

Helen Suzman Quotes

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My own electorate, which I represented for 36 years as an anti-apartheid politician, had a considerable number of Jewish voters supporting me throughout my career.

~Helen Suzman

I stand for simple justice, equal opportunity and human rights. The indispensable elements in a democratic society - and well worth fighting for.

~Helen Suzman

I can say unequivocally that the boycott does not work. It's never complete enough to have impact unless it's backed by force, and I don't think anybody in America seriously proposes that.

~Helen Suzman

I am provocative, and I admit this. It isn't as if I'm only on the receiving end, a poor, frail little creature. I can be thoroughly nasty when I get going, and I don't pull my punches.

~Helen Suzman

The immediate present belongs to the extremists, but the future belongs to the moderates.

~Helen Suzman

When you teach, you learn." "And I really don't go for religions of any kind. ...I reject them all....There were principles I thought were very important.

~Helen Suzman

All these stories are grist to the mill of the government because they build up a very useful war psychosis.

~Helen Suzman

It is not my questions that embarrass South Africa - it is your answers.

~Helen Suzman

It is the answers, not the questions, that are embarrassing.

~Helen Suzman

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Debate is almost non-existent and no one is apparently accountable to anybody apart from their political party bosses. It is bad news for democracy in this country.

~Helen Suzman

[To the South African parliament:] I do not know why we equate - and with the examples before us - a white skin with civilization.

~Helen Suzman

I used to be a fan of proportional representation, but I am not at all now I have seen it in action.

~Helen Suzman

The employment laws are completely unrealistic. You cannot overcome that in only 10 years. It will take at least another generation before young people are properly qualified.

~Helen Suzman

It is increasingly hard for young white people to find jobs, and I can understand why white parents are worried about the future.

~Helen Suzman

This country is armed to the teeth, and none of these African states could begin to attack South Africa.

~Helen Suzman

Sometimes I manage to get conditions alleviated, often not.

~Helen Suzman

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