

James Q. Wilson Quotes

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Way, Believe, Views, Self, Family, Expression, Police, Character, Government,
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Four innate sentiments dispose people to a universal moral sense. These are sympathy, fairness, self-control and duty.

~James Q. Wilson

One unrepaired broken window is a signal that no one cares, and so breaking more windows costs nothing.

~James Q. Wilson

In terms of other functions, we are making a mistake about insisting on a public school monopoly.

~James Q. Wilson

A government without the power of defense! It is a solecism.

~James Q. Wilson

But no one has yet succeeded in reducing the size or scope of the federal government

~James Q. Wilson

Public order is a fragile thing, and if you don't fix the first broken window, soon all the windows will be broken.

~James Q. Wilson

I believe that the high rates of property crime (and some of the increase in violent crime) are part of the price you pay for freedom.

~James Q. Wilson

Crime is the price society pays for abandoning character.

~James Q. Wilson

What most needs explanation is not why some people are criminals, but why most people are not.

~James Q. Wilson

I believe we ought to subsidize some health care for the poor, but Medicare subsidizes everyone's health care

~James Q. Wilson

I will have an administrative system where there is no way to extricate red tape.

~James Q. Wilson

There aren't any liberals left in New York. They've all been mugged by now.

~James Q. Wilson

Character is not the enemy of self-expression and personal freedom, it is their necessary precondition.

~James Q. Wilson

There are no more liberals Theyve all been mugged.

~James Q. Wilson

In the long run, the public interest depends on private virtue.

~James Q. Wilson

There is no way the American public will sit still for the banning of or putting any significant restrictions on the kinds of guns they want.

~James Q. Wilson

Boys are more likely to develop a masculine personality and acquire strong moral standards when they have a loving and nurturant rather than a threatening or fear-inspiring father.

~James Q. Wilson

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