

# David Rubenstein

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Persist - don't take no for an answer. If you're happy to sit at your desk and not take any risk, you'll be sitting at your desk for the next 20 years.

~David Rubenstein

The world is a complicated place, and there's a lot of division between people. The performing arts tend to unify people in a way nothing else does.

~David Rubenstein

When I worked in the White House for President Carter, we tried to do comprehensive tax reform and we made some progress, and other presidents have as well.

~David Rubenstein

People used to think that private equity was basically just a compensation scheme, but it is much more about making companies more efficient.

~David Rubenstein

I really hope that the philanthropy movement is seen not just as wealthy people giving money away but wealthy people giving away their time, their energy and their ideas.

~David Rubenstein

I regard food as fuel. I am not a brunch person.

~David Rubenstein

I am involved in a lot of nonprofits. And when I reached the ripe old age of 60, I wanted to provide leadership to some I had been involved in.

~David Rubenstein

Sometimes the best decisions in life are on the spur of the moment. So I generally try to do what I think is right. And sometimes I make

mistakes.

~David Rubenstein

I'm blessed by the fact I only need five hours of sleep on a daily basis. I do tend to regard Saturday and Sunday as work days.

~David Rubenstein

I realised how rich I had become and I asked myself, 'Do I really want to be the richest person in the cemetery?'

~David Rubenstein

What do most people say on their deathbed? They don't say, 'I wish I'd made more money.' What they say is, 'I wish I'd spent more time with my family and done more for society or my community.'

~David Rubenstein

I think it's a little unfair for people to say you're not paying your fair share of taxes. I'm paying what I'm supposed to pay. Change the law, and I'll pay what I'm supposed to pay.

~David Rubenstein

Do not always say no. If satisfied with the seat in place and not reckless, the next 20 years you will still sit there alone

~David Rubenstein

For me, few things are more compelling than watching a great opera.

~David Rubenstein

Obama had reached out to the business community, they just haven't liked all of his decisions and some of his rhetoric. But generally, I think the administration is quite open and accessible.

~David Rubenstein

My work life is intense. But I love what I do.

~David Rubenstein

I don't really try to get involved politically by giving money to politicians or by saying I'm a Democrat or Republican. Right now, I just view myself as an American.

~David Rubenstein

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