

# Jim DeMint

## Quotes

*Party, Government, People, Country, Thinking, Ideas, World, States, Want,  
Goal, Support, Years, Jobs, Needs, Problem, Character, School, Children,  
America, Christian*

One of the greatest titles in the world is parent, and one of the biggest blessings in the world is to have parents to call mom and dad.

~Jim DeMint

Motorists who want to save money on gas will demand and buy more fuel-efficient vehicles. We should not limit their freedom with more government regulations.

~Jim DeMint

If we become too scared to confront the chief problems of our time, there is no hope of ever solving them.

~Jim DeMint

Dependency encourages social problems.

~Jim DeMint

Vouchers lead to competition, not re-segregation.

~Jim DeMint

We must now make clear to Lebanon that it will not benefit from U.S. assistance and support as long as it harbors this brutal terrorist and murder.

~Jim DeMint

If a person wants to be publicly gay, they should not be teaching in the public schools.

~Jim DeMint

We know from our own history that democratic institutions take decades to mature, and we know from past conflicts that freedom is not free.

~Jim DeMint

Many Democrats are sincere in their desire to help others.

~Jim DeMint

I'd like to see a Republican Party that embraces a lot of the libertarian ideas.

~Jim DeMint

A free and stable Iraq will be a shining light against the shadow of Islamic extremism.

~Jim DeMint

I would support a devolution of power out of Washington for education, health care, transportation.

~Jim DeMint

Allow states to opt out of No Child Left Behind.

~Jim DeMint

The debate in the Republican Party needs to be between libertarians and conservatives.

~Jim DeMint

Anyone who says the Republicans have been irresponsible aren't looking at the facts.

~Jim DeMint

American businesses and upper incomes pay a larger portion of the federal taxes of our national taxes than any country in the world.

~Jim DeMint

The Heritage Foundation is the premier think tank, research organization. The premier idea group for the conservative movement.

~Jim DeMint

Ideas are more powerful than people.

~Jim DeMint

Frankly, if independents and Democrats want to work with us on conservative ideas, I can do that better at Heritage than as a partisan inside.

~Jim DeMint

I believed the only thing that could turn around this government spending and mounting debt would be if the people rose up.

~Jim DeMint

Partner with churches to assist the poor.

~Jim DeMint

Compromise works well in this world when you have shared goals.

~Jim DeMint

Freedom solutions - cross-state insurers; health cooperatives.

~Jim DeMint

Quantitative easing prints money & causes inflation.

~Jim DeMint

What happens in the Senate is the Republicans sink to the lowest common denominator.

~Jim DeMint

I just want people to know that if they want to change the direction of the country, they can do it, but only if they're active, informed, and engaged.

~Jim DeMint

Sometimes people credit me for the Tea Party. It's actually the other way around.

~Jim DeMint

I like to be a strategic policy guy.

~Jim DeMint

I don't need to be asking for money for local museums and other projects just to make me look good back home.

~Jim DeMint

I can tell you if you look at the polls, Democrats, Republicans, Independents, they do not think we should increase the debt limit.

~Jim DeMint

From a policy standpoint, the Judeo-Christian principles are important.

~Jim DeMint

The problem we've got now in Washington is that the goals are completely the opposite from each other.

~Jim DeMint

No funding for Planned Parenthood; protect the unborn.

~Jim DeMint

I think I'm the only senator who does not see a president when I look in the mirror.

~Jim DeMint

I have no plans to run for president.

~Jim DeMint

I don't have the support inside Washington or even inside my own party.

~Jim DeMint

I don't even like playing a contentious role.

~Jim DeMint

Democrats have chosen not to defend the Marine Corps, but to pander to anti-war protesters and Berkeley officials that are actively trying to impede military recruitment.

~Jim DeMint

I went through two pretty dark years being fed up with the system and frustrated with my own party after two disastrous elections in 2006 and 2008.

~Jim DeMint

I have been on shop floors. I have talked to a lot of the companies that create jobs in South Carolina and across the country. And what they want is less regulation.

~Jim DeMint

I drive Fords, and I've driven American cars all my life, and I want to have a strong American manufacturing sector, especially in automobiles.

~Jim DeMint

Spending is an addiction.

~Jim DeMint

As more people rely on government programs, the harder it becomes to conduct the necessary reforms to preserve them to help our society's most vulnerable.

~Jim DeMint

The Tea Party doesn't like politicians.

~Jim DeMint

First of all, no candidate is going to win by catering to the alleged Occupy Wall Street vote.

~Jim DeMint

Cash-for-Clunkers program was a stupid idea.

~Jim DeMint

Marriage is a religious and state issue.

~Jim DeMint

A-PLUS Act - allow states to operate like charter schools.

~Jim DeMint

Judeo-Christian conservatism overcomes natural selfishness.

~Jim DeMint

It doesn't make sense to have to do the wrong thing in order to do the right thing.

~Jim DeMint

NCLB should be called "More Children Left behind".

~Jim DeMint

Eliminating business taxes makes US best at manufacturing.

~Jim DeMint

Gay marriage considered immoral by all the world's religions.

~Jim DeMint

Not federal government's job to do good deeds.

~Jim DeMint

American exceptionalism requires understanding biblical view.

~Jim DeMint

Select candidates by integrity of character, not promises.

~Jim DeMint

We have this kind of revolving door, we don't have a permanent class of millionaires in America like a lot of other countries.

~Jim DeMint

I know I was a businessman for years, and I stayed up countless nights worrying about having to let one person go. It's a terrible thing to do.

~Jim DeMint

We need comprehensive reform that will make America the best place in the world to invest and do business.

~Jim DeMint

California is going to take themselves off the cliff culturally and economically, fiscally. They are going to be at the trough in Washington wanting a bailout.

~Jim DeMint

You've got the Democratic Party that now depends on more government spending and actual building the dependence on government in order to increase their political party.

~Jim DeMint

Government-run schools can't instill morals and character.

~Jim DeMint

Social Security mess is another failed progressive policy.

~Jim DeMint

Too many Americans are dependent on federal government.

~Jim DeMint

I want to find the candidates who understand the principles of American exceptionalism and have the character, the courage, and the confidence to actually lead the greatest nation in the world.

~Jim DeMint

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~Jim DeMint

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