

# John Avlon Quotes

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One tell-tale sign of a Wingnut: they always confuse partisanship with patriotism.

~John Avlon

Politics is history in the present tense.

~John Avlon

Politics follows the lines of physics: every action creates an equal and opposite reaction.

~John Avlon

It's important to remember that Bush Derangement Syndrome on the left - comparing him to Hitler, calling him a terrorist and a tyrant - preceded Obama Derangement Syndrome on the right.

~John Avlon

When people tap into this politics of resentment, it usually ends ugly.

~John Avlon

We need to punch back against the extremes of both the left and the right and define the terms of the debate ourselves.

~John Avlon

The far right and the far left can be equally insane.

~John Avlon

Demagogues always do well in economic downturns.

~John Avlon

Godwin's law states that the longer any online debate goes on, the likelier it is that someone will play the Nazi card. It's the rhetorical equivalent of going nuclear and stupid at the same time.

~John Avlon

Terrorism is always one bad day away from being issue No. 1.

~John Avlon

The American people are smart. They've gotten sick of the predictable hyperpartisan talking points and canned anger.

~John Avlon

The two parties are still more polarized than ever before and the rise of partisan media is an important reason for it.

~John Avlon

Right now, politics follows the rules of talk radio - using conflict, tension, fear, and resentment to find new recruits.

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If you only take offense when the president of your party is compared to Hitler, then you're part of the problem.

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