

# Evan Davis

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Nice guys finish last, but we get to sleep in.

~Evan Davis

It's not a bad idea to occasionally spend a little time thinking about things you take for granted. Plain everyday things.

~Evan Davis

In principle, there are only three main components of spending that much matter to monetary policy: consumer spending, business investment and exports and trade.

~Evan Davis

We are more likely to cheat if we see others doing so. We tend to conform to accepted norms of reasonable behaviour, rather than adhere to strict rules.

~Evan Davis

Someday we'll look back on this moment and plow into a parked car.

~Evan Davis

If you're not making some mistakes, it probably means you're not trying hard enough.

~Evan Davis

Men don't know much about women. We do know when they're happy. We know when they're crying, and we know when they're pissed off. We just don't know in what order these are gonna come at us.

~Evan Davis

But sometimes it's good to dare yourself to do the unthinkable. And rather than stand in front of an audience with no clothes on, I decided to have a go at stand-up comedy.

~Evan Davis

Being funny, it turns out, is like being a bank. It's a confidence trick. As long as everyone believes in you, you are fine.

~Evan Davis

Reducing every issue to an argument can become stale but it's often a very good way of clarifying issues.

~Evan Davis

What is so striking about Liberia is that in a place where there is so much to be done, I have never seen so many people with nothing to do.

~Evan Davis

What comes with a job as a staff member of the BBC is a certain self-censoring that you get utterly used to. You don't say everything you think. You hold back on some things.

~Evan Davis

It's amazing, if you know what you want to say, how fast it is to write.

~Evan Davis

Mistakes are nothing to be ashamed of.

~Evan Davis

I don't particularly like going on about being gay or making a big thing about it, but I think it's a bit of a pain to be secretive about it.

~Evan Davis

Historically, the British have always been rather wary of grand engineering projects - perhaps understandably, given that many of them have been delivered late and over budget.

~Evan Davis

The key thing about me is that I'm really not very interesting.

~Evan Davis

Personally, I'd like us to have a few more women on the 'Today' programme.

~Evan Davis

We all know that Americans love their statistics - in sport, obviously. And in finance too.

~Evan Davis

The two questions that anyone ever asks me are: 'Are house prices going to go down?' and 'Is it a good time to fix my mortgage rate?'

~Evan Davis

Even the 'Today' programme involves a balance between the worthy-but-heavy items with the worthless-but-entertainingly-light ones.

~Evan Davis

One of the key problems is that the Germans know what they do because everywhere they go there's a 'made in Germany' label on it - they can feel proud of Volkswagens and Audis and Mercedes.

~Evan Davis

It doesn't annoy me but I think of myself as a presenter who is gay, rather than a gay presenter. It's a subtle distinction, but that's how I view it.

~Evan Davis

My instinct is to assume that we consumers are an inconsistent bunch. We like competition if it delivers low prices, but grumble if it delivers the bad news that prices need to go up.

~Evan Davis

For me, the main principle for broadcasters has to be that if people

stand to benefit from an interview, they should be prepared to face some downside as well.

~Evan Davis

I don't want to sound like 'chirpy Evan' who's just bouncing around with his unrealistic views and doesn't understand what's going on.

~Evan Davis

I swing both ways. I can see things from a kind of conservative point of view and from a more socially liberal or left-wing point of view.

~Evan Davis

I actually profoundly think the world's a better place when economics is fairly boring... The more boring the better.

~Evan Davis

Interestingly, human irrationality is a hot topic in economics at the moment. Behavioural economics it's called, on the cusp of economics and psychology.

~Evan Davis

At the BBC we've had plenty of women in good management jobs. It comes and goes but there's been plenty. On air, I think there's quite a bit more we can do.

~Evan Davis

We escaped the last big bursting of a bubble - the dotcom bubble - with a relatively light U.S. recession. On that occasion, the world economy found its way back on track fairly quickly.

~Evan Davis

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