

Jello Biafra Quotes

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You can spend the money on new housing for poor people and the homeless, or you can spend it on a football stadium or a golf course.

~Jello Biafra

For every prohibition you create, you also create an underground.

~Jello Biafra

Shut up, be happy. Obey all orders without question. The happiness you have demanded is now mandatory.

~Jello Biafra

If evolution is outlawed, only outlaws will evolve.

~Jello Biafra

Punk is not dead. Punk will only die when corporations can exploit and mass produce it.

~Jello Biafra

I enjoy getting people angry and getting underneath their skin, especially people who don't think.

~Jello Biafra

If voting could change anything, it would be illegal.

~Jello Biafra

Heavy Metal is the most conservative of all loud music. Let's face it, not even a gym teacher could get as many people to dress alike.

~Jello Biafra

If you liked school, you're gonnanna lovvvvve work!

~Jello Biafra

Our biggest national security threat is the environmental destruction of our planet and the arms race with ourselves.

~Jello Biafra

My parents didn't hide reality. I watched cartoons and the news with equal fascination.

~Jello Biafra

Don't hate the media, become the media.

~Jello Biafra

If you love god, burn a church.

~Jello Biafra

Punk rock will never die, until something more dangerous replaces it.

~Jello Biafra

A hairstyle's not a lifestyle.

~Jello Biafra

This is my home. Home is where the disease is. As long as I stay in America, I'll never run out of subjects for songs.

~Jello Biafra

Hardly anybody in America pays attention to local elections.

~Jello Biafra

I'm totally down with insurrection in the street. I've had a great time with that over the years. Insurrection in the voting booth is the other part of the equation.

~Jello Biafra

I've never been a big fan of subtle art. I like art that gets deep into my head and starts my brain spinning with new ideas and inspiration and my whole body is full of energy.

~Jello Biafra

And we will NOT let Campbell's Soup, Old Navy, or anybody ELSE, HAMMER into the minds of girls as YOUNG as SIX YEARS OLD that they should ALWAYS hate their bodies and ALWAYS be on a diet!

~Jello Biafra

I went through a big Alice Cooper phase, which was probably a major influence on my writing style later, especially after Plastic Surgery Disasters.

~Jello Biafra

I think Noam Chomsky is a national treasure - make that an international treasure.

~Jello Biafra

I'm tired of being ruled by the Skull and Bones. The only place they belong are on punk-rock albums!

~Jello Biafra

I'm appalled at how many people my age, or even five or ten years younger, have no tangible memories of important history that happened when we were growing up.

~Jello Biafra

So basically the understanding on these so-called reissues is that they were done behind my back, without my permission, and the band informed me that I would no longer be paid on them at all.

~Jello Biafra

You have to be down here in the States to realize just how tightly controlled the corporate media is and how much they practise Soviet-style censorship through creative omission.

~Jello Biafra

I think there's plenty of room, even in the most serious activist circles,

for humor. Humor can be very effective both to inspire, and as a weapon. Just ask Frank Zappa and Charlie Chaplin.

~Jello Biafra

Well, I don't think I'll ever stop being frustrated or feel fulfilled artistically.

~Jello Biafra

...balance the budget ? Tax religion.

~Jello Biafra

I think one of the most important things punk brought back was the whole concept of staying independent and doing things yourself. It made music a lot less boring in any category you can name.

~Jello Biafra

Then as I got older, I always gravitated towards the hard stuff, Born To Be Wild, then Black Sabbath

~Jello Biafra

What they're not doing is marketing the Dead Kennedys in the spirit of what the band stood for.

~Jello Biafra

That's the way both they and I travel sometimes. Pick road at random, and when it's time to pull over, you pull over and hope you can find a place to crash.

~Jello Biafra

There's sort of an open offer to work with a guy in Los Angeles who does big band and orchestra arrangements who was at least an acquaintance to Les Baxter before he passed away.

~Jello Biafra

When there's people on the other side of the room trying to wipe out your life and things are stacked against you, you can get nervous.

~Jello Biafra

Well, once you get involved with bloodsport litigation, you can not only get drunk on your own greed but start to believe your own lies.

~Jello Biafra

The jury had down right contempt for punk rock grass roots ethics.

~Jello Biafra

All of these reissues were not authorized by me, I do not endorse them, the live album was put out without my permission, and I've not seen a dime at this point, either.

~Jello Biafra

Any alternative culture that inspires a lot of passion and inspiration is also in danger of being set in its ways, almost from the moment it's born.

~Jello Biafra

Let me start by saying, I'm utterly disgusted with the former members of the Dead Kennedys.

~Jello Biafra

We need a new law that owners of SUVs (Sport Utility Vehicles) are automatically in the military reserve. Then they can go get their own goddamn oil.

~Jello Biafra

We don't need a flat tax, but a flattening tax, to truly level the playing field.

~Jello Biafra

Respecting other people's cultures is well and good, but I draw the line at where some branches of Islam, what they do to women. It's indefensible.

~Jello Biafra

Jimi Hendrix once said, 'You will never hear surf music again.' Well, tonight, you will hear 'serf' music again - S-E-R-F music.

~Jello Biafra

Patriotism does not mean giving blind loyalty and a blank check to George W. Bush.

~Jello Biafra

If I go without rock for too long, I feel depressed.

~Jello Biafra

The last true punk band to get a major label contract was The Dickies.

~Jello Biafra

Punk was originally about creating new, important, energetic music that would hopefully threaten the status quo and the stupidity of the 1970s.

~Jello Biafra

What does it say about our country when people are so desperate for an alternative to our one-party state masquerading as a two-party state that they'll even elect a professional wrestler governor?

~Jello Biafra

I got involved because I wanted to help inspire more people to get off their butts and register and vote - not just in this election, but in every other election from now on, you know?

~Jello Biafra

I would hate to have "Holiday in Cambodia" become as tiresome to

other people as hearing "Like a Rock" in a Chevrolet commercial.

~Jello Biafra

I have very mixed feelings about Jesse Jackson. He's very good about labor, and human and civil rights issues, but not so good on cultural issues.

~Jello Biafra

No matter what I do, my songs come out in a certain style, and if that sounds like Dead Kennedys, then there's probably a reason for it. Don't forget, I wrote most of those songs, music and lyrics.

~Jello Biafra

I think that what's perceived as punk out in shopping malls or in chain stores or on MTV has almost nothing to do with what punk is about.

~Jello Biafra

The Sonics I found later and that was pretty important

~Jello Biafra

I didn't really start writing music or lyrics or turning them into songs until I went to San Francisco.

~Jello Biafra

When "Search and Destroy" by the Stooges came on as a Nike shoe commercial, I got physically sick. That song meant the world to me, and I didn't feel this was the way it ought to be used.

~Jello Biafra

In the case of Michael Moore, having a deep, I'd even say passionate, understanding of other types of people in America who might be progressive thinkers without even realizing it.

~Jello Biafra

It's very irresponsible as a parent to follow Tipper Gore or the Religious Right's advice and just take the offending CD or game away from the kid without discussing it.

~Jello Biafra

All my different kinds of artwork have been designed to inspire people to think. They may not always agree with me, but at least they will have some feelings and some passion about whatever it is.

~Jello Biafra

I got turned on to rock music almost by mistake when I was seven years old.

~Jello Biafra

I was born in the late '50s, was a child of the '60s, then the '70s, then the '80s, then the '90s, and I have mental fingers in all those pies.

~Jello Biafra

Another part of what gave me a questioning, rabble-rousing, activist heart and soul is that when all these heavy events went down, my parents did not shelter the kids from it.

~Jello Biafra

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