

# Condoleezza Rice

## Quotes

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We need to move beyond the idea that girls can be leaders and create the expectation that they should be leaders.

~Condoleezza Rice

Great leaders never accept the world as it was and always work for the world as it should be

~Condoleezza Rice

You might not be able to control your circumstances but you can control your response to your circumstances.

~Condoleezza Rice

The first step for a leader is to be right with yourself. Integrity is the basis of leadership.

~Condoleezza Rice

In America, with education and hard work, it really does not matter where you came from; it matters only where you are going.

~Condoleezza Rice

Self esteem comes from achievements. Not from lax standards and false praise.

~Condoleezza Rice

You will make a difference in the world, but not immediately. Your first obligation is to find something you like doing, because if you like doing it, you'll do it well.

~Condoleezza Rice

When somebody underestimated me, it made me want to prove them wrong.

~Condoleezza Rice

Education is of no value and talent is worthless - unless you have an

unwavering aim. Never find yourself without a compass.

~Condoleezza Rice

Differences can be a strength.

~Condoleezza Rice

[In] the United States, we've always been held together by the belief that it doesn't matter where you came from. It matters where you're going.

~Condoleezza Rice

Every life is capable of greatness.

~Condoleezza Rice

When are we going to stop making excuses for the terrorists and saying that somebody is making them do it? No, these are simply evil people who want to kill.

~Condoleezza Rice

I didn't run for student council president. I don't see myself in any way in elected office. I love policy. I'm not particularly fond of politics.

~Condoleezza Rice

There's no greater challenge and there is no greater honor than to be in public service.

~Condoleezza Rice

Prejudice and bigotry are brought down...by the sheer force of determination of individuals to succeed and the refusal of a human being to let prejudice define the parameters of the possible.

~Condoleezza Rice

Race is a constant factor in American life. Yet reacting to every incident, real or imagined, is crippling, tiring, and ultimately

counterproductive.

~Condoleezza Rice

Your passion may be hard to spot, so keep an open mind and keep searching.

~Condoleezza Rice

You have to have a strong sense of your values and a strong sense of who you are, because there are a lot of events and a lot of people who will pull you in this direction or that direction.

~Condoleezza Rice

Power is nothing unless you can turn it into influence.

~Condoleezza Rice

It is a dangerous thing to ask why someone else has been given more. It is humbling - and indeed healthy - to ask why you have been given so much.

~Condoleezza Rice

Most days are not overwhelmingly successful in your life. And what really marks whether you're going to be successful is how well you deal with the bad days, not how well you deal with the good ones.

~Condoleezza Rice

If you cannot allow people to do their jobs ... nobody with substance and creativity will work for you.

~Condoleezza Rice

Every life is worthy and every life is capable of greatness. We have an obligation to make sure that opportunity for greatness is there.

~Condoleezza Rice

Today's headlines and history's judgment are rarely the same. If you

are too attentive to the former, you will most certainly not do the hard work of securing the latter.

~Condoleezza Rice

You can never ask others to do something you would not do. That is integrity.

~Condoleezza Rice

What you know today can affect what you do tomorrow, but not what you did yesterday.

~Condoleezza Rice

We're not going to negotiate about the terms of terrorism. You don't negotiate about terrorism. It's wrong to engage in terrorism, and there isn't anything to negotiate.

~Condoleezza Rice

I firmly believe you never should spend your time being the former anything.

~Condoleezza Rice

We don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud.

~Condoleezza Rice

People may oppose you, but when they realize you can hurt them, they'll join your side.

~Condoleezza Rice

You cannot be on one hand dedicated to peace and on the other dedicated to violence. Those two things are irreconcilable.

~Condoleezza Rice

We're in a new world. We're in a world in which the possibility of terrorism, married up with technology, could make us very, very sorry

that we didn't act.

~Condoleezza Rice

Human beings are not perfect. Their institutions are not perfect, but they have to keep trying. And America has to help people keep trying.

