

Hubert H. Humphrey Quotes

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The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Today we know that World War II began not in 1939 or 1941 but in the 1920's and 1930's when those who should have known better persuaded themselves that they were not their brother's keeper.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The difference between hearsay and prophecy is often one of sequence. Hearsay often turns out to have been prophecy.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

A politician never forgets the precarious nature of elective life. We have never established a practice of tenure in public office.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The time has arrived in America for the Democratic Party to get out of the shadows of states rights and walk forthrightly into the bright sunshine of human rights

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The moral test of a society is how that society treats those who are in the dawn of life: the children; ... the elderly.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

I learned more about the economy from one South Dakota dust storm that I did in all my years of college.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

My favorite sandwich is peanut butter, baloney, cheddar cheese, lettuce, and mayonnaise on toasted bread with catsup on the side.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Compassion is not weakness, and concern for the unfortunate is not

socialism.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

It is not what they take away from you that counts. It's what you do with what you have left.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

There is no such thing as an acceptable level of unemployment, because hunger is not acceptable, poverty is not acceptable, poor health is not acceptable, and a ruined life is not acceptable.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The way we treat our children in the dawn of their lives and the way we treat our elderly in the twilight of their lives is a measure of the quality of a nation.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Behind every successful man is a proud wife and a surprised mother-in-law.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Never give in and never give up.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

When we say, 'One nation under God, with liberty and justice for all', we are talking about all people. We either ought to believe it or quit saying

it .

~Hubert H. Humphrey

To err is human. To blame someone else is politics.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The good old days were never that good, believe me. The good new days are today, and better days are coming tomorrow. Our greatest songs are still unsung.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

When the dignity of one person is denied, all of us are denied.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

I believe that each of us can make a difference. That what is wrong can be made right. That people possess the basic wisdom and goodness to govern themselves without conflict.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Liberalism, above all, means emancipation - emancipation from one's fears, his inadequacies, from prejudice, from discrimination, from poverty.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

We are in danger of making our cities places where business goes on but where life, in its real sense, is lost.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

There are those who say to you - we are rushing this issue of civil rights. I say we are 172 years late.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

This, then, is the test we must set for ourselves; not to march alone but to march in such a way that others will wish to join us.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The ugliness of bigotry stands in direct contradiction to the very meaning of America.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Equality means equality for all - no exceptions, no 'yes, buts', no asterisked footnotes imposing limits.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Peace of mind is another way of saying that you've learned how to love, that you have come to appreciate the importance of giving love in order to be worthy of receiving it.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Never give up on anybody.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The essence of statesmanship is not a rigid adherence to the past, but a prudent and probing concern for the future.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The measure of a civilization is how it treats those at the dawn of life, the margins of life and the twilight of life.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Never answer a question from a farmer.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The Senate is a place filled with goodwill and good intentions, and if the

road to hell is paved with them, then it's a pretty good detour.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The President is the peoples lobbyist.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

There is a lot of difference between failure and defeat. Failure is when you are defeated and neither learn nor contribute anything.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Peace is not passive, it is active. Peace is not appeasement, it is strength. Peace does not 'happen,' it requires work.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Life's unfairness is not irrevocable; we can help balance the scales for others, if not always for ourselves.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Unfortunately, our affluent society has also been an effluent society.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

National isolation breeds national neurosis.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

In real life, unlike in Shakespeare, the sweetness of the rose depends upon the name it bears. Things are not only what they are. They are, in very important respects, what they seem to be.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

What we need are critical lovers of America - patriots who express their faith in their country by working to improve it.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Certainly one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any

government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of citizens to keep and bear arms.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

My philosophy has always been that benefits should percolate up rather than trickle down.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Each child is an adventure into a better life - an opportunity to change the old pattern and make it new.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Just be what you are and speak from your guts and heart - it's all a person has.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

More progress results from the violent execution of an imperfect plan than the perfection of a plan to violently execute.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

You can always debate about what you should have done. The question is what are you going to do?

