

Chris Matthews

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The difference between me and them is that I'll look at Jesse Jackson and I'll see four Jesse Jacksons, and they'll just see one, the clown ambulance chaser.

~Chris Matthews

Once it was suggested that Saddam Hussein might give his weaponry to terrorists, or might use weapons himself in the region, then it became hard for the Democrats to say, 'Well, that can't happen.'

~Chris Matthews

I'm so glad we had that storm last week.

~Chris Matthews

Five years from now, 10 years from now, there's going to be a huge Islamic population in the world, they're going to be nationalistic, they're going to be religious, and they're going to be militant.

~Chris Matthews

Toastmasters changed my life. They really did. Put me on the stage. I don't know what I would have done without that positive boost.

~Chris Matthews

The president of the United States, whoever it is, deserves a certain level of reverence and respect just because of the office he holds.

~Chris Matthews

I know one thing: There are a billion Islamic people in the world today, and there will be about 2 billion by the time we're dead. They're not going to give up their religion.

~Chris Matthews

Everything he's done is clean as a whistle. He's never not only broken any law, he's never done anything wrong.

~Chris Matthews

You don't say, like the Bush crowd, 'I got this guy over here and I don't like him and I'm gonna get him, whether you back me or not.'

~Chris Matthews

And then there's Israel - a lot of people support Israel, and it's important to Israel to take out Iraq. So it's all mixed together. It's a combination of motives.

~Chris Matthews

I'm not just gonna go after the black Jesse Jackson they all want to make fun of, but I know the wrong people are gonna laugh at that. I don't want to play to that crowd. I don't.

~Chris Matthews

My, I felt this thrill going up my leg. I mean, I don't have that too often.

~Chris Matthews

I don't sense an [Barack] Obama party. I think politics is transactional for him.

~Chris Matthews

While we may not mind being used, we resent deeply being made to feel discarded.

~Chris Matthews

Then the administration tied it in to the regional dispute between Israel and its enemies, as if that's about international terrorism. No, it's not.

~Chris Matthews

Sarah Palin is an empty vessel ready to be filled by ideology that she doesn't even understand, and that is really scary. Nothing is more frightening than an empty vessel in power.

~Chris Matthews

We've got to recognize that when we march into Iraq, we're setting up the card tables in front of every university in the Arab world, the Islamic world, to recruit for al-Qaida.

~Chris Matthews

You don't know whether he's thought through how this is going to affect the Middle East.

~Chris Matthews

My audience is much more center right, or centrist.

~Chris Matthews

Right now, the old guys, the old farts, if you will, are still running the show, and the women haven't gotten their place yet at all.

~Chris Matthews

It doesn't serve an American interest. It really doesn't really serve Israeli interests - it serves the interests of the political party that's getting the votes of the settlers on the West Bank.

~Chris Matthews

I don't know why his lawyers didn't tell him, 'You don't have to answer any questions about your private life, Mr. President. Let them sue you. Take the heat. You don't have to answer.'

~Chris Matthews

We've always had a dual role in the region - friend of Israel, and honest broker. We've given up the honest broker role completely.

~Chris Matthews

The big lie is that the people who make a lot of money were the only ones that worked hard.

~Chris Matthews

Republicans woke up Sunday with an undeniable reality. Donald Trump's the clear front-runner now for their party's nomination. Trump, celebrated, of course, his big win in South Carolina.

~Chris Matthews

Hillary Clinton follows a cardinal rule in politics - don't commit to a decision before you have to.

~Chris Matthews

People don't like getting dirty or living in an environment that's been contaminated and is covered in hazardous waste.

~Chris Matthews

I've never heard anybody [of president's candidates] talk about the poorly educated.

~Chris Matthews

Once having said no to Donald Trump, Mitt Romney can't go back and say, I changed my mind, I'm bowing to the pressure from you.

~Chris Matthews

John Paul II spoke to the commoner and to the king, to the tyrant and to the democrat in that same language of freedom.

~Chris Matthews

The fact that younger people are more inclined to socialism may well come with the fact that so many young people's first experience with capitalism is as a debtor.

~Chris Matthews

Unity is the most important thing on the road to stamping out terror. You need global rules of law and order, and they have to be enforced. Start with that principle.

~Chris Matthews

The last person to be beatified by Pope John Paul II was Mother Teresa of Calcutta in 2003.

