

# Joey Skaggs Quotes

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It is the fool who thinks he cannot be fooled.

~Joey Skaggs

Most important to any fake story is a plausible, realistic edge with a satirical twist that is topical.

~Joey Skaggs

Any deviation is looked upon as a perversion, is feared, and is usually a target of hatred and prejudice.

~Joey Skaggs

We function in a pack mentality. This is our tribe. And this is how we are exploited - sold a bill of goods and a household of products.

~Joey Skaggs

The media is not just the message. The media is a massage. We're constantly being stroked, manipulated, adjusted, realigned, and manoeuvred.

~Joey Skaggs

When I create a false reality, I always try to create a plausible structure to help convince people.

~Joey Skaggs

What do we believe? Why do we believe it?

~Joey Skaggs

My challenge as a satirical artist is how to present ideas to people to enable them to question and reexamine their beliefs. My hope is, that my work provokes people to look at things in a new way.

~Joey Skaggs

I created hoaxes. I confronted and challenged the majority opinion. I attacked, humiliated, and criticized the voice of the corporate

mainstream media.

~Joey Skaggs

Any journalist worth his or her salt wouldn't trust me.

~Joey Skaggs

I've always been a fine artist.

~Joey Skaggs

The media's job is to question a premise.

~Joey Skaggs

Most reporters who come to me get their stories directly from press releases. Very few do what one would consider to be their professional duty.

~Joey Skaggs

It would make life much easier if I could have total faith and not question everything all the time, but I can't do it and I won't do it.

~Joey Skaggs

If I'm successful in fooling a wire service, I don't really have to do anything else to promote the story.

~Joey Skaggs

I learned more complex ways to manipulate the manipulators, to bring attention to issues about which I felt passionate.

~Joey Skaggs

But I learned first-hand how the news media operates by watching how they interpreted, changed, and misrepresented my intentions.

~Joey Skaggs

But my favorite work is always my next piece.

~Joey Skaggs

**My art became very public.**

~Joey Skaggs

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