

Douglas Wilder Quotes

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There will be those who will tell you that you can't make it because of how you look, because of the way you talk. We all have heard that - I almost listened.

~Douglas Wilder

Slavery is nothing to joke about! And the history of this nation's [the USA's] involvement with slavery is nothing to pass off in a joke.

~Douglas Wilder

What is blackness? Is it the way you talk? Do you got to say, 'Dey this, dey dat.' Or the way you dress? Or is it the forgiving of certain things? What is black enough?

~Douglas Wilder

You don't ever earn a right to stop doing anything if you feel there is an obligation to move in terms of public service.

~Douglas Wilder

Suppose something would happen to the president, who would be in charge? The Vice President. Joe Biden? You have got to be kidding today when you say the Taliban's not our enemy.

~Douglas Wilder

In the class that I teach at one University, I stress that my one-word definition of politics is money. You can't name a subject matter that money doesn't touch.

~Douglas Wilder

My experience politically has always been that one-word definition of politics: money. Keep your eye on the buck. And that tells you where the American people are going to be.

~Douglas Wilder

The first black president will be a politician who is black.

~Douglas Wilder

Certain black leaders would believe that you have to go through their prism: 'If I lay my hand on you, you're OK.' So many people have made a living off of the pimping of race.

~Douglas Wilder

Africa is not a country, but it is a continent like none other. It has that which is elegantly vast or awfully little.

~Douglas Wilder

Many voted in 2008 with the desire to see racism and racists humiliated by having a qualified black man elected president.

~Douglas Wilder

Sept. 11 jolted America out of its second gilded age.

~Douglas Wilder

If both John McCain and Obama were given a sip of truth serum, both would admit they made serious mistakes in choosing running mates in 2008.

~Douglas Wilder

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