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The gap between the rich and the poor is the most dangerous threat to world peace we have.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Foreign policy is really domestic policy with its hat on.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

If I believe in something, I will fight for it, with all I have. But I do not demand all or nothing. I would rather get something than nothing.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

We can not expect to breed respect for law and order among people who do not share the fruits of our freedom.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

It is not enough to merely defend democracy. To defend it may be to lose it; to extend it is to strengthen it. Democracy is not property; it is an idea.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

There is in every American, I think, something of the old Daniel Boone - who, when he could see the smoke from another chimney, felt himself too crowded and moved further out into the wilderness.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Leadership in today's world requires far more than a large stock of gunboats and a hard fist at the conference table.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Freedom is the most contagious virus known to man.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Propaganda, to be effective, must be believed. To be believed, it must be credible. To be credible, it must be true.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The pursuit of peace resembles the building of a great cathedral. It is the work of a generation. In concept it requires a mater-architect; in execution, the labors of many.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

What you do, what each of us does, has an effect on the country, the state, the nation, and the world.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

There are not enough jails, not enough police, not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

For the first time in the history of mankind, one generation literally has the power to destroy the past, the present and the future, the power to bring time to an end.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

There can be no compromise on the right of personal security; there can be no compromise on securing of human rights.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

None of us would trade freedom of expression for the narrowness of the public censor. America is a free market for people who have something to say, and need not fear to say it.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

I have seen in the Halls of Congress more idealism, more humanness, more compassion, more profiles of courage than in any other institution that I have ever known.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

We need an America with the wisdom of experience. But we must not let America grow old in spirit.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

You can't hoot with the owls and then soar with the eagles

~Hubert H. Humphrey

American public opinion is like an ocean, it cannot be stirred by a teaspoon.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Though everyone has an equal right to speak, not all have earned an equal right to be taken seriously.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

There are incalculable resources in the human spirit, once it has been set free.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Asia is rich in people, rich in culture and rich in resources. It is also rich in trouble.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

It is always a risk to speak to the press: they are likely to report what you say.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

To be realistic today is to be visionary. To be realistic is to be starry-eyed.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Profit and morality are a hard combination to beat.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The President has only 190 million bosses. The Vice President has 190 million and one.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

In this time of national crises...perhaps we would do well to spend a few minutes in considering projects which grace and embellish the earth, instead of shaking it.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The leadership for civil rights has to take place in the White House or it is going to take place in the streets.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

We live by hope. We do not ever get all we want when we want it. But we have to believe that someday, somehow, some way, it will be better and that we can make it so.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

What do we want for people? Human dignity, personal expression and fulfillment, justice, freedom.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Hubert Humphrey with kids "Be clear where America stands. Human brotherhood and equal opportunity for every man, woman, and child, we are committed to it, in America and around the world."

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Our greatest songs are still unsung.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

It is better to gain a foot than to stand still, even when you seek to gain a mile.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

I do not feel that we should allow a shortage of funds to prevent cities from financing needed projects.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

I am absolutely disgusted that anyone would put thousands of America's boys at risk just to win a Political Campaign.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

In life it isn't what you've lost, it's what you've got left that counts

~Hubert H. Humphrey

This is the first generation in all of recorded history that can do something about the scourge of poverty. We have the means to do it. We can banish hunger from the face of the earth.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Here we are the way politics ought to be in America; the politics of happiness, the politics of purpose and the politics of joy.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

I've never thought my speeches were too long; I've rather enjoyed them.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

We will be remembered not for the power of our weapons but for the power of our compassion, our dedication to human welfare.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

The road to freedom, here and everywhere, begins in the classroom.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

Until racial justice and freedom is a reality in this land, our union will remain profoundly imperfect.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

In the minds and hearts of the American people, there is a great hunger for peace based on a universal recognition of the values of freedom and human dignity.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

We will have to decide today whether we will design the future or resign ourselves to it.

~Hubert H. Humphrey

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