

# George Ayittey

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The solutions to Africa's problems lie in Africa, not in Live Aid concerts.

~George Ayittey

The 'Cheetah Generation' refers to the new and angry generation of young African graduates and professionals, who look at African issues and problems from a totally different and unique perspective.

~George Ayittey

African history is filled with experiences of people shooting their way to power and then splintering into factions, like in Somalia and Liberia.

~George Ayittey

Personally, I regard myself as an intellectual 'rebel,' kicking against the 'old colonialism-imperialism paradigm' which has landed Africa in a conundrum.

~George Ayittey

Traditionally, Africans hate governments. They hate tyranny.

~George Ayittey

Getting rid of the dictator is only a first step in establishing a free society. The dictatorship must also be disassembled.

~George Ayittey

Africa is poor because she is not free.

~George Ayittey

Africa's salvation doesn't lie in begging and begging for more aid, and as an African, I find it very, very humiliating.

~George Ayittey

In the West, the basic economic and social unit is the individual; in Africa, it is the extended family or the collective.

~George Ayittey

If NATO goes in and solves the crisis in Darfur, when the next one comes along Africa's leaders will just sit back.

~George Ayittey

The election of Senator Barack Obama brought jubilation across Africa, where millions celebrated him as 'one of their own.'

~George Ayittey

There was free trade in Africa. There was free enterprise in Africa before the colonialists came.

~George Ayittey

Virtually all of Africa's civil wars were started by politically marginalized or excluded groups.

~George Ayittey

Socialism is always wrong.

~George Ayittey

When Uganda got debt relief in 1999, the first item President Museveni bought was a presidential jacket for himself.

~George Ayittey

Look at the history of peace accords in Africa. They have a terrible record. They are shredded even before the ink on them is dry.

~George Ayittey

In a banana republic, one might slip on a banana peel but things do work - now and then for the people, albeit inefficiently and unreliably.

~George Ayittey

Back in the 1960s Africa not only fed itself, it also exported food. Not anymore.

~George Ayittey

Western-style multi-party democracy is possible but not suitable for Africa.

~George Ayittey

The only good dictator is a dead one.

~George Ayittey

What Africa needs to do is to grow, to grow out of debt.

~George Ayittey

Radio is the death and life of Africa.

~George Ayittey

Africa has more dictators per capita than any other continent.

~George Ayittey

Hippos kill more people in Africa annually than any other wild animal.

~George Ayittey

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