

Charles Krauthammer Quotes

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When under attack, no country is obligated to collect permission slips from allies to strike back.

~Charles Krauthammer

A drone is a high-tech version of an old army and a musket. It ought to be used in Somalia to hunt bad guys, but not in America. I don't want to see it hovering over anybody's home.

~Charles Krauthammer

Chess: It's like alcohol. It's a drug. I have to control it, or it could overwhelm me. I have a regular Monday night game at my home, and I do play a little online.

~Charles Krauthammer

To understand the workings of American politics, you have to understand this fundamental law: Conservatives think liberals are stupid. Liberals think conservatives are evil.

~Charles Krauthammer

There's a reason why in New York Harbor we have the Statue of Liberty, not the Statue of Equality.

~Charles Krauthammer

If fences don't work, why is there one around the White House.

~Charles Krauthammer

In explaining any puzzling Washington phenomenon, always choose stupidity over conspiracy, incompetence over cunning. Anything else gives them too much credit.

~Charles Krauthammer

Better to be paralyzed from the neck down than the neck up

~Charles Krauthammer

Washington is the only place in the world where a gaffe is when a politician accidentally speaks the truth.

~Charles Krauthammer

Obsession with self is the motif of our time.

~Charles Krauthammer

Loyalty to the President is great, but loyalty to truth, integrity, and country is even better.

~Charles Krauthammer

Fairness through leveling is the essence of Obamaism.

~Charles Krauthammer

Great leaders are willing to retire unloved and unpopular as the price for great exertion.

~Charles Krauthammer

There is no comparing the brutality and cynicism of today's pop culture with that of forty years ago: from High Noon to Robocop is a long descent.

~Charles Krauthammer

Increasing public safety almost always means restricting liberties.

~Charles Krauthammer

Middleness is the very enemy of the bold.

~Charles Krauthammer

After endless days of commuting on the freeway to an antiseptic, sealed-window office, there is a great urge to backpack in the woods and build a fire.

~Charles Krauthammer

If you subsidize apples, you get more apples; if you subsidize unemployment, you get more of it.

~Charles Krauthammer

The Brady Bill's only effect will be to desensitize the public to regulation of weapons in preparation for their ultimate confiscation.

~Charles Krauthammer

After the Soviet collapse, Marxism is a relic, a pathetic anachronism reduced to its last redoubts: North Korea, Cuba, and the English departments of the more expensive American universities.

~Charles Krauthammer

It's not the advertising - it's the dog food. Every time anybody has a look at it or has a lick of it, they don't like it.

~Charles Krauthammer

Under our constitutional system, the executive executes the laws that Congress has passed. It should not be executing laws that Congress has rejected.

~Charles Krauthammer

I distrust all multiculturalism, liberal or conservative. The Balkans amply demonstrate the perils of Balkanization.

~Charles Krauthammer

Post-Watergate morality, by which anything left private is taken as presumptive evidence of wrongdoing.

~Charles Krauthammer

Preemption is a kind of pre-deterrence that stops the threat at an earlier, safer stage.

~Charles Krauthammer

Doves oppose war on the grounds that the risks exceed the gains. War with Iraq could be very costly, possibly degenerating into urban warfare.

~Charles Krauthammer

I don't really care what a public figure thinks. I care about what he does. Let God probe his inner heart.

~Charles Krauthammer

Whenever you're faced with an explanation of what's going on in Washington, the choice between incompetence and conspiracy, always choose incompetence.

~Charles Krauthammer

The free lunch is the essence of modern liberalism.

~Charles Krauthammer

Identity politics is the mother's milk of the Democratic Left.

~Charles Krauthammer

Where religion is trivialized, one is unlikely to find persecution.

~Charles Krauthammer

We must now brace ourselves for disquisitions on peer pressure, adolescent anomie, and rage.

~Charles Krauthammer

I would write my editorials using a manual typewriter in pitch-black darkness... I would produce the whole thing without having seen the text.

~Charles Krauthammer

Ideas matter. Legislative proposals matter. Slick campaigns and dazzling speeches can work for a while, but the magic always wears

off.

~Charles Krauthammer

A three-year diet of rubber chicken and occasional crow.

~Charles Krauthammer

I happen to believe that the preemption school is correct, that the risks of allowing Saddam Hussein to acquire his weapons will only grow with time.

~Charles Krauthammer

A one-hour work-week...would minimize the damage that Congress can do.

~Charles Krauthammer

In reality, Kyoto was a huge transfer of resources from the United States to the Third World, under the guise of environmental protection.

~Charles Krauthammer

So far as I'm concerned, Ronald Reagan was the best president. Nixon was the worst. Some of his policies were okay, but he disgraced the office.

~Charles Krauthammer

I began my journalistic career on the day Ronald Reagan was sworn in. That's the day I showed up for work at 'The New Republic' magazine.

~Charles Krauthammer

The joy of losing consists in this: Where there are no expectations, there is no disappointment.

