

Charles Koch

Quotes

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Embrace change. Envision what could be, challenge the status quo, and drive creative destruction.

~Charles Koch

I believe my business and non-profit investments are much more beneficial to societal well-being than sending more money to Washington.

~Charles Koch

A truly free society is based on a vision of respect for people and what they value.

~Charles Koch

Success is one of the worst enemies of success, because success tends to breed complacency and lack of humility.

~Charles Koch

To do meaningful work is to contribute - to create value in society.

~Charles Koch

When everyone gets something for nothing, soon no one will have anything, because no one will be producing anything.

~Charles Koch

We must measure what leads to results, not simply what is easy to measure.

~Charles Koch

The only way you improve is to try new things.

~Charles Koch

If you never failed, then you're probably not doing very much.

~Charles Koch

A classical liberal is someone who wants a society that maximizes peace, civility, tolerance, and well-being for everyone. One that opens opportunities for everyone to advance themselves.

~Charles Koch

But it [crony capitalism] erodes our overall standard of living and stifles entrepreneurs by rewarding the politically favored rather than those who provide what consumers want.

~Charles Koch

I try to hire people who will challenge and have the humility to be challenged - people who have basically good values.

~Charles Koch

I want my legacy to be greater freedom, greater prosperity and a better way of life for my family, our employees and all Americans. And I wish the same for every nation on earth.

~Charles Koch

I believe that cronyism is nothing more than welfare for the rich and powerful, and should be abolished.

~Charles Koch

To end cronyism we must end government's ability to dole out favors and rig the market.

~Charles Koch

Most power is power to coerce somebody. We don't have the power to coerce anybody.

~Charles Koch

The easy way to make money is to get special political privilege. From the beginning of time, business has cozied up to government and gotten restrictions on competition and subsidies and stuff.

~Charles Koch

If there is wrong, you don't say we have to get rid of it gradually. If injustice exists, you need to eliminate it immediately.

~Charles Koch

We are on dangerous terrain when government picks winners and losers in the economy by subsidizing favored products and industries.

~Charles Koch

Repeatedly asking for government help undermines the foundations of society by destroying initiative and responsibility. It is also a fatal blow to efficiency and corrupts the political process.

~Charles Koch

When you start attacking cronyism and peoples political interests, it gets nasty.

~Charles Koch

That's the first rule for anybody who controls - do no harm.

~Charles Koch

Our vision controls the way we think and, therefore, the way we act the vision we have of our jobs determines what we do and the opportunities we see or don't see.

~Charles Koch

I always wanted to be different and do things differently. I was a pain in the neck. I was challenging everything you wanted me to do and challenging people in school.

~Charles Koch

Years later, when I asked my father, I said 'Pop, why were you so much harder on me than my younger brothers?' he said, son, you plum wore

me out.

~Charles Koch

We try to evaluate how much value an employee is creating here and reward them accordingly.

~Charles Koch

They say your genetics are going to set your direction regardless of what happens, but I think there's more to it than that.

~Charles Koch

I don't have all the answers. I have a lot of questions. And I have some basic principles.

~Charles Koch

Far too many businesses have been all too eager to lobby for maintaining and increasing subsidies and mandates paid by taxpayers and consumers.

~Charles Koch

The government is largely influenced by people who advocate corporate welfare and advocate these policies that create this two-tiered society...

~Charles Koch

I like to think that I try to learn something every day - and change my views, modify my views as I learn.

~Charles Koch

If what you preach and what you do are inconsistent, your children will spot hypocrisy faster than anybody and do the opposite.

~Charles Koch

I studied what principles under-laid peace and prosperity and

concluded the only way to achieve societal well-being was through a system of economic freedom.

~Charles Koch

The role of business is to provide products and services that make peoples lives better - while using fewer resources - and to act lawfully and with integrity.

~Charles Koch

Anytime students shout down a speaker who says something different, this is not good.

~Charles Koch

I think our biggest problem in society is we're headed more and more toward a two-tiered society. That is, creating welfare for the wealthy and destroying opportunities for the disadvantaged.

~Charles Koch

How do we make people's lives better unless we find the truth of what works and what doesn't?

~Charles Koch

To make a quick buck, but over time, if you're not creating value for others, customers, society, isn't going to let you be around.

