

# David Frum Quotes

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Republicans have been fleeced and exploited and lied to by a conservative entertainment complex.

~David Frum

The Canadian middle class is under less pressure than any other middle class in any developed country on the planet. So they feel good. They feel optimistic. They feel secure.

~David Frum

Those who seem to despise half of America will never be trusted to govern any of it. Those who cherish only the country's past will not be entrusted with its future.

~David Frum

Republicans originally thought that Fox worked for us, and now we are discovering we work for Fox

~David Frum

The elite isn't leading anymore. It's trapped.

~David Frum

We all have more at stake in the rules of the game than we do in the outcomes of the game. When that changes, that's when you begin to lose democracy.

~David Frum

Impostor: How George W. Bush Bankrupted America and Betrayed the Reagan Legacy.

~David Frum

There are a lot of wonderful people in America who shouldn't be on the Supreme Court - and a lot who should be on the court who aren't such wonderful people.

~David Frum

To balance China, the democracies will need new friends - and India with its fast-growing economy, youthful population, and democratic politics seems the obvious candidate.

~David Frum

Journalism can go right up to the door of the room in which the decisions are made. A novel can go inside the room - and inside the character's heads.

~David Frum

In journalism I can only tell what happened. In fiction, I can show it.

~David Frum

We, as conservative intellectuals, should not be in the business of making excuses for bad parliamentary decisions by Republican leaders in Congress.

~David Frum

Nobody ever won an election by spitting at his political opponents.

~David Frum

If we say something often enough, we come to believe it. We don't usually delude others until after we have first deluded ourselves.

~David Frum

We've all been wrong- I certainly have- and we should thank those who set us right. Not always fun, but always best in the end.

~David Frum

Life, as the signs in the liquor stores say, is too short to drink bad wine. And summer is too short to read bad books.

~David Frum

My mother cared more about how you reasoned than about the

conclusions you reached.

~David Frum

More Irishmen died fighting for Britain in World War I than died fighting against her in all of Ireland's bids for independence combined.

~David Frum

[In politics,] when there is no reason to speak, there is a reason not to speak.

~David Frum

Donald Trump is not supposed to save jobs one by one. He's supposed to build a sound macro economy in which private enterprises create jobs.

~David Frum

America under 30 is a more non-whites place than America over 60. And we know that non-whites and whites vote differently.

~David Frum

A presidential speech is always the work of many hands.

~David Frum

Think tanks do have points of view, and they are absolutely entitled to defend them.

~David Frum

Donald Trump's big goal is to become the richest man in the world, abusing the powers of the presidency.

~David Frum

Venezuela has gone from being a democratic country 15 years ago to being totally not a democracy today. Usually that de-democratization doesn't take the form of a heavy handed police state.

~David Frum

Donald Trump doesn't believe in much, doesn't want to do much.

~David Frum

The Iraq fight itself is probably going to go very, very fast. The shooting should be over within just a very few days from when it starts.

~David Frum

What I say is I am somebody who cares about conservative ideas. I want to see them implemented in governance.

~David Frum

My mom was truly an iconic figure, a great journalist and a pioneering woman who died at 54 of cancer without ever having revealed to viewers that she was ill.

~David Frum

As thrilling as it was, speechwriting is ultimately frustrating for someone who wants to be a writer.

~David Frum

I am not a person of the left. But one of the things, the central idea of democracy is that you have a bigger investment in the system as a whole than you do in any particular outcome.

~David Frum

So long as Donald Trump is powerful and popular, Fox News is going to achieve an advertising bonanza unheard of in the era of modern cable, because people will pay them to talk to the president.

~David Frum

There is no right to work in a think tank, and these are very privileged positions.

~David Frum

Republicans have to move to a point of greater unity.

~David Frum

People who watch a lot of Fox come away knowing a lot less about important world events.

~David Frum

People need to understand that in Washington, the process is the punishment.

~David Frum

Why should we not expect self-designated environmental leaders to practice what they preach?

~David Frum

And that is how we intend to destroy the enemy!" The superior shakes his head wearily. "Young man, the Soviets are our adversary. The Navy is the enemy.

~David Frum

I am really and truly frightened by the collapse of support for the Republican Party by the young and the educated.

~David Frum

Events don't happen because I write a speech. I am allowed to write a speech because events are going to happen.

~David Frum

A novel makes it possible to understand not just events, but the people who control the events; not only their choices, but also their motives.

~David Frum

Whenever you discuss politics, it is always better to use individual names rather than the term neocon.

~David Frum

Speech writers are more vulnerable to vanity than any other group of people in Washington.

~David Frum

So if I have two pieces of cake, do I have twice as good an experience as the first piece of cake? One of the things I've found in life is that the first piece of cake is the best.

~David Frum

While there is an attempt by the Trump people to say that California isn't really America. California certainly seems like America to me.

~David Frum

In America, you will see in area after area, media under pressure, businesses under pressure not to criticize Donald Trump lest he reduce their stock value with an angry tweet.

~David Frum

Journalists have to do their job. And journalists have to resist emotionalism. You have to keep your cool and to continue to do your job until you're prevented.

~David Frum

Canada has a real civil service, which the United States doesn't have, an independent civil service. Canada also has a stronger federal system.

~David Frum

The habit of going to your congressman's town hall and asking questions, that's powerful in a way that shouting slogans or getting

arrested is not, that is completely counterproductive.

~David Frum

Democracy is not about protests. Democracy is about meetings.

~David Frum

I don't think that disasters have to be spectacular. They can be a slow corrosion.

~David Frum

One of the questions I often get asked is, "Were you surprised that Trump won?" I always answer the same way: "I was surprised, I am surprised and I will never stop being surprised."

~David Frum

The thing that sustains a strong Fox network is the thing that undermines a strong Republican party.

~David Frum

People who want to wage cultural wars ought to keep in mind that cultural views often don't move at all for a very long time, but when they move they can move very fast.

~David Frum

One of the things we're all going to have to discover, establishment is just an abusive term for institutions. It's institutions that keep us free.

~David Frum

Look, the media are trapped by changes in the technology and business of their industry.

~David Frum

Maybe it's true that people with less extreme views who are also interested in public affairs have been driven out by a marketplace that



doesn't offer them anything of the tone they want to listen to.

~David Frum

My view on candidates on money is unless it's proven that the donor stole the money, the campaign keeps the money.

~David Frum

[democrats] hated Richard Nixon, and no wonder. It was Nixon who sent Alger Hiss to jail, and Nixon who waged the Vietnam War after the Democrats gave up.

~David Frum

If right and left are competing to be the biggest victim, who is competing to be the government?

~David Frum

Partly because of the desperate economic situation in the country, what were once the leading institutions of conservatism are constrained.

~David Frum

The great power the president has is that he is the most prominent person in the biggest media event on the planet. He has the attention of the nation and the world. When he speaks, everybody listens.

~David Frum

The five million people who watch cable news are the political nation, the people who really care.

~David Frum

One can shape history as much through the facts one omits as through the facts one includes.

~David Frum

The monster has escaped Elba!" "The tyrant has landed at Cannes!"

"Bonaparte meets the troops." "Napoleon approaches Paris." "His Imperial Majesty has entered the capital."

~David Frum

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