

# David Dinkins

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The art and culture that is New York, communications, finance, all these things help make up New York. The rest of the country should be happy that we are what we are.

~David Dinkins

I haven't committed a crime. What I did was fail to comply with the law.

~David Dinkins

Today, certain people file for bankruptcy, businesses and individuals, and it no longer has the stigma it once had. Now it's almost considered wise, a way to regroup and come back again.

~David Dinkins

I went to Israel when the missiles were falling there.

~David Dinkins

I love kids and I maintain that they are our future, that we adults owe them the ability to achieve their potential and that we don't own this planet. We hold it in trust for them.

~David Dinkins

But I make the observation that no one of us would do things exactly alike.

~David Dinkins

My mother came here to New York. She and my grandmother were domestics, cooking, cleaning for other people.

~David Dinkins

As a matter of fact, even when I finished law school, I had no notion of public service then.

~David Dinkins

In 1975 I was among a group of blacks who formed the Black

Americans in Support of Israel Committee.

~David Dinkins

But the courts have dismissed the lawsuits against me and Lee Brown.

~David Dinkins

Well, I think I am a very, very lucky person. I'm very fortunate.

~David Dinkins

You can't twist Al Sharpton's arm.

~David Dinkins

You can be anything you want to be. You can be a street sweeper, if you want. Just be the best blasted street sweeper you can be . . . And, you know you can be mayor.

~David Dinkins

The people really are what make New York City great.

~David Dinkins

And I tell people I'm in charge of children, children I haven't even met yet.

~David Dinkins

There is no point in me worrying about what Bloomberg or Badillo will do.

~David Dinkins

And, as a matter of fact, I am the chairman of the Amadou Diallo Foundation.

~David Dinkins

Well, I was about six or seven, and my mother and father separated.

~David Dinkins

I finished law school in '56, but I was working two jobs.

~David Dinkins

I love children, and most of my involvement now has to do with children or youth programs.

~David Dinkins

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