

Chris Patten Quotes

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In a democracy everybody has a right to be represented, including the jerks.

~Chris Patten

Hong Kong's people will get what they want, despite China's objections. Freedom invariably wins in the end.

~Chris Patten

Hong Kong represents the kind of Asia with which both West and East are comfortable... It offers, in that sense, a vision for the future of Asia.

~Chris Patten

I don't think that capitalism should be unbridled, if by "unbridled" you mean unregulated.

~Chris Patten

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So, what I say to people is that politics has got to be about principle and values above all. Of course, there are times when you have to make accommodations.

~Chris Patten

I suppose I've always carried what is regarded as a bit of unnecessary baggage in Britain. I've always carried the charge that I am an intellectual in politics.

~Chris Patten

Green politics at its worst amounts to a sort of Zen fascism; less extreme, it denounces growth and seeks to stop the world so that we can all get off.

~Chris Patten

Anyone who supposed that when Margaret Thatcher left Number Ten she was going to take a Trappist vow did not know that formidable politician.

~Chris Patten

I think that if politics is just about getting your backside on important seats, then it's a pretty worthless endeavor.

~Chris Patten

Multilateralism is not an easy option. We're going to find that the world is very difficult. And relationships between America and the rest of the world are very difficult.

~Chris Patten

I think that what most surprises anybody who goes into politics from even a modestly cerebral background is the vulgarity of much of the cut and thrust of politics.

~Chris Patten

We're not trying to recreate Yugoslavia

~Chris Patten

But the ability to articulate what you are doing, to be clear about it, and to stick to it is, I think, the essence of political leadership.

~Chris Patten

It is almost always wrong that the time isn't ripe to decide something. That is always said of difficult problems.

~Chris Patten

I believe in trying to get a balance between individual freedom on the one hand and social responsibility on the other.

~Chris Patten

There is a sort of exotic preposterousness about a lot of elections, the way arguments are made even cruder.

~Chris Patten

Those of us who had a perfectly happy childhood should be able to sue for deprivation of literary royalties.

~Chris Patten

Of course, there were huge disagreements in the arguments of military intervention, .. There is no point at the moment on focusing on those disagreements.

~Chris Patten

Undoubtedly, at the moment, the major cause of CO2 emission is what happens in developed countries.

~Chris Patten

It behaves more like a tribe than a democratic institution...responding to custom rather than reason and using its own liturgy and language for the conduct of its domestic affairs.

~Chris Patten

It is curious that atheists have proved to be so intolerant of those who have a faith.

~Chris Patten

All parts of the society need to feel that the police service is their police service, and that does not happen unless all parts of society are represented in the police

~Chris Patten

You don't have to wait until people say they accept everything you say until you are actually prepared to sit down and discuss matters with them.

~Chris Patten

Throwing young men out of work, throwing people into poverty and ending business life don't promote stability in the Palestinian territories,.

~Chris Patten

It is a sort of great Victorian truth that actually, trying to do the right thing is pretty good for you and pretty good for business as well, by and large.

~Chris Patten

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