

# George Lakoff

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The mind is inherently embodied. Thought is mostly unconscious. Abstract concepts are largely metaphorical.

~George Lakoff

Unless you frame yourself, others will frame you â€” the media, your enemies, your competitors, your well-meaning friends.

~George Lakoff

Our concepts structure what we perceive, how we get around in the world and how we relate to other people. Our conceptual system thus plays a central role in defining our everyday realities.

~George Lakoff

The essence of metaphor is understanding and experiencing one kind of thing in terms of another.

~George Lakoff

The Public provides freedom...Individualism begins after the roads are built, after individualists have had an education, after medical research has cured their diseases.

~George Lakoff

Most conservatives are conservatives because they think they are morally correct.

~George Lakoff

If we are to know ourselves, philosophy needs to maintain an ongoing dialogue with the sciences of mind.

~George Lakoff

You can't understand Twenty-first-Century Politics with an Eighteenth-Century Brain.

~George Lakoff

For real human beings, the only realism is an embodied realism.

~George Lakoff

One of the reasons that politics lets us down is that we keep comparing it to our ideal narratives, to politics on TV or in the movies, which is tidier and better fits such structures.

~George Lakoff

We categorize as we do because we have the brains and bodies we have and because we interact in the world as we do.

~George Lakoff

We know that someone who has channeled his anger into something constructive has not had a cow. How do we know these things?

~George Lakoff

Science is fundamentally a moral enterprise, following the moral imperative to seek the truth.

~George Lakoff

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