

# Edward R. Murrow

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A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves.

~Edward R. Murrow

The speed of communications is wondrous to behold. It is also true that speed can multiply the distribution of information that we know to be untrue.

~Edward R. Murrow

I simply cannot accept that there are on every story two equal and logical sides to an argument.

~Edward R. Murrow

No one can terrorize a whole nation, unless we are all his accomplices.

~Edward R. Murrow

We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. When the loyal opposition dies, I think the soul of America dies with it.

~Edward R. Murrow

To be persuasive we must be believable; to be believable we must be credible; credible we must be truthful.

~Edward R. Murrow

We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty.

~Edward R. Murrow

Good night, and good luck.

~Edward R. Murrow

If none of us ever read a book that was "dangerous," had a friend who was "different," or joined an organization that advocated "change," we would all be the kind of people Joe McCarthy wants.

~Edward R. Murrow

Our major obligation is not to mistake slogans for solutions.

~Edward R. Murrow

If radio news is to be regarded as a commodity, only acceptable when saleable, then I don't care what you call it - I say it isn't news.

~Edward R. Murrow

We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason.

~Edward R. Murrow

I have always been on the side of the heretics, against those who burned them, because the heretics so often turned out to be right....Dead, but right.

~Edward R. Murrow

We cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.

~Edward R. Murrow

The only thing that counts is the right to know, to speak, to think - that, and the sanctity of the courts. Otherwise it's not America.

~Edward R. Murrow

Learn your language well and command it well, and you will have the first component to life.

~Edward R. Murrow

The politician in my country seeks votes, affection and respect, in that order...With few notable exceptions, they are simply men who want to be loved.

~Edward R. Murrow

To be credible we must be truthful.

~Edward R. Murrow

A satellite has no conscience.

~Edward R. Murrow

We cannot make good news out of bad practice.

~Edward R. Murrow

Just once in a while, let us exalt the importance of ideas and information.

~Edward R. Murrow

The obscure we see eventually. The completely obvious, it seems, takes longer.

~Edward R. Murrow

Most truths are so naked that people feel sorry for them and cover them up, at least a little bit.

~Edward R. Murrow

The Wright brothers' first flight was not reported in a single newspaper because every rookie reporter knew what could and couldn't be done.

~Edward R. Murrow

Anyone who isn't confused really doesn't understand the situation.

~Edward R. Murrow

Everyone is a prisoner of his own experiences. No one can eliminate prejudices - just recognize them.

~Edward R. Murrow

Difficulty is the excuse history never accepts.

~Edward R. Murrow

We are in the same tent as the clowns and the freaks - that's show business.

~Edward R. Murrow

People say conversation is a lost art; how often I have wished it were.

~Edward R. Murrow

The real crucial link in the international exchange is the last three feet, which is bridged by personal contact, one person talking to another.

~Edward R. Murrow

The best speakers know enough to be scaredâ€”the only difference between the pros and the novices is that the pros have trained the butterflies to fly in formation.

~Edward R. Murrow

Seldom, if ever, has a war ended leaving the victors with such a sense of uncertainty and fear, with such a realization that the future is obscure and that survival is not assured.

~Edward R. Murrow

I was greatly influenced by one of my teachers. She had a zeal not so much for perfection as for steady betterment-she demanded not excellence so much as integrity.

~Edward R. Murrow

The politician is trained in the art of inexactitude. His words tend to be blunt or rounded, because if they have a cutting edge they may later return to wound him.

~Edward R. Murrow

I am frightened by the imbalance, the constant striving to reach the largest possible audience for everything; by the absence of a sustained study of the state of the nation.

~Edward R. Murrow

Speaking of Sir Winston Churchill: He mobilized the English language and sent it into battle.

~Edward R. Murrow

A blur of blinks, taps, jiggles, pivots and shifts ... the body language of a man wishing urgently to be elsewhere.

~Edward R. Murrow

Tuberculosis, starvation, fatigue, and there are many who have no desire to live.

~Edward R. Murrow

We're not descended from fearful men - not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate, and to defend causes that were, for the moment, unpopular.

~Edward R. Murrow

We will not be driven by fear ... if we remember that we are not descended from fearful men.

~Edward R. Murrow

A reporter is always concerned with tomorrow. There's nothing tangible of yesterday. All I can say I've done is agitate the air ten or fifteen minutes and then boom - it's gone.

~Edward R. Murrow

Of this be wary. Honor and fame are often regarded as interchangeable. Both involve an appraisal of the individual. . . but I suggest this difference. Fame is morally neutral.

~Edward R. Murrow

Language is one of the greatest gifts man has devised for himself. It ranks, alongside the discovery of fire and the wheel, as a major influence in making modern man what he is today.

~Edward R. Murrow

Except for those who think in terms of pious platitudes or dogma or narrow prejudice (and those thoughts we aren't interested in), people don't speak their beliefs easily, or publicly.

~Edward R. Murrow

All babies look like Winston Churchill.

~Edward R. Murrow

We are to a large extent an imitative society.

~Edward R. Murrow

The obscure we always see sooner or later; the obvious always seems to take a little longer.

~Edward R. Murrow

Don't be deluded into believing that the titular heads of the networks control what appears on their networks. They all have better taste.

~Edward R. Murrow

Fame is morally neutral.

~Edward R. Murrow

Language is the memory of man. Without it he has no past, a paltry present, and an empty future. With it he can bring his dreams to life.

~Edward R. Murrow

I would like television to produce some itching pills rather than this endless outpouring of tranquilizers.

~Edward R. Murrow

All I can hope to teach my son is to tell the truth and fear no man.

~Edward R. Murrow

I am entirely persuaded that the American public is more reasonable, restrained and more mature than most of our industry's program planners believe.

~Edward R. Murrow

A thing of orchestrated hell-a terrible symphony of light and flame.

~Edward R. Murrow



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