

# Dick Gephardt Quotes

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Issues, Country, Listening, Fighting, Light, War, Order, Needs, White, Cameras,  
Good Energy, Violence*

Democracy is interactive... Its a constant job of information, education, explanation, listening, and interactive communication.

~Dick Gephardt

I'm running for president because I've had enough of the oil barons, the status-quo apologists, the special-interest lobbyists running amok.

~Dick Gephardt

Eventually I foresee voting on the Internet, which will lead to much more direct democracy.

~Dick Gephardt

I hope we can get back to what I call the kitchen table. Everyday issues that people are really worried about and focused on.

~Dick Gephardt

Those who have prospered and profited from life's lottery have a moral obligation to share their good fortune.

~Dick Gephardt

I share the administration's goals in dealing with Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction.

~Dick Gephardt

What we have is two important values in conflict: freedom of speech and our desire for healthy campaigns in a healthy democracy. You can't have both.

~Dick Gephardt

I think it's time we had a president who carried the same life experiences into the White House as most ordinary Americans.

~Dick Gephardt

Every proposal I'm making, every idea I'm advancing has a single,

central purpose: to revive a failing economy and give working Americans the help and security they need.

~Dick Gephardt

I've thought a lot about the world and how George Bush sees the world and it ain't even close.

~Dick Gephardt

I think when everything is finally considered, I'll have a lot of support -- strong support -- not only from labor unions but from working people.

~Dick Gephardt

And the president should be doing more about education than saying, 'Lights, camera, action.'

~Dick Gephardt

When you succeed (with legislation), that feeling is exhilaration. And it takes leadership from a president, which means you meet with members of Congress 24/7 and you talk and you listen.

~Dick Gephardt

Life is the division of human cells, a process which begins at conception.

~Dick Gephardt

If you want to run for president, you better be an athlete. It's 24/7. It never ends. You give up your personal life completely and you have something of a chance to be shot.

~Dick Gephardt

You know, when you're in public life, everything you do is out there. But I am proud to stand on my record.

~Dick Gephardt

Politics is a substitute for violence.

~Dick Gephardt

I was raised in a working class family of Baptist faith, and I went to college on a church scholarship where early teachings were reinforced. Abortion was wrong, I was taught.

~Dick Gephardt

We are all so privileged to be citizens of America, and we all need to be engaged.

~Dick Gephardt

When I'm president, we'll have executive orders to overcome any wrong thing the Supreme Court does tomorrow or any other day

~Dick Gephardt

I've always had good energy; I've always had good health.

~Dick Gephardt

In every issue there are winners and losers, and the losers are plenty. But they have to be willing to grudgingly accept the result. That's the genius of our democracy.

~Dick Gephardt

Our democracy is self-cleansing. If you don't like it, be a candidate, or support a candidate.

~Dick Gephardt

I led the fight for the Clinton health care plan in 1994. We failed. I learned from that experience. What I learned is you can't pass a complicated government-run plan.

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The Department of Education should not be producing paid political advertising for the president, it should be helping us to produce smarter students.

~Dick Gephardt

Politics takes patience, time, listening and endless meetings.

~Dick Gephardt

One of the big mistakes Republicans made with the Contract with America is that they tried to do too much too fast, and people revolted against it.

~Dick Gephardt

I had the honor to meet Nelson Mandela, and I heard him explain his forgiveness of his captors of 27 years by saying hatred and bitterness is destructive - the power is in love and forgiveness.

~Dick Gephardt

Al Gore is a good man. He is a decent, caring man. He listens to his heart and his head. He loves his family.

~Dick Gephardt

The people I'm honored to represent in Missouri and all over the country want leaders to address their kitchen table everyday problems.

~Dick Gephardt

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