

David Remnick

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I think dealing with the U.S. Senate is very different from dealing with the electorate.

~David Remnick

Journalism, some huge percentage of it, should be devoted to putting pressure on power, on nonsense, on chicanery of all kinds and if that's going to invite a lawsuit, well, bring it on.

~David Remnick

Nature is cold, wet, hard and unforgiving.

~David Remnick

There is no single field of activity, not a single institution, free of the most brutal sort of corruption. Russia has bred a world-class mafia.

~David Remnick

100% of the people who get the magazine say they read the cartoons first - and the other 2% are lying.100

~David Remnick

The Communist Party apparatus was the most gigantic mafia the world has ever known.

~David Remnick

Every good journalist is aware that his trade may one day go the way of phrenology-and, what's more, the population will hardly protest the extinction.

~David Remnick

We should put pressure on power and write the truth and write relentlessly and fearlessly. That's the job.

~David Remnick

I would also like to see Russia not interfere in our elections.

~David Remnick

You have to understand that a lot of the working class is not white.

~David Remnick

I understand the difference between journalism and scholarship that comes 20 years later.

~David Remnick

I left Gorbachev's office thinking that everything about him was outsized: his achievements, his mistakes, and, now, his vanity and bitterness.

~David Remnick

Capitalism in Russia has spawned far more Al Capones than Henry Fords.

~David Remnick

I think we should be alarmed, watchful, and, as journalists, rigorous and fearless. I think we should be alert.

~David Remnick

I'm interested in Russian language, culture, history... and I lived there, for four years, as a reporter for the Washington Post and have visited many times since.

~David Remnick

Speaking to the subject is the most overrated thing in journalism.

~David Remnick

My deep sense of alarm has to do with Donald Trump's seeming lack of fealty to constitutionalism.

~David Remnick

Being an editor it's a complicated job, but the last impression I'd want anybody to have is that it's onerous. It's a joy - a complicated joy, but a joy.

~David Remnick

I think the Electoral College is an absurd 18th-century construct. But that is the law.

~David Remnick

Donald Trump's temperament and character is precisely what you would hate to see in your children, much less your president.

~David Remnick

The Democratic vote consists of minorities and educated whites.

~David Remnick

The minority vote is growing, which is part of the alarm of so many Republicans and why Trump constantly whipped up their alarm with his racist statements.

~David Remnick

A huge constituency, such as Hispanics, is not 100 percent Democratic.

~David Remnick

You are losing because of Jewish bankers.

~David Remnick

You are losing because blacks are getting their civil rights in the cities.

~David Remnick

You are losing out because Mexican rapists are taking your job.

~David Remnick

Disaster can take a nation by surprise, slowly, and then all at once.

~David Remnick

Donald Trump seems to think it is within his rights to trample the First Amendment, to disdain the press, to punish protesters or flag-burners, to ban ethnic categories of immigrants, and so on.

~David Remnick

Donald Trump appoints people of low quality, to say the least.

~David Remnick

Donald Trump lies with astonishing frequency and in stunning volume.

~David Remnick

Vladimir Putin wants to become the de facto head of an illiberal, xenophobic, hypernationalist trend in world politics.

~David Remnick

Trump's rise is troubling not just on an American level but on an international level.

~David Remnick

Vladimir Putin wants practical things, like the end of economic sanctions, but he also wants far greater sway in Europe and in the overall ideological trends of the world.

~David Remnick

The internet is very democratizing in some ways, but it also has other effects.

~David Remnick

We begin to inhabit oppositional and rarely intersecting mental universes having to do with ideology and fact and non-fact and news and non-news.

~David Remnick

As journalists, we need to find every avenue to distribute our work, and try to be so good that we become increasingly more influential than before.

~David Remnick

From a personal point of view, I'd like to interview my great-grandparents because I barely knew them, and I know next to nothing about my family beyond 100 years.

~David Remnick

I've never encountered someone in public life who has less desire to hold office than Michelle Obama, though she is incredibly gifted at retail politics.

~David Remnick

There are two forms of populism, left-wing populism and right-wing populism. Right-wing populism requires the denigration of an "Other." Left-wing populism tends to be about the haves and have-nots.

~David Remnick

Maybe Santa Claus is real. Here's the problem: reality.

~David Remnick

I would love to have a stable, productive relationship with Russia.

~David Remnick

I would like to see Russia not invade Ukraine or put pressure on and threaten Baltic states. But we live in the real and existing world.

~David Remnick

I don't think there will be fascism in America, but we have to do everything we can to fight against it.

~David Remnick

I have to always remember, writing is really hard.

~David Remnick

I'm not the slowest writer that you know.

~David Remnick

Everybody has a cartoon of themselves. Mine is: I write very fast, and I'm ruthlessly efficient with my time.

~David Remnick

Prediction is a low form of journalism.

~David Remnick

I'm a journalist - I'm not Robert Caro. I have a day job, and a pretty consuming one - a joyfully consuming one.

~David Remnick

Not all political prisoners are innocents.

~David Remnick

Clearly independent journalists - domestic journalists - run a high risk if they dare to take on serious investigative work.

~David Remnick

Democratic institutions, even in the oldest operating democracy in the world, are anything but perfect.

~David Remnick

I actually have great hopes for the future.

~David Remnick

There are inconsistencies in Donald Trump's ideology.

~David Remnick

The only reason to be in business is to be great.

~David Remnick

We can hope that the responsibilities and realities will weigh on Donald Trump and he will not be the president we fear, but rather something more stable.

~David Remnick

There's nothing wrong with creating jobs. What's wrong is to seed the illusion that you will magically bring back the economy of 1970, that you will reopen coal mines.

~David Remnick

I don't know that Donald Trump is anything more to Putin than what Lenin called a poleznye durak, a useful idiot.

~David Remnick

The future is itself a story, and predictions are stories we tell to amaze ourselves, to give hope to the desperate, to jolt the complacent.

~David Remnick

I am an adult; deliberately naïve, dewy-eyed optimism is not the proper posture for a responsible adult, is it?

~David Remnick

We have to do our jobs better, more tirelessly and stop whining about it.

~David Remnick

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