

Eugene McCarthy

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Saying we should keep the two-party system simply because it is working is like saying the Titanic voyage was a success because a few people survived on life-rafts.

~Eugene McCarthy

An efficient bureaucracy is the greatest threat to liberty.

~Eugene McCarthy

We do not need presidents who are bigger than the country, but rather ones who speak for it and support it.

~Eugene McCarthy

As long as the differences and diversities of mankind exist, democracy must allow for compromise, for accommodation, and for the recognition of differences.

~Eugene McCarthy

This is, I say, the time for all good men not to go to the aid of their party, but to come to the aid of their country.

~Eugene McCarthy

Vote against anything introduced with a "re" in it, especially reforms, reorganizations, and recodifications. This usually means going back to something that failed once and is likely to do so again.

~Eugene McCarthy

We don't declare war any more; we declare national defense.

~Eugene McCarthy

Whatever is morally necessary must be made politically possible.

~Eugene McCarthy

It is dangerous for a national candidate to say things that people might remember.

~Eugene McCarthy

Anything said three times in Washington becomes a fact.

~Eugene McCarthy

The only thing that saves us from bureaucracy is its inefficiency.

~Eugene McCarthy

Nixon is the kind of guy who, if you were drowning twenty feet from shore, would throw you a fifteen-foot rope.

~Eugene McCarthy

Remember that the worst accidents occur in the middle of the road.

~Eugene McCarthy

No man could be equipped for the presidency if he has never been tempted by one of the seven cardinal sins.

~Eugene McCarthy

War is indefensible on every grounds, military and economic and diplomatic and also on moral.

~Eugene McCarthy

The polls show that 10 percent of the public are ready to vote for me even though they don't know I'm running. We hope that figure won't drop when they learn I'm in the race.

~Eugene McCarthy

Broken things are powerful."Things about to break are stronger still.The last shot from the brittle bow is truest.

~Eugene McCarthy

Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's

important.

~Eugene McCarthy

You know when I first thought I might have a chance? When I realized that you could go into any bar in the country and insult Lyndon Johnson and nobody would punch you in the nose.

~Eugene McCarthy

Let us pick up again these lost strands and weave them again into the fabric of America, sort out the music from the sounds and again respond to the trumpet and the steady drum.

~Eugene McCarthy

The Senate is the last primitive society in the world. We still worship the elders of the tribe and honor the territorial imperative.

~Eugene McCarthy

The function of liberal Republicans is to shoot the wounded after battle.

~Eugene McCarthy

I'm kind of an accidental instrument, really, through which I hope that the judgment and the will of this nation can be expressed.

~Eugene McCarthy

Have you ever tried to split sawdust?

~Eugene McCarthy

The mortician interviewing the corpses

~Eugene McCarthy

In politics one may remain aloof and become irrelevant or get involved and get corrupted.

~Eugene McCarthy

I would not want to put him in charge of snake control in Ireland.

~Eugene McCarthy

Never say anything in a national campaign that anyone might remember.

~Eugene McCarthy

The difference between Carter and [Ted] Kennedy: Carter has this vague religion which he believes in strongly, while Kennedy has this strong religion which he believes in vaguely.

~Eugene McCarthy

I can still smell the tear gas in the Hilton Hotel.

~Eugene McCarthy

If you're in the penaut business you learn to think small.

~Eugene McCarthy

There is a long-standing tradition in America of scoffing at poets, especially if they show any interest in politics.

~Eugene McCarthy

If any of you are secret poets, the best way to break into print is to run for the presidency.

~Eugene McCarthy

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