocket.

~Charles Kennedy

I'm a fully paid-up member of the human race.

~Charles Kennedy

I should do something about the cigarettes; I quite accept that it's bad for your health, but you know a moderate tipple is positively beneficial and, at certain times, absolutely essential.

~Charles Kennedy

There is no satisfaction to be derived from having had many of our arguments borne out by events.

~Charles Kennedy

Actually, I think it's quite sensible not to take yourself too seriously.

~Charles Kennedy

It is true that I entered parliament at the age of 23, and have now been representing the people of my constituency for over twenty years.

~Charles Kennedy

Yes, you need substance in politics - but I think your style also says something about how you arrive at some of your conclusions.

~Charles Kennedy

My idealism has not abated, but I have witnessed it withering away nationwide, to the point where at least among the young, to have ideals is akin to being blinkered and oldfashioned.

~Charles Kennedy

For any new leader of any party at any given time it takes time if you are not in government to establish yourself.

~Charles Kennedy

I do think there is a great deal of caricature around the House of Commons. It is just that kind of place.

~Charles Kennedy

I'm a lifelong believer in trade unionism.

~Charles Kennedy

My health is good and it's up to me to keep it that way.

~Charles Kennedy

Politicians are good at saying how Government must do more, but we must also think carefully about where Government should do less.

~Charles Kennedy

There are hard choices to be made in balancing the country's security and an individual's liberties. But it is a choice that has to be faced.

~Charles Kennedy

You won't catch Liberal Democrats describing trade unionists as wreckers.

~Charles Kennedy

I am genuinely not an over-the-top kind of person about politics or anything else.

~Charles Kennedy

I think that former leaders are best seen occasionally and not too often heard - particularly on the subject of their successors!

~Charles Kennedy

My approach is always to try to be straight with people, especially about what my party can achieve.

~Charles Kennedy

The events of the Holocaust viewed through the eyes of Anne Frank are a unique and damning testament to the dreadful atrocities of that period of our history

~Charles Kennedy

You mustn't confuse the need for effective chairmanship, which is part of the job of the boss, along with the ability to take tough decisions and to lead people.

~Charles Kennedy

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