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It was widespread that the politics of Tea Party people would be foreign to Ronald Reagan and they would be seen by him as frivolous and uninformed.

~Eugene Jarecki

Ronald Reagan, whatever his pros and cons were, was a public servant in the end.

~Eugene Jarecki

I have criticisms of Ronald Reagan, but he lives in another universe from the kind of political theater that is represented by people, like Sarah Palin, who aren't really public servants.

~Eugene Jarecki

It is only education and understanding of the past that teaches us not to repeat history.

~Eugene Jarecki

To say that Reagan teaches us that we should be against amnesty for illegal immigrants is to contradict what Reagan himself stood for - that he was in favor of amnesty.

~Eugene Jarecki

You can't have a discussion about politics without mentioning Ronald Reagan.

~Eugene Jarecki

I mean, like a lot of kids growing up in the early seventies, I was fed Dr. Kissinger with my Fruit Loops. He was the Dr. Ruth of American foreign policy, and the model statesman.

~Eugene Jarecki

What was happening was the war on drugs. That was the primary culprit I could see that was getting in the way of black progress.

~Eugene Jarecki

Reagan himself, for much of his life, was devoted against the elites. His antagonism to the Soviet Union is antagonism against oppression by the elites of the many.

~Eugene Jarecki

Ronald Reagan had many fine qualities and he had many shortcomings. He's not the simple, folksy figure that he's often portrayed as.

~Eugene Jarecki

As I was growing up, you know, I'm a white Jewish American born to Holocaust parents. My father fled Nazi Germany in 1939 and my mother's family had fled the czars of Russia before that.

~Eugene Jarecki

Reagan has very significant things to teach us - positive lessons and quite negative lessons.

~Eugene Jarecki

I don't think Reagan is primarily funny, and I don't think he's primarily marvelous; he's complicated.

~Eugene Jarecki

Ronald Reagan felt very great regret about the deficits to which he contributed on his watch.

~Eugene Jarecki

My father left Nazi Germany a year after Dr. Kissinger, and so in my household he was very much an icon. He was a kind of immigrant success story, a refugee success story.

~Eugene Jarecki

There are people who are trying to advance themselves by wrapping themselves in Reagan.

~Eugene Jarecki

If we went back to the imprisonment rate we had in the early '70s, something like four out of five people employed in the prison industry would lose their jobs. That's what you're up against.

~Eugene Jarecki

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