

# Jacques Delors

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...within ten years 80% of our economic legislation, perhaps even fiscal and social as well' would come from the EU.

~Jacques Delors

We will have to create an avant-garde.... We could have a Union for the enlarged Europe, and a Federation for the avant-garde.

~Jacques Delors

The European model is in danger if we obliterate the principle of personal responsibility.

~Jacques Delors

The European model is, first, a social and economic system founded on the role of the market, for no computer in the world can process information better than the market.

~Jacques Delors

This weakening is worsened by the widening distance between the governed and their governments.

~Jacques Delors

The unions may continue to decline, but if they do, it'll be their fault.

~Jacques Delors

I cannot resign myself to the decline of Europe, and of France.

~Jacques Delors

For me, socialism has always been about liberty and solidarity, but also about responsibility.

~Jacques Delors

Cinema explains American society. It's like a Western, with good guys and bad guys, where the weak don't have a place.

~Jacques Delors

The driving force behind the liberal counter-offensive in Europe has been a reaction against irresponsibility.

~Jacques Delors

Therefore one should speak at the same time of national citizenship and wider European citizenship.

~Jacques Delors

My problem is how to find the best way of being useful.

~Jacques Delors

This desire for equity must not lead to an excess of welfare, where nobody is responsible for anything.

~Jacques Delors

Even in Britain, the trade unions tell me that employment contracts have less protection than in the past.

~Jacques Delors

I would not be opposed to devising a new system of pensions, in which one part was based on collective provision, but which also gave incentives for people to take out an additional, personal plan.

~Jacques Delors

If you don't have collective agreements between unions and employers, governments have to legislate more.

~Jacques Delors

We have to struggle against the conservatives from all sides, not only the right-wingers, but also the left-wing conservatives who don't want to change anything.

~Jacques Delors

These days there are not enough of such intermediary groups, between

the state and the individual, with the result that political leaders are often unduly guided by opinion polls.

~Jacques Delors

The unions still have a job to do, representing their members' interests to governments and parliaments. And I think collective agreements still have a role, alongside markets and laws.

~Jacques Delors

Yes, the European model remains superior to that of America and Japan.

~Jacques Delors

Any union that can't accept workers choosing their own representatives through universal franchise is finished.

~Jacques Delors

Fundamentally, American society is composed of individuals who don't go out of their way to do each other favours.

~Jacques Delors

Contrary to what people say, my wife never turned me away from the presidency. She told me to reflect on it and do what I wanted.

~Jacques Delors

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