

# Gunnar Myrdal

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It is in the Agricultural Sector That the Battle for Long- Term Economic Development Will Be Won or Lost.

~Gunnar Myrdal

The big majority of Americans, who are comparatively well-off, have developed an ability to have enclaves of people living in the greatest misery almost without noticing them.

~Gunnar Myrdal

So many social changes are as irreversible as the reaction when sodium is thrown into water.

~Gunnar Myrdal

Correlations are not explanations and besides, they can be as spurious as the high correlation in Finland between foxes killed and divorces.

~Gunnar Myrdal

Social taboos are shy like virtue; once lost, there is no remedy

~Gunnar Myrdal

America is conservative in fundamental principles... but the principles conserved are liberal and some, indeed, are radical.

~Gunnar Myrdal

As a forecaster, Marx shared the common destiny of all prophets: to be belied by events.

~Gunnar Myrdal

The short-term international capital market is shrunken and erratic, and cannot be relied upon to cushion the effects of tendencies to disequilibrium in the balance of payments.

~Gunnar Myrdal

Language, as we know, is full of illogicalities.

~Gunnar Myrdal

Education has in America's whole history been the major hope for improving the individual and society.

~Gunnar Myrdal

It is no accident that the Victorian age, the heyday of conventionalism, was the cultural bloom of economic liberalism.

~Gunnar Myrdal

Rent control has in certain Western countries constituted, maybe, the worst example of poor planning by Governments lacking courage and vision.

~Gunnar Myrdal

It is natural for the ordinary American when he sees something wrong to feel not only that there should be a law against it but, also that an organization should be formed to combat it.

~Gunnar Myrdal

All sudden and violent changes, whatever their causes or character, must tend to decrease the respect for status quo as a natural order of things.

~Gunnar Myrdal

America has had gifted conservative statesmen and national leaders. But with few exceptions, only the liberals have gone down in history as national heroes.

~Gunnar Myrdal

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