

# Jeane Kirkpatrick

## Quotes

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Mind, World, Years, Matter, Limits, San Francisco, America, President, Speed,  
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There is no pure free-market economy.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

A government is not legitimate merely because it exists.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

I was a woman in a man's world. I was a Democrat in a Republican administration. I was an intellectual in a world of bureaucrats. I talked differently. This may have made me a bit like an ink blot.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Words can destroy. What we call each other ultimately becomes what we think of each other, and it matters.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

I conclude that it is a fundamental mistake to think that salvation, justice, or virtue come through merely human institutions.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Democrats can't get elected unless things get worse-and things won't get worse unless they get elected.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Truth, which is important to a scholar, has to be concrete. And there is nothing more concrete than dealing with babies, burps and bottles, frogs and mud.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

History is a better guide than good intentions.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

What takes place in the Security Council more closely resembles a mugging than either a political debate or an effort at problem-solving.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Power ... is not an end in itself, but is an instrument that must be used toward an end.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

For all their faults, right-wing authoritarian regimes more easily accept democratic reforms than left-wing totalitarian states.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

We have war when at least one of the parties to a conflict wants something more than it wants peace.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Democracy not only requires equality but also an unshakable conviction in the value of each person, who is then equal

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Tyranny and anarchy are alike incompatible with freedom, security, and the enjoyment of opportunity.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Straying off course is not recognized as a capital crime by civilized nations.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Americans need to face the truth about themselves, no matter how pleasant it is.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Mr. President, we've taken off our "Kick Me" sign.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

There is an absolutely fundamental hostility on the part of totalitarian regimes toward religion.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

I always assume that democracy is the only good form of government, quite frankly, and democracy is always to be preferred

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

A doctrine of class war seemed to provide a solution to the problem of poverty to people who know nothing about how wealth is created

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Look, I don't even agree with myself at times.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Society has never barred women from bread-winning roles, but only from economic roles that are profitable and respectable.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Just as the Russians and the Soviets didn't manage to wipe out languages in Lithuania, neither have they managed to wipe out religion to the extent that we had feared.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Solidarity was the movement that turned the direction of history, I think.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

All of us confront limits of body, talent, temperament. But that is not all. We are, all of us, also constrained by our time, our place, our civilization.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

They (american press) always blame America first!

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Maturity is when we live by the truths that are in our heart and soul, truths we believe to be right for us.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

No idea holds greater sway in the minds of educated Americans than the belief that it is possible to democratize governments anytime and anywhere under any circumstances.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

And I have no doubt that the American people generally believe the world is safer, and that we are safer, when we are stronger

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Decades, if not centuries are normally required for people to acquire the necessary disciplines and habits. In Britain, the road [to democratic government] took seven centuries to traverse.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

It was not malaise we suffered from; it was Jimmy Carter - and Walter Mondale.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Neither nature, experience, nor probability informs these lists of 'entitlements', which are subject to no constraints except those of the mind and appetite of their authors.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

Cultural constraints condition and limit our choices, shaping our characters with their imperatives.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

When the Soviet Union walked out of arms control negotiations, and refused even to discuss the issues, the San Francisco Democrats didn't blame Soviet intransigence. They blamed the United States.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

[The American position at the UN is] essentially impotent, without influence, heavily outvoted, and isolated.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

The speed with which armies collapse, bureaucracies abdicate, and social structures dissolve once the autocrat is removed frequently surprises American Policy makers.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

I think that there is absolutely no free market in modern industrial states.

~Jeane Kirkpatrick

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