

Jim Hightower Quotes

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The middle of the road is for yellow lines and dead armadillos.

~Jim Hightower

The opposite for courage is not cowardice, it is conformity. Even a dead fish can go with the flow.

~Jim Hightower

The issue isn't just jobs. Even slaves had jobs. The issue is wages.

~Jim Hightower

Populism is not a style, it's a people's rebellion against the iron grip that big corporations have on our country - including our economy, government, media, and environment.

~Jim Hightower

The corporations don't have to lobby the government anymore. They are the government.

~Jim Hightower

Some people say we need a third party. I wish we had a second one.

~Jim Hightower

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~Jim Hightower

Do something. If it doesn't work, do something else. No idea is too crazy.

~Jim Hightower

There's enormous progressive activism and, more often than not, success at the grassroots level - everything from living wage campaigns to efforts to finance our elections are having terrific success.

~Jim Hightower

Like NASCAR race drivers or PGA golfers, why not require each of the [US presidential] candidates to cover their clothing, briefcases and staff with the logo patches of their corporate sponsors?

~Jim Hightower

The only difference between a pigeon and the American farmer today is that a pigeon can still make a deposit on a John Deere.

~Jim Hightower

Liberals want to manage the damage with government programs to take care of those who have fallen between the cracks. Populists want to fix the cracks so that people don't fall in the first place.

~Jim Hightower

It may be the rooster that does all the crowing but it's the hen that delivers the goods.

~Jim Hightower

So now is the time, more than ever, for those who truly value all the principles of democracy, especially including dissent, to be the most forceful in speaking up, standing up and speaking out.

~Jim Hightower

When Rick Perry says I can do for America what I've done for Texas, pay attention. That's no idle threat.

~Jim Hightower

Even the smallest dog can lift its leg on the tallest building.

~Jim Hightower

Little ol' boy in the Panhandle told me the other day you can still make a small fortune in agriculture. Problem is, you got to start with a large one.

~Jim Hightower

America's drug war is so stupid that if you pay close attention to just how stupid it is -- it'll drive you to use drugs.

~Jim Hightower

Reagan promised everyone a seven-course dinner. Ours turned out to be a possum and a six-pack.

~Jim Hightower

It's hard for the donkeys to win the race if they're going to carry the elephants on their backs.

~Jim Hightower

America was not built by conformists, but by mutineers.

~Jim Hightower

The water won't clear up until we get the hogs out of the creek.

~Jim Hightower

Politics isn't about left versus right; it's about top versus bottom.

~Jim Hightower

Becoming a politician is the only step down I could take from being a journalist.

~Jim Hightower

Good wages are pro business, since they reduce turnover, increase morale, produce better-skilled employees, and improve productivity.

~Jim Hightower

If you don't speak out when it matters, when would it matter to speak out?

~Jim Hightower

The real bias of the media is not to the left or to the right, but to the thin

strata of economic elites at the top of our society.

~Jim Hightower

It's hard to believe President George Bush gave a speech in New Orleans about disaster recovery and failed to mention the word 'farm' or the word 'rural.'

~Jim Hightower

Even a little dog can piss on a big building.

~Jim Hightower

You can't do progressive government from the inside. You have to rally those outsiders and make them a force.

~Jim Hightower

The Bible declares that on the sixth day God created man. Right then and there, God should have demanded a damage deposit.

~Jim Hightower

It's an essential fight librarians are making, an age-old fight; yours is a battle for civilization. It's a fight for our country's founding values.

~Jim Hightower

Organic agriculture is more about fairness and respect than it is about parts-per-billion of pesticide residues

~Jim Hightower

This is a matter of public health. The public was sick and tired of DeLay and his corruption.

~Jim Hightower

Politics ought to be fun. It shouldn't be just boring meetings.

~Jim Hightower

Republicans are so empty-headed, they wouldn't make a good landfill.

~Jim Hightower

When everybody does better, EVERYBODY does better.

~Jim Hightower

Founders v. Bush brings the wisdom and eloquence of the Founding Fathers back to the people, while unmasking the fraudulent PR machine that is corrupting their words and stealing our legacy.

~Jim Hightower

But, as my mother used to tell me, two wrongs don't make a right. But I soon figured out that three left turns do.

~Jim Hightower

The corporation cannot be ethical, its only responsibility is to make a profit.

~Jim Hightower

You have to learn to read between the lies.

~Jim Hightower

If it's dangerous to talk to yourself, it's probably even dicier to listen.

~Jim Hightower

We've got to go to the people with bold ideas and candidates of conviction - we've got to be hotter than high school love.

~Jim Hightower

Banks don't commit crimes. Bankers do. And they won't ever stop if they don't have to pay for their crimes.

~Jim Hightower

The [Democratic] party is a bank. It collects money and gives it to TV

stations.

~Jim Hightower

Ronald Reagan's idea of a good farm program was Hee Haw.

~Jim Hightower

When I entered politics, I took the only downward turn you could take from journalism.

~Jim Hightower

Well, I've been in the political arena all of my life, and 10 years of that as a candidate and elected official, and that's about enough.

~Jim Hightower

Some of these rich folks seem to think that everything belongs to them and they'll even get to take it with them when they die. But you know what? You don't ever see a hearse pulling a U Haul.

~Jim Hightower

If ignorance goes to forty dollars a barrel, I want drilling rights to George Bush's head.

~Jim Hightower

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