

# Edward Kennedy Quotes

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Judging, Government, Children, Country, Political, Real, Commitment, Jobs,  
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I get up very early in the morning. I enjoy the quietness, the stillness, the rawness in the winter and fall. It's a special time.

~Edward Kennedy

As a society, we've learned that we're all better off when everyone is included in the opportunities of this great nation.

~Edward Kennedy

The work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.

~Edward Kennedy

The Constitution does not just protect those whose views we share; it also protects those with whose views we disagree.

~Edward Kennedy

What divides us pales in comparison to what unites us.

~Edward Kennedy

Integrity is the lifeblood of democracy. Deceit is a poison in its veins.

~Edward Kennedy

Do we operate under a system of equal justice under law? Or is there one system for the average citizen and another for the high and mighty?

~Edward Kennedy

For me, a few hours ago, this campaign came to an end. For all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die.

~Edward Kennedy

It's disgraceful that year after year, Congress has bowed to the tobacco lobby and refused to act.

~Edward Kennedy

We were taught never to give up, never to passively accept fate, but to exhaust every last ounce of will and hope in the face of any challenge.

~Edward Kennedy

The Supreme Court must serve as an independent check on abuses by the executive branch and the protector of our liberties, not a cheerleader for an imperial presidency.

~Edward Kennedy

I hope for an America where no president, no public official, no individual will ever be deemed a greater or lesser American because of religious doubt - or religious belief.

~Edward Kennedy

We have known for many years that Saddam Hussein is seeking and developing weapons of mass destruction.

~Edward Kennedy

I hope for an America where the power of faith will always burn brightly, but where no modern inquisition of any kind will ever light the fires of fear, coercion, or angry division.

~Edward Kennedy

The city of Hiroshima stands as more than a monument to massive death and destruction. It stands as a living testament to the necessity for progress toward nuclear disarmament.

~Edward Kennedy

Have faith in yourself and in the future.

~Edward Kennedy

The core values of our constitution are at the heart of our nation's

progress.

~Edward Kennedy

There is no doubt that Saddam Hussein's regime is a serious danger, that he is a tyrant, and that his pursuit of lethal weapons of mass destruction cannot be tolerated. He must be disarmed.

~Edward Kennedy

It's better to send in the Peace Corps than the Marine Corps.

~Edward Kennedy

Frankly, I don't mind not being President. I just mind that someone else is.

~Edward Kennedy

Don't sacrifice your political convictions for the convenience of the hour.

~Edward Kennedy

Democrats may be in the minority in Congress, but we speak for the majority of Americans.

~Edward Kennedy

The tax system is stacked against the average taxpayer.

~Edward Kennedy

Keep your tax-cutting, greedy hands off our medicare

~Edward Kennedy

ur struggle is not with some monarch named George who inherited the crown - although it often seems that way.

~Edward Kennedy

As Justice Sandra Day O'Connor stated, even a state of war is not a

blank check for a president to do whatever he wants.

~Edward Kennedy

If I can leave a single message with the younger generation, it is to lash yourself to the mast, like Ulysses if you must, to escape the siren calls of complacency and indifference.

~Edward Kennedy

Make no mistake about it! There is an organized movement against organized labor and it's called the Bush Administration.

~Edward Kennedy

I don't think you're going to be a success in anything if you think about losing, whether it's in sports or in politics.

~Edward Kennedy

We know the future will outlast all of us, but I believe that all of us will live on in the future we made.

~Edward Kennedy

Dad, I'm in some trouble. There's been an accident and you're going to hear all sorts of things about me from now on. Terrible things.

~Edward Kennedy

If you persevere, stick with it, work at it, you have a real opportunity to achieve. If you do your best and keep a true compass, you'll get there.

~Edward Kennedy

I hate to see a young man get ahead on the basis of a famous family name.

~Edward Kennedy

With Barack Obama, we will turn the page on the old politics of misrepresentation and distortion. With Barack Obama we will close the

book on the old politics of race against race.

~Edward Kennedy

The great adventures which our opponents offer is a voyage into the past. Progress is our heritage, not theirs. What is right for us as Democrats is also the right way for Democrats to win.

~Edward Kennedy

Violence is an admission that one's ideas and goals cannot prevail on their own merits.

~Edward Kennedy

The more our feelings diverge, the more deeply felt they are, the greater is our obligation to grant the sincerity and essential decency of our fellow citizens on the other side.

~Edward Kennedy

Health care is a right, not a privilege.

~Edward Kennedy

Even one justice can advance or reverse the progress of our journey.

~Edward Kennedy

The Republicans are looking after the financial interests of the wealthiest individuals in this country.

~Edward Kennedy

Judges are appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. And it is our duty to ask questions on great issues that matter to the American people and to speak for them.

~Edward Kennedy

It is a moral issue how we are going to treat workers. On these issues, these are moral issues, principled issues, where there aren't

compromises.

~Edward Kennedy

Immigration reforms are always controversial. Our Congress was created to muster political will to answer such challenges. Today we didn't, but tomorrow we will. I yield the floor.

~Edward Kennedy

Will a nominee embrace and uphold the essential meaning of the four words inscribed above the entrance of the Supreme Court building: Equal justice under law?

~Edward Kennedy

Justice Lewis Powell spoke for all of us when he said: Equal justice under law is perhaps the most inspiring idea of our society. It is one of the ends for which our entire legal system exists.

~Edward Kennedy

I had the privilege of chairing Judge Samuel Alito confirmation hearing in 1990. And at that time, he had practiced law for 14 years, but only represented one client, the United States government.

~Edward Kennedy

In decision after decision on the bench, Judge [Samuel] Alito has excused abusive actions by the authorities that intrude on the personal privacy and freedoms of average Americans.

~Edward Kennedy

Shamefully we now learn that Saddam's torture chambers reopened under new management, U.S. management.

~Edward Kennedy

That is a pretty big deal from a commitment standpoint.

~Edward Kennedy

Individual faults and frailties are no excuse to give in - and no exemption from the common obligation to give of ourselves.

~Edward Kennedy

[W]ords are fine, but it has to be what a generation reads into those words.

~Edward Kennedy

We need the breast and the brightest to- umm the best and the brightest.

~Edward Kennedy

I think a child calling for his mother is the most beautiful sound in the world.

~Edward Kennedy

The Republican program is the profit-protection program for the insurance industry It's a bill of goods, it's a bill of wrongs. Ours is a patients' bill of rights.

~Edward Kennedy

I hope for an America where neither fundamentalist nor humanist will be a dirty word, but a fair description of the different ways in which people of good will look at life and into their own souls.

~Edward Kennedy

Democrats would use every tool in our arsenal to ensure that his [Charles Pickering] nomination is rejected again this year.

~Edward Kennedy

I won't yield to anyone about guns in our society. I know enough about it.

~Edward Kennedy



What we have in the United States is not so much a health-care system as a disease-care system.

~Edward Kennedy

The demand of our people in 1980 is not for smaller government or bigger government but for better government.

~Edward Kennedy

Separation of church and state cannot mean an absolute separation between moral principles and political power.

~Edward Kennedy

I have fallen short in my life, but my faith has always brought me home.

~Edward Kennedy

She's a wonderful, wonderful person, and we're looking to a happy and wonderful night - ah, life.

~Edward Kennedy

Floating screw - that's what people used to call me.

~Edward Kennedy

I favor access to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

~Edward Kennedy

We have to respect that any nominee to the Supreme Court would have to defer any comments on any matters which are either before the court or very likely to be before the court.

~Edward Kennedy

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