

# George Osborne Quotes

*People, Country, Thinking, World, Want, Government, Cutting, Party, Debt,  
Economy, Hard Work, Believe, Looks, Order, Needs, Support, Done, Should,  
Rich, Britain*

Printing money is the last resort of desperate governments when all other policies have failed.

~George Osborne

The positive news is that the British economy is continuing to grow and is creating jobs. And it is positive news too that at a time of real international instability we are a safe haven in the storm.

~George Osborne

Well look, no one takes pleasure from people making money out of the misery of others, but that is a function of capitalist markets.

~George Osborne

Tax cuts should be for life, not just for Christmas.

~George Osborne

I think the British people have a strong sense of what is fair.

~George Osborne

A generous basic state pension is the least a civilized society should offer those who have worked hard and saved through their whole lives.

~George Osborne

We will also target tax evasion and off-shore tax havens... Everyone must pay their share.

~George Osborne

Just as we should never balance the budget on the backs of the poor, so it is an economic delusion to think you can balance it only on the wallets of the rich.

~George Osborne

I did meet Mickey Mouse in California, and he seems to be writing the Labour party's economic policy at the moment.

~George Osborne

Let's also teach people about pensions and savings, insurance and the like. But if they aren't already familiar with numbers that won't be as effective as it might be.

~George Osborne

What makes people angry and we are on the side of hard-working people who want to get on in life and they see how government is wasting their money.

~George Osborne

The Conservative Party mustn't sound like the old man on the park bench who says things were better in 1985, or 1955, or 1855.

~George Osborne

The British people think that if someone is disabled, then they should get all the care and support that we can offer.

~George Osborne

Well British pension funds have not been investing the savings of British people in British infrastructure.

~George Osborne

I support gay marriage. I support gay marriage because I believe Conservatives support the institutions of commitment.

~George Osborne

If we don't get a grip on government spending, there will be no growth.

~George Osborne

I want to see genuine talent rewarded.

~George Osborne

Britain needs a simpler tax system which is simple to understand, where there are no loop-holes, where the very rich do not avoid tax by employing expensive accountants

~George Osborne

I get a lot of letters from people.

~George Osborne

Autism is a very serious condition.

~George Osborne

I understand the damage the expenses crisis has done to Parliament, and the paramount importance of restoring trust in our politics.

~George Osborne

If you're looking for ways to cut waste in government, you can start with John Prescott.

~George Osborne

Britain has no divine right to be one of the richest countries in the world.

~George Osborne

Everyone in our society has had to make a contribution towards dealing with the debts.

~George Osborne

You cannot tackle Britain's debts without tackling the unreformed welfare system.

~George Osborne

The foundations of a strong economy don't rest alone on the decisions of Chancellors or the spending programmes of government.

~George Osborne

Of all the public services, education is the one I'm most interested in. You get a more dynamic economy, you deal with most social problems, and it's morally right.

~George Osborne

There is a big problem. The problem is the country borrowed too much. We went on a borrowing binge, there was a housing boom. You want to help people de-leverage and deal with those debts over time.

~George Osborne

I think you can look at the British economy with confidence.

~George Osborne

I find China such a fascinating and interesting country. Each time I come back something has changed and it's moved on in leaps and bounds.

~George Osborne

No other chancellor in the long history of the office has felt the need to pass a law in order to convince people he has the political will to implement his own Budget.

~George Osborne

British taxpayers should not bear the costs of problems in the Eurozone.

~George Osborne

Each time I come it's amazing to watch the development of this incredible country [China].

~George Osborne

Britain is China's best partner in the West.

~George Osborne

We need a coalition in this country. A coalition of change. People who have had enough of this.

~George Osborne

The Conservative party, the modern Conservative party, is on the side of people who want to work hard and get on.

~George Osborne

I very much support financial education in schools.

~George Osborne

There are those who are trying to create an anti-business culture in Britain - and we have to stop them. At stake are not pay packages for a few but jobs and prosperity for the many.

~George Osborne

We want people to have a stake in the British economy so I am in favour of actually encouraging people to have small shareholdings and feel they've got a stake in our economic future.

~George Osborne

We support the auto-enrolment but we have our doubts about the way the National Pension Scheme is going to be structured.

~George Osborne

The rise in world oil prices has been larger than anyone forecast.

~George Osborne

Even a China growing at 7% or indeed less is still adding to the world economy an economy equivalent to the UK or more.

~George Osborne

Cutting budget deficits can never be just an exercise in economics.

~George Osborne

If you want to change the way your banking system is regulated, if you want to learn the mistakes of what's gone wrong, then you have to change your government.

~George Osborne

We need to think deeply about whether we can sustain banks that are not only too big to fail, but potentially too big to bail.

~George Osborne

We have supported the banks, they should be supporting the economy now.

~George Osborne

There are plenty of people who don't want change - the Labour Party, some of their militant trade union friends like Unite busy causing strikes at the very beginning of a fragile recovery.

~George Osborne

One big theme for me is that we have got to move from an economy built on debt to one where we save and invest in the future.

~George Osborne

Why don't we save and invest in our future and start making the things that millions of Chinese consumers are going to want in the future.

~George Osborne

Well you know I've attracted a lot of criticism by, for example, suggesting that child benefit should be taken away from higher rate taxpaying families.

~George Osborne

I would say I have taken substantive action to make things easier for people.

~George Osborne

Britain wants the single currency to be a success. It is massively in our interests that we have a stable financial system on our doorstep.

~George Osborne

You know the illusion of the cheap money is over and now Britain has to go out there and graft and earn its way and create wealth and prosperity in a very competitive world.

~George Osborne

Britain should not be forced to make a choice between joining the single currency and leaving the EU, because if we're forced to make that choice we would leave the EU.

~George Osborne

I want Britain to be the home of successful competitive and stable financial services.

~George Osborne

China is absolutely one of the biggest players in the world and if Britain wants to be connected to the world it has to be connected to China.

~George Osborne

Every day as Chancellor I see alerts telling me of risks around the world.

~George Osborne

I believe in public services.

~George Osborne

For example at the moment there is a compulsory requirement to buy an annuity. That is something we would get rid of. It puts some people off saving.

~George Osborne



I want Britain to be a global financial centre but I want it to be properly regulated.

~George Osborne

There are those people who don't want change. Well there needs to be a coalition for change amongst the hard-working mainstream majority of the country to crack on and sort out Britain's problems.

~George Osborne

I believe that I'm entitled to regard my pre-political life as off-limits in terms of what can be looked at and judged.

~George Osborne

I didn't come from a traditional Tory background; it was urban and metropolitan.

~George Osborne

We have to be pretty tough with mortgage companies and say you have got to give people the chance to work out their debts, sort out future mortgages.

~George Osborne

Believe me, I understand that most higher rate taxpayers are not the super-rich.

~George Osborne

[Banks] have a clear obligation to help get this country off its addiction to debt because they sure as hell helped to get this country addicted to debt.

~George Osborne

We can help people. We have got to move this economy from its over-dependence on debt. People should have manageable debts, a manageable mortgage.

~George Osborne

I have done everything I can to move Britain out of the financial danger zone.

~George Osborne

I'm fed up with Britain being condemned to this future where we borrow the Chinese in order to buy from the Chinese the things that they make for us.

~George Osborne

I reject absolutely the idea that people should know their place, and know their class.

~George Osborne

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