~Condoleezza Rice

This is not 1968 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia, where Russia can threaten its neighbors, occupy a capital, overthrow a government, and get away with it. Things have changed.

~Condoleezza Rice

Differences can be strength rather than a handicap.

~Condoleezza Rice

So I think, if September 11 taught us anything, it taught us that we're vulnerable, and vulnerable in ways that we didn't fully understand.

~Condoleezza Rice

Leading in a complex world means recognizing the simple things you can do to make things better.

~Condoleezza Rice

Everyone wants Russia to be a prosperous, democratic state that is fully integrated.

~Condoleezza Rice

I was born in segregated Birmingham, Alabama. I didn't have a white classmate till we moved to Denver.

~Condoleezza Rice

Out of struggle very often comes victory.

~Condoleezza Rice

The problem here is that there will always be some uncertainty about how quickly Saddam can acquire nuclear weapons. But we don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud.

~Condoleezza Rice

The pursuit by the Iranian regime of nuclear weapons represents a direct threat to the entire international community, including to the United States and to the Persian Gulf region.

~Condoleezza Rice

Separation of powers is a problem for foreign policy.

~Condoleezza Rice

I hope that all of us who were fortunate enough to have benefited will put our time, our resources and our efforts into making sure that kids, particularly kids without means, have a way to achieve.

~Condoleezza Rice

My Fox guys, I love every single one of them.

~Condoleezza Rice

This is the democratic process at work, What you're seeing with this process is the Iraqi people embracing American-style democracy.

~Condoleezza Rice

Every good leader is part manager and every good manager is part leader.

~Condoleezza Rice

There is nothing better than being in a classroom with really, really brilliant students, and opening up new worlds to them. That's what I love doing.

~Condoleezza Rice

...if you are overdressed, it is a comment on them. If you are under dressed, it is a comment on you.

~Condoleezza Rice

I think America is still a bright, shining city on the hill - not because we're perfect but because we struggle in our imperfections every day.

~Condoleezza Rice

Punish France, ignore Germany, and forgive Russia.

~Condoleezza Rice

Does anybody think these people were just sitting around drinking tea?

~Condoleezza Rice

To see an African-American elected president means that this country is really finally coming full circle from the birth defect of slavery.

~Condoleezza Rice

Now, al Qaeda's on the run. Afghanistan is no longer a base of operations. The Afghan government is a friendly government that is trying to bring democracy to its people.

~Condoleezza Rice

My parents elected me president of the family when I was 4. We actually had an election every year and I always won. I'm an only child, and I could count on my mother's vote.

~Condoleezza Rice

After all, when the world looks to America, they look to us because we are the most successful political and economic experiment in human history.

~Condoleezza Rice

There clearly are contacts between al Qaeda and Iraq that can be



documented; there clearly is testimony that some of the contacts have been important contacts and that there's a relationship here

~Condoleezza Rice

We needed to go back on the offense and offer clear leadership on Iraq.

~Condoleezza Rice

Any time you have a situation in which you are calling for more time rather than calling for Iraq to immediately comply, it plays into the hands of Saddam Hussein.

~Condoleezza Rice

U.S. officials never expected that 'we were going to open garages and find' weapons of mass destruction.

~Condoleezza Rice

I really wish that we had passed a comprehensive immigration bill because that would've really helped our country.

~Condoleezza Rice

It's so much a part of me that it's almost hard to describe myself in the absence of [faith].

~Condoleezza Rice

Message and policy are very much a part, you know, two parts of the same coin.

~Condoleezza Rice

I've found my place in life, that I'm passionate about, my talents and my passion have merged, and I'm trying to do the best that I can.

~Condoleezza Rice

And we believe that our policies toward Iraq simply are to protect the

region and to protect Iraq's people and neighbors.

~Condoleezza Rice

It is high time that the international community tell Saddam Hussein and his regime that this is not an issue of negotiation with the U.N. about obligations that they undertook in 1991.

~Condoleezza Rice

I've never really been a workaholic. I work very hard, but I also enjoy playing. I think it's important to have a balanced and well-rounded life.

