

Cleve Jones Quotes

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To all my friends in Los Angeles: the Sultan of Brunei, owner of the Beverly Hills Hotel, has signed legislation calling for gay people to be stoned to death.

~Cleve Jones

A movement that seeks to advance only its own members is going to accomplish little

~Cleve Jones

Marches work, rallies work, civil disobedience works, direct action works, voting works, writing letters works, speaking to churches and schools works, rioting works.

~Cleve Jones

I don't even want to go to the Pride marches anymore. The politics have been removed almost entirely. They're just huge corporate showcases.

~Cleve Jones

Even today every year we lose an awful lot of young people, teenagers, who take their own lives because they're - they are gay or transgender.

~Cleve Jones

I believe we are entering into a period of political chaos. Out of that chaos is the potential for great evil, but there is also the possibility of great good.

~Cleve Jones

I am not proud to be gay any more than I am proud to be right handed or to breathe oxygen.

~Cleve Jones

This is a terrible time to be young, I think. It's really hard.

~Cleve Jones

If I had to say what my one greatest achievement is, it's that I lasted, and I'm still happy. I hope that comes through.

~Cleve Jones

People who say that violence doesn't accomplish anything have not read history. I don't celebrate that reality, but there you have it.

~Cleve Jones

A whole lot of the way identity politics has gone seems to me to deny empathy.

~Cleve Jones

Any social movement that seeks to benefit only its own members I think is a shallow movement and probably doomed to failure.

~Cleve Jones

Film really is a collaborative art.

~Cleve Jones

I don't blame younger generations for their lack of awareness. Americans in general are not interested in history.

~Cleve Jones

If we [gays] want to be equal under the law, we must now - as the great heroes of the Civil Rights movement of 1963 and 1964 showed us - turn our attention to the federal government.

~Cleve Jones

Hello! The world is a mess!

~Cleve Jones

I do believe that non-violent civil disobedience is a very important and useful tactic.

~Cleve Jones

I was bullied pretty badly especially in middle school. High school was not as bad as middle school, but I was not a macho kid at all. And the kids saw me as different from a very, very early age.

~Cleve Jones

I get to interact with a bunch of young people that are up against despair constantly.

~Cleve Jones

I don't have any hobbies! I don't golf, I can't imagine what I would do if I retired other than get fat.

~Cleve Jones

The penalties for homosexual conduct were - would vary from state to state, but they were - it was a felony in most states punishable with prison terms of varying lengths.

~Cleve Jones

What people haven't quite grasped yet is that the rich are transforming cities all across the world.

~Cleve Jones

People's lives can be transformed by the movement.

~Cleve Jones

I saw great hope in the Sanders campaign - a flawed candidate, not perfect, but pretty damn close. Millions of young people were inspired by him.

~Cleve Jones

Dealing with Hollywood and commercial entertainment, you always have to worry that the political message is going to be skewed or obscured.

~Cleve Jones

The sense of urgency has almost completely vanished.

~Cleve Jones

I recently heard young people talking about collective bargaining agreements - I hadn't heard young people use that phrase in forever!

~Cleve Jones

Most people do not have access to medication.

~Cleve Jones

The whole function of cities has been transformed.

~Cleve Jones

If you're gonna build units for the rich, you're gonna build units for the poor.

~Cleve Jones

When you lose the gayborhoods, you lose the political power that comes when you're concentrated in precincts, and you also lose the cultural vitality.

~Cleve Jones

The majority of new infections in America are among young gay and bisexual men of color, and the full resources that could be brought to bear simply are not.

~Cleve Jones

When I was saving pills to kill myself, I thought there was no hope. I thought my life was over because I was a homosexual.

~Cleve Jones

The reality is that the "gayborhoods" are going away. It's because of many factors, including the internet and increased acceptance, but mostly it's the cost of housing.

~Cleve Jones

We spend countless hours talking about people's feelings and issues that aren't going to change anything.

~Cleve Jones

The subset of our population that has not benefited from the advancement of medication is black and brown people.

~Cleve Jones

Everybody will always find some way of diminishing your work, but it's all a lie!

~Cleve Jones

The joy with which we denigrate each others' efforts, I hate that.

~Cleve Jones

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