~Chris Matthews

I never wrote off [Donald] Trump.

~Chris Matthews

While I have questions about the language used in describing the two economic systems, I think people have fairly good gut sense of the difference between socialism and capitalism.

~Chris Matthews

I always thought of him [Jack Kennedy] as a prince, with a charmed life. He was a guy who was sick and in horrendous pain all the time - who would say, "I wish I had a few good days."

~Chris Matthews

We are trying to pick the next president, not review the birth of the current president.

~Chris Matthews

It [smoking] was like an aphrodisiac. Actors would say let's have another cigarette on that great scenes, and they'd blow smoke in each other's face.

~Chris Matthews

In the world of late-night comics, Letterman made us feel any hometown boy from Indianapolis could poke fun at celebrities and politicians and do it right to their faces.

~Chris Matthews

The fact is he [John F.Kennedy] always had to have somebody around besides Jackie [Kennedy]. Whatever their relationship, he wanted company. I think it gets back to all those years in a hospital bed.

~Chris Matthews

[Barack] Obama believes you can hold enemy combatants, unlawful enemy combatants at Gitmo without a criminal trial because this is law of war detention.

~Chris Matthews

If you think what you see on TV is prejudiced, it is. Follow your instincts.

~Chris Matthews

Let's not forget, Sarah Palin may not have a golden touch, but she gave Christine O'Donnell candidate a big touch that got her over the top.

~Chris Matthews

Whether the Bushes, or whoever they are, they always end up in the end with the money and the ability to really blow away anybody who dares challenge them.

~Chris Matthews

I truly believe that America's greatness and billions and billions of dollars of our wealth flows away because China doesn't treat us fairly.

~Chris Matthews

The President Barack Obama said if we get out of this business of trade expansion, we turn it over to the Chinese. This brings us into partnership with 11 other Pacific Rim countries.

~Chris Matthews

I think in places like Pennsylvania, there's folks who want our next president to talk like a hawk, but fly like a dove.

~Chris Matthews

America's the one country in the world where anybody who comes here

does better than where they came from.

~Chris Matthews

I think we all [americans] think we're a special country. But the question is, what - what call does that give us?

~Chris Matthews

I forgot he [Barack Obama] was black tonight for an hour.

~Chris Matthews

All Hollywood endings - the bad endings have to be the bad guys to be falling about 50 stories to his death and you have to see his eyeballs as he goes to his doom.

~Chris Matthews

I think, like Ronald Reagan, in another way, in a secular way, John Paul II was a great communicator, but he was also a man of deep conviction.

~Chris Matthews

The more failure you can accept, the greater your chance of success.

~Chris Matthews

Ben Carson's not really a factor anymore. I hate to say that of anybody, but he isn't a factor anymore.

~Chris Matthews

You can't be loved for long if you're not feared.

~Chris Matthews

[John F. Kennedy] kept a diary and in the White House dictated his thoughts. He felt real guilt at the killing of [Ngo Dinh] Diem, the leader of South Vietnam.

~Chris Matthews

There ought to be an onus on the people that want a law, rather than people that don't need a new law.

~Chris Matthews

[John F. Kennedy] liked fresh company, new people to come visit and then leave. ... I think he liked the protection of numbers too.

~Chris Matthews

[John F. Kennedy] was Arthur, the guy in the middle of the room with all the swords pointed at him. ... He wanted control of the situation.

~Chris Matthews

Keep you enemies in front of you.

~Chris Matthews

The real difference between relationship politics and transactional politics is loyalty. [Barack] Obama doesn't seem to expect it.

~Chris Matthews

I see some parallels [with Barack Obama] but I don't see the leadership that this guy [John F. Kennedy] had of other men and women. It's more than being the smartest guy in room.

~Chris Matthews

The FBI had a right to review that. And they did and they found Hillary Clinton not in any criminal violation.

~Chris Matthews

This is a fundamental question, Mr. Mayor [Rudy Giuliani]. Is the president of the United States legitimate or not? Do you believe it? If you believe it, why doesn't your candidate state it.

~Chris Matthews

Anybody can say anything they want. Hillary Clinton can control her

own campaign.

~Chris Matthews

There is absolutely no record ever of Hillary Clinton or anyone in her campaign ever saying that President [Barack] Obama is not legitimate.

~Chris Matthews

I'm trying to put the ridiculousness to bed. The president of the United States is the president of the United States.

