

Harry Frankfurt

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Bullshit is a greater enemy of the truth than lies are.

~Harry Frankfurt

One of the most salient features of our culture is that there is so much bullshit.

~Harry Frankfurt

It is impossible for someone to lie unless he thinks he knows the truth. Producing bullshit requires no such conviction.

~Harry Frankfurt

Bullshit is unavoidable whenever circumstance require someone to talk without knowing what he is talking about.

~Harry Frankfurt

I was raised in Brooklyn and in Baltimore. My father was a bookkeeper. When I was 36 years old, my mother told me I was adopted.

~Harry Frankfurt

It is impossible for someone to lie unless he thinks he knows the truth. A person who lies is thereby responding to the truth, and he is to that extent respectful of it.

~Harry Frankfurt

It is only because a person has volitions of the second order that he is capable both of enjoying and of lacking freedom of the will.

~Harry Frankfurt

I used to teach at Yale, which was at one time a center of postmodernist literary theory. Derrida was there. Paul de Man was there.

~Harry Frankfurt

As a philosopher, I'm not obliged to explore every unknown wilderness.

~Harry Frankfurt

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