

Daniel Fried Quotes

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United States, Strong, Mean, Two, Order, Reform, Way, Believe, States,
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Nationalism is like cheap alcohol. First it makes you drunk, then it makes you blind, then it kills you.

~Daniel Fried

We intend to leave it without further discussion. We respect this request by the government of Uzbekistan

~Daniel Fried

At least in my country, we have come to accept the flags burning, but what we cannot accept is violence, burning of embassies and intimidations, and there is no excuse for that.

~Daniel Fried

Think of Europe in the 20th century. Two World Wars generated by nationalism. France, Germany, Britain fighting with each other.

~Daniel Fried

Ronald Reagan reached out to Gorbachev. At the same time, we were pushing back against the Soviets all over the world. He was able to do two things at once, and it worked out very well for us.

~Daniel Fried

Partisanship is not part of my professional makeup.

~Daniel Fried

The world should contemplate a nuclear weapons-armed Iran with the greatest of concern.

~Daniel Fried

America is not an ethnostate. We are not rooted in blood and soil.

~Daniel Fried

Diminish us across the board. They [Russians] do not wish us well.

~Daniel Fried

Russia despises the West. And is doing what it can to weaken the West.

~Daniel Fried

Sanctions are a strong and agreed element of the West's response to Russia's aggression. It is puzzling to me that there is so much skepticism about the sanctions. I don't understand it.

~Daniel Fried

Internal reform in Russia would require a better relationship with the West.

~Daniel Fried

If we blunt Russian efforts now to be aggressive, we may be pleasantly surprised by the policy options that become available to us, in terms of working with a better Russia.

~Daniel Fried

Remember, the American grand strategy works when other countries feel secure. But it doesn't work if we acquiesce in the aggression of other countries.

~Daniel Fried

Be careful about a policy generated with enthusiasm in the rush of a moment. It usually doesn't turn out well.

~Daniel Fried

Don't mistake the Russia you want to exist for the Russia that there actually is. Be realistic.

~Daniel Fried

There are a lot of policies that don't work out that are nevertheless worth doing.

~Daniel Fried

America's sanctions policy remains intact, and it will remain intact until it changes, if it does, and I'm not sure it will.

~Daniel Fried

The Civil War was fought, in a sense, over whether that sentence - all men are created equal - is to be taken literally. And the southerners in the 1850s argued that it was not.

~Daniel Fried

[Donald Trump administration] didn't ask me to stay and 40 years seemed like enough.

~Daniel Fried

I think the West is in a low point we haven't seen since the 1930s.

~Daniel Fried

The West in its modern form since 1945 is a miracle, and that's in our American interests. It's its good that the West is strong and at peace, and we should want more of that, not less.

~Daniel Fried

The United States comes in 1945 and we basically blow the whistle.

~Daniel Fried

The sense the great democracies of the world - Europe, the United States, Japan, others - are going to set the agenda for the world. [Russians] want to bring that down.

~Daniel Fried

What [Russians] want to do is undermine the Western liberal order.

~Daniel Fried

[Russians] want to bring us down to make them feel better about the failure of the Soviet Union. I don't mean bring us down as in collapse,

but bring us down a notch in a big way.

~Daniel Fried

They [Russians] are the adversary, they - we're the adversary they love to hate.

~Daniel Fried

Diplomacy is not merely talking somebody into something; it's talking to somebody from a position of strength. You put your power on the table to open up the conversation; that's diplomacy.

~Daniel Fried

No great power is ever satisfied with its sphere of influence. They never are.

~Daniel Fried

Putinsim is not necessarily the end state for Russia. Russia has moved in many directions since the early 1980s.

~Daniel Fried

I think that President George W. Bush was ahead of most of his government, in realizing that Putin was not the person we thought he was.

~Daniel Fried

Both the Bush people and [Barack] Obama people had no problem working with the holdovers. They weren't out to get them.

~Daniel Fried

Nothing can be taken for granted and this great achievement is now under assault by Russia. But what we did in my time is no less honorable. It is for the present generation to defend.

~Daniel Fried

America is not a white man's republic.

~Daniel Fried

Lincoln is quoted more often than he's understood, and he understood that the founding principle of our nation is, in fact, the Declaration of Independence.

~Daniel Fried

It's said that Putin can't stand Hillary Clinton. I don't know that for a fact, but it certainly looks that way, but I think her approach to Russia stands up pretty well.

~Daniel Fried

There are lots of secretaries who send off special envoys and yes, say, "Do a great job," and that's fine until it costs you something. And then they cut you off.

~Daniel Fried

We did really well for a generation after 1989 and the fall of communism. Our liberal values expanded in the world, our prosperity expanded.

~Daniel Fried

We Americans are focused on Russia's attacks with our electoral system and we're consumed with that. But Russia is pushing against the West generally.

~Daniel Fried

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