

# Eric Sevareid

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The biggest big business in America is not steel, automobiles, or television. It is the manufacture, refinement and distribution of anxiety.

~Eric Sevareid

Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves.

~Eric Sevareid

Next to power without honor, the most dangerous thing in the world is power without humor.

~Eric Sevareid

The difference between the men and the boys in politics is, and always has been, that the boys want to be something, while the men want to do something.

~Eric Sevareid

Better to trust the man who is frequently in error than the one who is never in doubt.

~Eric Sevareid

The bigger the information media, the less courage and freedom they follow. Bigness means weakness.

~Eric Sevareid

Wisdom is essential in a president, the appearance of wisdom will do in a candidate.

~Eric Sevareid

I'm sort of a pessimist about tomorrow and an optimist about the day after tomorrow.

~Eric Sevareid

The major cause of problems are solutions

~Eric Sevareid

No man was ever more than about nine meals away from crime or suicide.

~Eric Sevareid

You can't know who you are, as a nation or a people, unless you know where you've been.

~Eric Sevareid

Tenacity is a pretty fair substitute for bravery, and the best form of tenacity I know is expressed in a Danish fur trapper's principle: "The next mile is the only one a person really has to make."

~Eric Sevareid

I have never quite grasped the worry about the power of the press. After all, it speaks with a thousand voices, in constant dissonance.

~Eric Sevareid

Brotherhood is not so wild a dream as those, who profit by postponing it, pretend.

~Eric Sevareid

It is only people with a sense of personal responsibility who can help others. It is only people with a sense of personal responsibility who can be helped in a lasting way.

~Eric Sevareid

The five happiest people I have ever met all had this strange little quirk of referring to their jobs as a 'calling.'

~Eric Sevareid

The most distinguished hallmark of the American society is and always has been change.

~Eric Sevareid

Men want power in order to do something. Boys want power in order to be something.

~Eric Sevareid

Consultant: an ordinary guy more than 50 miles from home.

~Eric Sevareid

People, if given the choice between anarchy and dictatorship, will always choose dictatorship because anarchy is the worst dictatorship of all.

~Eric Sevareid

Dealing with network executives is like being nibbled to death by ducks.

~Eric Sevareid

For children, Christmas is anticipation. For adults, Christmas is memory.

~Eric Sevareid

The best way to get thrown out of the columnists' club is to be uncertain about anything whatsoever on this earth.

~Eric Sevareid

Most problems are caused by solutions.

~Eric Sevareid

The chief source of problems is solutions.

~Eric Sevareid

Saints are usually killed by their own people.

~Eric Sevareid

Words themselves become beings, sentences become natural vegetation to be guided by the gardener's hands.

~Eric Sevareid

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