# Francois Hollande Quotes

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### Austerity need not be Europe's fate.

~Francois Hollande

Today, Paris is the capital of the world.

~Francois Hollande

I could have made a fortune in cheeseburgers, but I finally chose politics.

~Francois Hollande

I don't like indecent, unearned wealth. But it is legitimate for an entrepreneur who has created something to make a good living. ~Francois Hollande

If we don't manage to find not just a compromise but a lasting peace agreement, we know perfectly well what the scenario will be. It has a name, it's called war.

~Francois Hollande

There cannot be prosperity without security.

~Francois Hollande

There are tensions abroad where people don't understand our attachment to the freedom of speech, we've seen the protests, and I would say that in France all beliefs are respected.

~Francois Hollande

In front of you I commit myself to serve my country with devotion. ~Francois Hollande

Each country has a soul, and France's soul is equality.

~Francois Hollande

My real adversary has no name, no face, no party. It will never be

elected, yet it governs - the adversary is the world of finance. ~Francois Hollande

To me, it's important to preserve proximity to the people. I wouldn't do anything pretentious, and nothing that hurts the people who voted for me. Triumphalism isn't my thing.

~Francois Hollande

A large country with such outstanding economic performance as Germany cannot forget that it owes some of its success to demand from other European countries.

~Francois Hollande

The German-French friendship is indispensable for Europe. And I will never let myself be carried away to making statements that would change it.

~Francois Hollande

To be influential in tomorrow's world, to defend our values and our development model, France needs Europe and Europe needs France. ~Francois Hollande

As a president I will be like the candidate that I am, a respectful candidate, a rallying candidate, a normal candidate for a normal presidency, at the service of the Republic.

~Francois Hollande

I am attached to the French language. I will defend the ubiquitous use of French.

~Francois Hollande

I won't wait until the end of my term to say I made mistakes at the beginning. That's too late. I will try to adopt the proper behaviour, if the French give me the chance, right from the start.

~Francois Hollande

I want to initiate a change in society in the long term.

~Francois Hollande

Not in the constitution, but I would propose a law to the French parliament that provides for reducing the budget deficit year by year, until we have reached a balanced budget by 2017.

~Francois Hollande

I attach the greatest importance to an amplification of the peace efforts in the Middle East. I would also like to see a greater dialogue between the U.S. and the EU.

~Francois Hollande

What is at stake is preserving our relations with the United States. They should not be changed because of what has happened. But trust has to be restored and reinforced.

~Francois Hollande

There's always a risk when the candidate becomes president: Will he deliver what is expected of him?

~Francois Hollande

During a term in office there are highs and lows, but what counts is that the goal is set as well as the means to achieve it, and the force we put into getting results.

~Francois Hollande

We are a big country, with lots of advantages and history. We are proud to be French. We have to call on patriotism at this time... to ask for an effort in the battle against debt.

Terrorism fuels itself from all kinds of illicit trafficking: drugs, weapons, human beings.

~Francois Hollande

France, after the month of May, will share trust with the current leadership of the United States which, on many subjects, has tended to take useful positions in our view.

~Francois Hollande

That is now my mission: to provide a European vision of growth, employment, prosperity - in one word, our future.

~Francois Hollande

Is France a northern European export powerhouse, or a Mediterranean indebted and dependent economy? Yes to both.

~Francois Hollande

My adversary is the world of finance.

~Francois Hollande

My mission is to put France back on its feet. The priority is employment. Efforts have to be made, but those efforts must be made fairly.

~Francois Hollande

My obligation, if I become president, is to give another direction to Europe than the one that is being forced upon us today.

~Francois Hollande

The transatlantic relationship is vital for both our countries: France will remain a reliable ally of the United States. Nevertheless, ally does not mean aligned.

~Francois Hollande

I know where I'm going and I have told the French. I am sure if hope is

there, we will be able to put France back on its feet to live better in five years than we do today.

~Francois Hollande

I am the president of the youth of France.

~Francois Hollande

Nothing was given to me, nothing was entrusted to me, nothing was assigned to me. Everything I have, I took by right.

~Francois Hollande

My goal is to put France back on its feet. I have to put this country back on its feet.

~Francois Hollande

I would like a UK fully engaged in Europe, but I can't decide in place of the British. I see that for the moment they want to be more in retreat. ~Francois Hollande

Mitterrand had a sense for symbols, and he was the first Socialist president since 1958. He wanted to show that there is historical continuity, a connection with the great figures of French history. ~Francois Hollande

If I become president, France will not continue with the same policies as under Nicolas Sarkozy - both in domestic policy and in foreign and European policy.

~Francois Hollande

Nicolas Sarkozy said he could see a wave rising. For once he was right. The wave's coming; it's high, its strong, and it's going to smack him in the face.

We are near, very near, to an end to the eurozone crisis... The worst in the sense of the fear of the eurozone breaking up - is over. But the best isn't there yet.

~Francois Hollande

I am for a clear distinction between public and private life. I believe private matters should be regulated in private and I have asked those close to me to respect this.

~Francois Hollande

Symbols mean a lot in politics. They indicate a will and create new realities.

~Francois Hollande

Germany and France are pinning their hopes on young people, in terms of education, science and innovation.

~Francois Hollande

I'm not a lukewarm European. I know that the German-French friendship is indispensable, no matter who the countries' leaders are. ~Francois Hollande

No one imposes things on anyone in Europe. That's not my notion, nor is it my temperament. The EU has always functioned under the banner of respect, equilibrium and trust.

~Francois Hollande

There is just one France... one single nation, united in the same destiny.

~Francois Hollande

#### We have chased away the clouds, the sky is all 'rose.'

Mandela's message will never die. It will continue to inspire freedom fighters and give confidence to people who defend just causes and universal rights.

~Francois Hollande

I am proud to have been capable of giving people hope again.

~Francois Hollande

I gave myself an objective, to be the second president from Correze and finally to be the successor to Francois Mitterrand.

~Francois Hollande

An education program is, by definition, a societal program. Work should be done at school, rather than at home.

~Francois Hollande

I don't want to leave my successor and my children to pay for France's debt.

~Francois Hollande

I'm going to gather all the French people who want change.

~Francois Hollande

In an election, one needs both hope and audacity.

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