

# Chris Hedges Quotes

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One needs solitude and quiet to think. The cacophony of modern culture is designed to make that impossible.

~Chris Hedges

Becoming vegan is the most important and direct change we can immediately make to save the planet and its species.

~Chris Hedges

The press, or at least most of it, has lost the passion, the outrage, and the sense of mission that once drove reporters to defy authority and tell the truth.

~Chris Hedges

Violence is a disease, a disease that corrupts all who use it regardless of the cause.

~Chris Hedges

The true purpose of education is to make minds, not careers.

~Chris Hedges

A society without the means to detect lies and theft soon squanders its liberty and freedom.

~Chris Hedges

Unfettered capitalism is a revolutionary force that consumes greater and greater numbers of human lives until it finally consumes itself.

~Chris Hedges

I don't fight fascists because I'll win. I fight fascists because they are fascists.

~Chris Hedges

We live in imaginary, virtual worlds created by corporations that profit from our deception.

~Chris Hedges

War in the end is always about betrayal, betrayal of the young by the old, of soldiers by politicians, and of idealists by cynics.

~Chris Hedges

The evil of predatory global capitalism and empire has spawned the evil of terrorism

~Chris Hedges

Positive psychology is to the corporate state what eugenics was to the Nazis

~Chris Hedges

The rush of battle is often a potent and lethal addiction, for war is a drug.

~Chris Hedges

No real journalist makes \$5 million a year... Those in power fear and dislike real journalists.

~Chris Hedges

The failure to dissect the cause of war leaves us open for the next installment.

~Chris Hedges

War is addictive. Indeed, it is the most potent narcotic unleashed by mankind.

~Chris Hedges

War is not about flag-waving and patriotism. War is about killing and death.

~Chris Hedges

Of the past 3,400 years, humans have been entirely at peace for 268 of them, or just 8 percent of recorded history.

~Chris Hedges

The inability to grasp the pathology\* of our oligarchic rulers is one of our gravest faults.

~Chris Hedges

There are no impediments now to corporations. None. And what they want is for us to give up. They want us to become passive. They want us to become tacitly complicit in our own destruction.

~Chris Hedges

The arts often realize human truths well before other branches of human endeavor.

~Chris Hedges

Jesus was a pacifist.

~Chris Hedges

The moral nihilism of celebrity culture is played out on reality television shows, most of which encourage a dark voyeurism into other people's humiliation, pain, weakness, and betrayal.

~Chris Hedges

There are always people willing to commit unspeakable human atrocity in exchange for a little power and privilege.

~Chris Hedges

The belief that rational and quantifiable disciplines such as science can be used to perfect human society is no less absurd than a belief in magic, angels, and divine intervention.

~Chris Hedges

The enduring attraction of war is this: Even with its destruction and carnage it can give us what we long for in life. It can give us purpose, meaning, a reason for living.

~Chris Hedges

The notion that the press was used in the [first Iraq] war is incorrect. The press wanted to be used. It saw itself as part of the war effort.

~Chris Hedges

Economics dominates politics - and with that domination comes different forms of ruthlessness.

~Chris Hedges

I have seen children shot in El Salvador, Algeria, Guatemala, Sarajevo, but I have never before watched soldiers entice children like mice into a trap and murder them for sport.

~Chris Hedges

Patriotism, often a thinly veiled form of collective self-worship, celebrates our goodness, our ideals, our mercy and bemoans the perfidiousness of those who hate us.

~Chris Hedges

They [Harvard academia] liked the poor, but didn't like the smell of the poor.

~Chris Hedges

The violence of war is random. It does not make sense. And many of those who struggle with loss also struggle with the knowledge that the loss was futile and unnecessary.

~Chris Hedges

Many of us, restless and unfulfilled, see no supreme worth in our lives. We want more out of life. And war, at least, gives a sense that we can

rise above our smallness and divisiveness.

~Chris Hedges

Battling evil, cruelty, and injustice allows us to retain our identity, a sense of meaning, and ultimately our freedom.

~Chris Hedges

In war, we always deform ourselves, our essence.

~Chris Hedges

The violent subjugation of the Palestinians, Iraqis, and Afghans will only ensure that those who oppose us will increasingly speak to us in the language we speak to them—violence.

~Chris Hedges

War, we have come to believe, is a spectator sport. The military and the press have turned war into a vast video arcade game. Its very essence—death—is hidden from public view.

~Chris Hedges

Most of these who are thrust into combat soon find it impossible to maintain the mythic perception of war.

~Chris Hedges

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