~Charles Krauthammer

It is an old liberal theme that conservative ideas, being red in tooth and claw, cannot possibly emerge from any notion of the public good.

~Charles Krauthammer

Clashes of values and the struggle for primacy constitute a constant in human history that accounts for that other constant - conflict and war.

~Charles Krauthammer

In the liberal remake of 'Casablanca,' the police captain comes upon the scene of the shooting and orders his men to 'round up the usual weapons.' It's always the weapon and never the shooter.

~Charles Krauthammer

Now this is a way to approach our healthcare problems: increase the number of tax collectors and decrease the number of doctors - brilliant!

~Charles Krauthammer

In science, modesty and genius do not coexist well together. (In Washington, modesty and cleverness don't.) Einstein is perhaps the most famous exception to the rule.

~Charles Krauthammer

I'm a former Red Sox fan, now fully rehabilitated.

~Charles Krauthammer

This is how the great post-partisan, post-racial, New Politics presidency ends - not with a bang, not with a whimper, but with a desperate election-eve plea for ethnic retribution.

~Charles Krauthammer

Americans are not intrinsically imperial, but we ended up dominant by default: Europe disappeared after the Second World War, the Soviet Union disappeared in 1991, so here we are.

~Charles Krauthammer

If Obama has his way, the change that is coming is a new America:

"fair," leveled and social democratic. Obama didn't get elected to warranty your muffler. He's here to warranty your life.

~Charles Krauthammer

The conservative idea is not that government has no role. You might have argued that in the thirties when conservatives opposed the New Deal.

~Charles Krauthammer

The Iraqis can see it. The Kurds can feel it. The jihadists are counting on it.

~Charles Krauthammer

It is an axiom of political life that you never raise expectations, whether in a political or military campaign, because your defeats are then magnified and your victories discounted.

~Charles Krauthammer

When you have the worst disaster in American history, you've got to be attuned to expectations,.

~Charles Krauthammer

The great divide in American foreign policy thinking is between those who believe in paper and those who believe in power.

~Charles Krauthammer

Tuesday's victory was big. But it did nothing more than level the playing field and give you a shot. Take it.

~Charles Krauthammer

In the course of his presidency, Obama has gone from an almost magical charismatic figure to an ordinary politician. Ordinary. Average.

~Charles Krauthammer

The Obama foreign policy, in broad strokes, has been a disaster.

~Charles Krauthammer

I don't mind going into a liberal lion's den. That's where you test yourself.

~Charles Krauthammer

There used to be a cruel joke that said Brazil is the country of the future, and always will be; Obama is the Brazil of today's politicians. He has obviously achieved nothing.

~Charles Krauthammer

Obama is a man of first-class intellect and first-class temperament. But his character remains highly suspect.

~Charles Krauthammer

History is not just cruel. It is witty.

~Charles Krauthammer

Science has everything to say about what is possible. Science has nothing to say about what is permissible.

~Charles Krauthammer

I think if you're going to master policy, especially world affairs, you've got to know history.

~Charles Krauthammer

I would say I see myself as a psychiatrist in remission.

~Charles Krauthammer

Highfalutin moral principles are impossible guides to foreign policy. At worst, they reflect hypocrisy; at best, extreme naivete.

~Charles Krauthammer

With our financial house on fire, Obama makes clear both in his speech and his budget that the essence of his presidency will be the transformation of health care, education and energy.

~Charles Krauthammer

If you believe that health care is a public good to be guaranteed by the state, then a single-payer system is the next best alternative. Unfortunately, it is fiscally unsustainable without rationing.

~Charles Krauthammer

If Harriet Miers were not a crony of the president of the United States, her nomination to the Supreme Court would be a joke, as it would have occurred to no one else to nominate her.

~Charles Krauthammer

Pass legislation. When Obama signs, you've shown seriousness and the ability to govern. When he vetoes, you've clarified the differences between party philosophies and prepared the ground for 2016.

~Charles Krauthammer

If [Bush's] successors don't screw it up, within 10 years NASA will have us back to where we belong -- on other worlds.

~Charles Krauthammer

The indecisiveness and ambivalence so devastatingly described by both of Obama's previous secretaries of defense, Leon Panetta and Bob Gates, are already beginning to characterize the Syria campaign.

~Charles Krauthammer

Somebody actually said that I'm the only entity on earth, other than rogue states, that has received an apology from the White House.

~Charles Krauthammer

Ron Paul is not going to be president, so we don't have to worry about

who's going to be in his cabinet.

~Charles Krauthammer

Obama has committed the U.S. to war on the Islamic State. To then allow within a month an allied enclave to be overrun - and perhaps annihilated - would be a major blow.

~Charles Krauthammer

Third parties in America gravitate not only to the extremes, but to irrelevance. (John Anderson's upcoming presidential campaign will undoubtedly confirm both tendencies.)

~Charles Krauthammer

I envy people who write easily. I enjoy the process, but it's not easeful for me.

~Charles Krauthammer

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