~Charles Koch

All of our policies are based on whether it will make - enable people to improve their lives or it will make their lives worse.

~Charles Koch

I feel a passion for what we're trying to do. I mean, why does somebody who's old who's a writer keep writing? Because that's who they are.

~Charles Koch

When currying favor with Washington is seen as a much easier way to make money, businesses inevitably begin to compete with rivals in securing government largess, rather than in winning customers.

~Charles Koch

If somebody is doing more and more to make other people's lives better, have them make all they can, if that's what drives them, because that's what we want.

~Charles Koch

My parents worked really hard at communicating other values they felt were important, such as integrity, courage, humility, treating others with dignity and respect, and having a thirst for knowledge.

~Charles Koch

If people don't learn to work by the time they're in their 30s, they're never very productive.

~Charles Koch

A market system is not a profit system, it's a profit-and-loss system.

~Charles Koch

If you have methods without principles, you're going to have trouble. But if you develop methods based on principles, then you can make progress.

~Charles Koch

My father would always say "learn everything you can and whenever you can, because you never know when it'll come in handy."

~Charles Koch

Innovation comes from recombining existing technology and different perspectives in innovative ways.

~Charles Koch

The great thing about my parents is they didn't preach anything they didn't practice.

~Charles Koch

I've always believed in the saying that "there is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

~Charles Koch

The good and the bad news is that politicians rarely do what they say they are going to do when they campaign.

~Charles Koch

In America, the first thing we have to get rid of is entitlements for the wealthy, and at the same time, open up the economy to the disadvantaged.

~Charles Koch

I agree with George Washington's concern about parties: They become an end in themselves, rather than being committed to helping people improve their lives.

~Charles Koch

We oppose all corporate welfare, whether we benefit or not. You will find that our policy positions mainly hurt our profitability rather than help it.

~Charles Koch

What we need to work on is how to increase productivity. And then everybody will be better off.

~Charles Koch

Just spreading the money around - that isn't what makes people better off; it's having more and better goods and services.

~Charles Koch

I have been a libertarian in my past but now I consider myself a classical liberal.

~Charles Koch

The way - the principle way that human beings had gotten out of extreme poverty is free trade.

~Charles Koch

We have the best leaders and the most depth of leadership we've ever had. If I get hit by a truck, maybe it would get me out of the way and it would go better.

~Charles Koch

Many businesses with unpopular products or inefficient production find it much easier to curry the favor of a few influential politicians or a government agency than to compete in the open market.

~Charles Koch

We try to reward people according to the value they create, value they create in society and for the company.

~Charles Koch

The reason we tend to support Republicans is they're taking us toward the cliff at only 70 miles per hour miles an hour and the Democrats are taking us 100 miles an hour.

~Charles Koch

I've had the philosophy that John Adams expressed, in the kind of system that we're trying to create in this country: that this is a system for moral people. It will work for no other.

~Charles Koch

Scientific discoveries and innovation come from combining different existing technologies and different perspectives in a unique way.

~Charles Koch

Just Donald Trump's tenor and insulting of people is just beyond the pale.

~Charles Koch

I don't believe in a plumb line. I believe in the exchange of ideas.

~Charles Koch

You can't start taking away benefits if people don't have any opportunities.

~Charles Koch

Corporate welfare, I think, is a disaster for this country. It's crippling our economy. It is contributing to a permanent underclass and corrupting the business community.

~Charles Koch

Our system here of creating value for others and having people do the right thing, exchange information, and so on only works if people have the right values.

~Charles Koch

In America, we are just moving the chairs around and spending huge amounts of money rather than having them go in making people's lives better.

~Charles Koch

The essence of a university is free and open inquiry, and when it loses that it is no longer a university.

~Charles Koch

If Hillary Clinton had policies that would more likely make people's lives better than Republicans, I'd be for Hillary. I'm for whoever will do that. I

couldn't care less.

~Charles Koch

Just keep trying things, without really understanding the underlying fibers of well-being, or peace or civility, then you're just going to stumble from one disaster to another.

~Charles Koch

If the legislation helps people improve their lives, then that's great because that's the ultimate goal of all of this.

~Charles Koch

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