~Condoleezza Rice

I do think people have suggested that it would be a good thing if the reporting were accurate on Al-Jazeera and if it were not slanted in ways that appear to be at times just purely inaccurate.

~Condoleezza Rice

I don't believe for a minute anybody allowed people to suffer because they are African Americans.

~Condoleezza Rice

Today's headlines and history's judgement are not the same.

~Condoleezza Rice

I do have a favorite Zeppelin song, Larry, Black Dog.

~Condoleezza Rice

If I can look at your zip code and I can tell whether you're going to get a good education, we've got a real problem.

~Condoleezza Rice

I laugh almost everyday. I have a good sense of humor, so I'm always finding something funny.

~Condoleezza Rice

Democracy is the most realistic way for diverse peoples to resolve their differences, and share power, and heal social divisions without violence or repression.

~Condoleezza Rice

People want to psychoanalyze me, but the fact is, I'm not that complicated. I'm pretty straightforward. And I'm not all that self-reflective, because I tend to be a doer.

~Condoleezza Rice

First, I wanted to answer the question I'm most frequently asked: "How did you become who you are?" Well, you had to know John and Angelena Rice.

~Condoleezza Rice

My job is to try to advance American foreign policy, to try to advance the president's agenda on democracy and human rights.

~Condoleezza Rice

We need a common enemy to unite us.

~Condoleezza Rice

It's bad policy to speculate on what you'll do if a plan fails when you're trying to make a plan work.

~Condoleezza Rice

I think the word of the United States has been as good as gold in its international dealings and its agreements.

~Condoleezza Rice

NATO is built on security, but it's also built on values.

~Condoleezza Rice

We are at war, and our security as a nation depends on winning that

war.

~Condoleezza Rice

Success is not assured, but America is resolute: this is the best chance for peace we are likely to see for some years to come - and we are acting to help Israelis and Palestinians seize this chance.

~Condoleezza Rice

If the strong exploit the weak, democracy will not be stable.

~Condoleezza Rice

Our effort to build stability through authoritarians in the Middle East for 60 years had given us neither democracy nor stability.

~Condoleezza Rice

Unless we improve our ability to provide a quality education for underprivileged kids, we're not going to really overcome in a massive way our past.

~Condoleezza Rice

I've always said that I expected to grow up and get married like any nice southern girl, but the fact is you don't get married in the abstract. You find someone that you'd like to be married to.

~Condoleezza Rice

[My favorite dish to cook] is fried chicken, and by the way I'm good at it, too. I make really good fried chicken.

~Condoleezza Rice

I have several [favorite clothes designers], but I like to wear Akris, Oscar De La Renta and Giorgio Armani.

~Condoleezza Rice

I'm happy and content in my life, and I chalk that up to wonderful

parents and a wonderful God.

~Condoleezza Rice

I believe that Reverend [Florine] Thompson's hit on something. My parents, I and a lot of my friends growing up in that community had tremendous drive.

~Condoleezza Rice

I'm not personally fearful, but I look out, and there are a number of things that concern me, and I'm hopeful that we can overcome them.

~Condoleezza Rice

I love to watch football. I actually really love to watch almost any competition with a score at the end.

~Condoleezza Rice

I love sports. I play golf now, which is relatively new for me. I only took it up about five years ago. I also like playing piano, and I love being with my family and friends.

~Condoleezza Rice

The United States has no credible evidence that Iraq moved weapons of mass destruction into Syria early last year before the U.S.-led war that drove Saddam Hussein from power.

~Condoleezza Rice

Everybody in the world is capable of democratic development. Some people in the world are unlucky enough to get stuck with really bad political leadership and with really bad political institutions.

~Condoleezza Rice

I'm very proud that we stood for the proposition that no man, woman or child should ever have to live in tyranny. We believed in democracy and promoted it.

~Condoleezza Rice

At no time did I intend to, or do I believe that I did put forward false information to the American people.

~Condoleezza Rice

I believe our Presidents work hard and it's the loneliest job in the world.

~Condoleezza Rice

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