

Jerry Brown Quotes

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The conventional viewpoint says we need a jobs program and we need to cut welfare. Just the opposite! We need more welfare and fewer jobs.

~Jerry Brown

The minimum wage has not kept pace with rising costs. This legislation is overdue and will help families that are struggling in this harsh economy.

~Jerry Brown

My principles are simple. Protect the Earth. Serve the People, and Explore the Universe

~Jerry Brown

I would like to maximize the level of human choice in the medical field...The choice of a treatment in many ways is like the exercise of religion.

~Jerry Brown

You're all welcome in California.

~Jerry Brown

The volume of paper expands to fill the available briefcases.

~Jerry Brown

Prisons don't rehabilitate, they don't punish, they don't protect, so what the hell do they do?

~Jerry Brown

Equal treatment for children in unequal situations is not justice.

~Jerry Brown

Life simply is. It follows its course. Give yourself to the moment. Let life reveal itself to you.

~Jerry Brown

Without the truth of the people, politics degenerates into mere spectacle and democracy declines, leaving demagoguery and cynicism to fill the void.

~Jerry Brown

Check out my web site, wtp.org, to see what fast food did to 2 people in England.

~Jerry Brown

As we all learned from the sorry experience of state-sanctioned bureaucracies in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, decentralization in education is crucial to both freedom and excellence.

~Jerry Brown

The reason that everybody likes planning is that nobody has to do anything.

~Jerry Brown

It doesn't matter what I say as long as I sound different from other politicians.

~Jerry Brown

I see the world in very fluid, contradictory, emerging, interconnected terms, and with that kind of circuitry I just don't feel the need to say what is going to happen or will not happen.

~Jerry Brown

I will defend everybody, every man, woman and child who's come to California for a better life and has contributed to the well-being of our state.

~Jerry Brown

Organic farming is about buying out of a corrupt, illegal and dishonest system.

~Jerry Brown

I reject get-it-done, make-it-happen thinking. I want to slow things down so I understand others better.

~Jerry Brown

We have to be realistic about what the state can afford, and put an end to abuses of the system that cost millions.

~Jerry Brown

America will be disadvantaged, just like Detroit was disadvantaged when they couldn't build smaller cars in the '70s or '80s. The world shifts.

~Jerry Brown

Where there is a sufficient social movement of self-reliant communities, there can be political change. There must be political change.

~Jerry Brown

Let us not mince words about what this would be: a deportation force designed to break up families and deport millions of people.

~Jerry Brown

Inaction may be the biggest form of action.

~Jerry Brown

When I was Governor, Louis Kelso went out of his way to brief me. I was very impressed, but I was never able to get any of the economists in state government to give him the help his plan deserves.

~Jerry Brown

Republican attacks are without basis, but when the Democrats attack

me they're usually right.

~Jerry Brown

The government is becoming the family of last resort.

~Jerry Brown

There's nothing wrong with being an anarchist.

~Jerry Brown

In some cases, managers and employees have secured pensions beyond their original base salary. It is wrong, the people doing it know it's wrong, and we have to put an end to it.

~Jerry Brown

We have to deal with where we are. We have to create cooperatives, we have to create intentional communities, we have to work for local cooperation where we are.

~Jerry Brown

It looks to me to be obvious that the whole world cannot eat an American diet.

~Jerry Brown

I like computers. I like the Internet. It's a tool that can be used. But don't be misled into thinking that these technologies are anything other than aspects of a degenerate economic system.

~Jerry Brown

Everyone's heard about the military-industrial complex, but they know very little about the medical-industrial complex...(in) a medical arms race.

~Jerry Brown

The great problem with government is that it never goes bankrupt.

~Jerry Brown

Taking significant amounts of carbon out of our economy without harming its vibrancy is exactly the sort of challenge at which California excels.

~Jerry Brown

Nuclear power will be the Vietnam issue of the 1980s.

~Jerry Brown

I question whether we can afford to teach mother macramé when Johnny still can't read.

~Jerry Brown

This is exciting, it is bold and it is absolutely necessary if we are to have any chance of stopping potentially catastrophic changes to our climate system.

~Jerry Brown

Sometimes the highest form of action is inaction.

~Jerry Brown

The war on drugs is really no war at all - it's a business!

~Jerry Brown

The U.S. incarceration binge is not tied to crime. It's a strategy to control the surplus population in a capitalist system that is breaking down.

~Jerry Brown

We are in a degenerate state of self-government. In fact, even to use the words self-government, is not only an exaggeration, it's a lie. It's a big lie!

~Jerry Brown

Look at the whole criminal correction game, which is a big piece of our economy. It's just an invention. Crime is being invented to put people to work.

~Jerry Brown

We're being ripped off and screwed by a bunch of liars, thieves, crooks, and criminals, and they're not the folks below. Don't look in the streets, look in the corporate suites.

~Jerry Brown

The big lock-up is about drugs. Here's the real scam. The drug war is one of the games to get more convictions and prisoners.

~Jerry Brown

So we are being systematically trained to fear this false 'rising crime' tide. This is all part of a system to lock up more people, and impose more control and surveillance.

~Jerry Brown

I'd shrink government in a minute, if I could shrink GM, Bank of America, and all these immoral corporations that operate by an undemocratic code, with no soul and no conscience.

~Jerry Brown

We're going to move left and right at the same time.

~Jerry Brown

It's not viable' for poverty stricken developing world to emulate prosperity of U.S.

~Jerry Brown

â€ŽWe need to become more unreasonable but in an intelligent way.

~Jerry Brown

The corporation is not a person; it is a legal fiction backed up by guns and police and jail cells and taxing authorities and the regulators called government.

~Jerry Brown

Basically, if you have above-average intelligence, you have common sense and you can speak in front of a camera and to a crowd, you can govern the state.

~Jerry Brown

The way people are treated in them [prisons] is very similar to gulags.

~Jerry Brown

Then once you get people locked up, it's an incredibly inhuman system.

~Jerry Brown

Banning capital punishment takes us to a higher state of consciousness.

~Jerry Brown

Not to mention the CIA which should be, I think, dissolved, it's of no use - a great source of mischief - I don't see any point to the FBI.

~Jerry Brown

Let's draw the boundary early not wait until it's obvious like Hitler's Germany and insist that the state shall never, never, take the life of a person!

~Jerry Brown

The great danger of humane punishment is that people will come to accept state murder as something sanitary. I don't think bureaucracy should ever be entrusted with that kind of power.

~Jerry Brown

The corporation is an out-of-control Frankenstein.

~Jerry Brown

My goal in signing these [gun control] bills is to enhance public safety by tightening our existing laws in a responsible and focused manner, while protecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners.

~Jerry Brown

I supported to reduce oil consumption in California by 50 percent, 50 percent in the next 15 years. They didn't even bother to show up.

~Jerry Brown

Even when you sign a treaty like I think [Richard] Nixon did, the anti-ballistic missile treaty, George W. Bush reneged on it. He got out of. So any treaty can be withdrawn from.

~Jerry Brown

Okay, so what we really have to recognize and own as Americans is that our way of being is itself perhaps the greatest threat to the continuation of civilization.

~Jerry Brown

We're going to get that little bug before that little bug gets my poll ratings down any further.

~Jerry Brown

America and the world is not yet on the proper trajectory.

~Jerry Brown

At least when I was governor, cocaine was expensive.

~Jerry Brown

I've been in office and I've been out of office. And if I were to choose, I'd rather be in office.

~Jerry Brown

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