~Chris Matthews

If Bernie Sanders hasn't been able to draw a contrast with Hillary Clinton, why is he doing so well, a guy - most people never heard of this fellow before this year.

~Chris Matthews

Most politicians have to find a way past that allergy. They have to find a way to go door to door, person to person, or else they don't win.

~Chris Matthews

[Donald] Trump faces the perhaps accumulation of all the wealth in the world on the head of [Marco] Rubio, because Rubio's the last gasp of hawks and establishment Republicans.

~Chris Matthews

A new poll out taken by a Republican group that shows most Democrats prefer socialism to capitalism. Those terms don't mean what they did maybe 40, 50 years ago.

~Chris Matthews

Just come in there and stand before a live crowd, thousands of people at an Ivy League School, like Eleanor Roosevelt said, always do what you're afraid to do.

~Chris Matthews

I'll make it official. I care about Don Draper and what happens to him and I'm not the only one who does.

~Chris Matthews

The Republican Party's reacting now to the news of [Donald] Trump's dominance in different ways. For some, they are pushing resistance.

~Chris Matthews

I never know what all of these guys are thinking, but Marco Rubio sounded desperate, like, We've got a leak in the dike, we got to stop this thing.

~Chris Matthews

Another wing of the party seems to be putting its hands up. They're not all resisting and accepting the [Donald] Trump - the fact that he could very well win the nomination.

~Chris Matthews

When lightning strikes you want to be there, right there in the room. You, not everybody's going to say yes to you. Just don't ever say no to yourself, ever.

~Chris Matthews

I'm center left, but I think - most things, left on some, center on some, right on very few.

~Chris Matthews

In light of Jeb Bush's recent fumbles on Iraq , maybe the Clinton campaign is making the smart move here by not saying.

~Chris Matthews

It's no good to shoot a guy anymore. It's not enough. Nobody is throwing anybody off of buildings after seeing these movies, but they are smoking after seeing some good-looking celebrity smoke.

~Chris Matthews

Isn't Hollywood - and I love movies - a lot of it about a big lie?

~Chris Matthews

People - Hollywood doesn't talk about how bad cigarette smells when it smells like they wake up in bed with somebody who has been smoking the night before.

~Chris Matthews

I'm reading Joe Eszterhas biography; it's fabulous. Every time he made a movie, he fought with the director or the producer over the ending.

~Chris Matthews

I love what Joe Eszterhas written about Bill Clinton. It's hilarious, Clinton as a rock star, which is the way we should remember him.

~Chris Matthews

Isn't it odd that the guy was politically correct in one particularly weird way. Bill Clinton never lit a cigar.

~Chris Matthews

Jeb Bush has being slammed by his own party for a very messy response to questions about his brother's war in Iraq. He should have been ready for this one.

~Chris Matthews

The Indians are still winning the battle against the white men, but sooner or later, the white guy will win.

~Chris Matthews

I wonder... if the Republican Party really wants to be branded right now as the party of tax cuts and torture? I mean that's what they're selling.

~Chris Matthews

All the 'too close to call' announcements are not due to incompetence ... It's caution.

~Chris Matthews

Here's our policy. It's Unite the world against terrorism.

~Chris Matthews

Natural-born American means you don't have to be naturalized. You were born to an American mother, like President Obama, no matter where you were born.

~Chris Matthews

If you want to play a game, go to where it's played and find a way to get in. Things happen when you get in the game.

~Chris Matthews

Any jackass can talk about bombing Iran.

~Chris Matthews

It's a fact of life that positive reasons don't always get people to vote. You need some negative reasons.

~Chris Matthews

And on the war, I think my numbers would be a lot higher if I were out there beating the drum for this war. In fact, I don't think it, I know it. But I can't be for the war.

~Chris Matthews

Someone needs to talk sense to the president. But these people are not world travelers. This president, much as I like him, had all the opportunities in the world.

~Chris Matthews

I used to love hand raising.

~Chris Matthews

Presidents aren't supposed to spit, at least not obviously.

~Chris Matthews

The Kennedys formed a Kennedy party.

~Chris Matthews

Rush Limbaugh is beginning to look more and more like Mr. Big, and at some point somebody's going to jam a CO2 pellet into his head and he's going to explode like a giant blimp. That day may come.

~Chris Matthews

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