

Jean-Claude Juncker

Quotes

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When the going gets tough, you have to lie.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

When it becomes serious, you have to lie.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I'm ready to be insulted as being insufficiently democratic, but I want to be serious ... I am for secret, dark debates.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I believe neither the French nor the Dutch really rejected the constitutional treaty.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I notice with a certain sense of regret that far too many Europeans are returning to a regional and national mindset.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Decisions can only be reached in Europe if France and Germany agree.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

It is not acceptable that European Union countries are divided into those who give and those who take.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I am chilled by the realization of how similar circumstances in Europe in 2013 are to those of 100 years ago.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

It is not more Europe or less Europe that we need. We need a better Europe.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

It's important to recognize that we in Europe will either succeed together or fail together.

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We must go back to teach Europeans to love Europe.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I'm convinced that, in the long term, a monetary union includes a joint debt policy under strict, mutually agreed upon conditions.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

You can't deepen the European Union against the wishes of the European countries.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

You can consider this carved in stone: I rule out becoming Herman Van Rompuy's successor.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Article 50 governs the exit from the European Union and here there can also be no renegotiation.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

God understands more about the financial markets than many who write about them.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The person who is ahead in the end will have the advantage.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The will of the British people must now be put into effect as quickly as

possible. Under Article 50 of the EU Treaty the UK must leave the European Union within two years at the latest.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Anyone who believes that the eternal question of war and peace in Europe is no longer there risks being deeply mistaken.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I have another explanation [of Brexit]: In its 43 years of EU membership, Britain has never been able to decide whether it wants to fully or only partially belong to the EU.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

For my generation, the monetary union has always been about forging peace.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

My main concern is to protect people from detriment.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

After 30 years in Brussels, I can tell you: The relationship between the Commission and the Parliament has probably never been as good as it is now.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I'm not deaf and the Commission isn't operating in a parallel world of legal texts.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Greece is not a country that can be humiliated. It is a matter of finding an intersection between the reasonable elements of both sides [EU and Greece] which has to be done.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

We no longer have the pact from 1997; it was radically amended in 2005 and the Commission is applying this Stability Pact with wisdom and rationality.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Stories are invented: Juncker wants to introduce the euro everywhere or immediately deepen the EU - although I publicly stated the opposite that same day.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The European family may well be anything but perfect.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

You can't have euro bonds without more interconnection among the national budget policies.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

It is always said that Europe is a project of the elite. That's incorrect.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

We do not attract Russian money to Luxembourg with high interest rates.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The problem is: When two governments or institutions in Europe hold differing opinions, it is immediately a crisis.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

In politics, there are different categories of friendship. My friendship with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, for example .

~Jean-Claude Juncker

In the highest government office, you have to be ready to bow out at any time, otherwise you are not a free individual anymore.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

We can't completely rely on the aberrations of history to explain today's European necessities. Future-related issues are no less pressing.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I urge everyone to be patient and reasonable and I warn against shooting from the hip in the truest sense of the term. Pressure and dialogue are needed.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The use of EU summits to frame political victories or defeats is an annoying habit.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

There can be no doubt that, with the United Kingdom, we will lose a very market-oriented voice.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Europe is a democracy and differences of opinion are part of it.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The Luxembourg financial centre is based on several pillars, we are characterised by the breadth of our product range, we are an active participant in the international credit business.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I don't think Spain will need any kind of external support.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

With their charm and legendary sense of humor, the British directly or indirectly paved the way for a large number of European compromises.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The Greek nation has to be respected. I am not in the camp of those who openly want to humiliate Greece.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

My friendship with Martin [Schulz], by contrast, is completely different in that it goes far beyond politics.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Yesterday's shining heroes of Brexit have become the sorrowful heroes of today.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I'm always quite amazed that people in Europe become unnerved when two institutions or two people have different views.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I said in my inaugural address that I am not the Council's secretary, nor am I the Parliament's lackey. That can sometimes lead to conflicts, which are defused through dialogue.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I am in favor of the European institutions being led for the next two-and-a-half years as they have been thus far. We need stability.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

With hindsight, it is always easy to blame everyone else.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

From the very beginning Europe has been not only a success story but also a story of success achieved by learning.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The good thing about the European Union is that the joint project ultimately benefits all Member States and not just a few.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

The European Union has decades of experience in overcoming crises and has always emerged stronger after.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

If someone complains about Europe from Monday to Saturday then nobody is going to believe him on Sunday when he says he is a convinced European.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I'm not suffering from withdrawal symptoms. I would say that I have a balanced state of mind.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I prefer to concentrate on my task of leading Europe to the success that our citizens expect. We have to look forwards now because what is at stake is what makes Europe Europe.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I completely agree with Helmut Kohl. I am not an advocate of the "United States of Europe," nor am I an integration fanatic.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

[Boris]Johnson, [Nigel] Farage, they are retro-nationalists, not patriots. Patriots don't abandon ship when the going gets tough. They stay on board.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I put my money on Brexit. The EU Financial Stability Commissioner, Jonathan Hill from Britain, still owes me a pound.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I would have thought that they [Boris Johnson and Nigel Farag] would

have had a plan, instead of developing a plan they are leaving the boat.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I wouldn't like Greece to stay recession. I do think that everything has to be undertaken to reconnect with growth.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

Those who are saying that Mario Draghi is in the camp of those trying to push Greece outside the Euroarea, are wrong.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I don't think in national categories. For me it [policy] is about concepts and substance.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

We must also take this opportunity to learn from the situation [of Brexit], just as we learned from the refugee and debt crises.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I assumed office to bring the EU to a point from which there is no going back. Instead, I am having to unwind the EU to a certain extent.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

I like Macron a lot and I very much welcome him - particularly the fact that he made Europe one of the main topics of the election debate.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

In the end, the British didn't vote to leave because of the euro. They're not even members of the currency union. Even the refugee crisis hardly affected the country.

~Jean-Claude Juncker

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