

John Bolton Quotes

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People say you favor assassination, what do you think war is? Except that it's assassination on a much larger scale, a much more horrific scale.

~John Bolton

I don't think Hamas will be satisfied simply ruling the Gaza Strip.

~John Bolton

North Korea is going to get away with keeping its nuclear weapons.

~John Bolton

I think some of this fascination with the 'Arab Spring' is just a grand experiment with Israel's survival.

~John Bolton

My philosophy is not a bean-counting, accounting 'look at this.' It is a philosophy that smaller government is better government, and government that is closer to the people is best of all.

~John Bolton

There's no such thing as the United Nations. If the U.N. secretary building in New York lost 10 stories, it wouldn't make a bit of difference.

~John Bolton

Well, I'm a libertarian conservative, so I believe in limited government/maximum individual freedom.

~John Bolton

The only thing that will stop Iran from getting nuclear weapons is regime change in Tehran.

~John Bolton

There's no such thing as the United Nations.

~John Bolton

If Iran obtains nuclear weapons, then almost certainly Saudi Arabia will do the same, as will Egypt, Turkey and perhaps others in the region.

~John Bolton

Our biggest national security crisis is Barack Obama.

~John Bolton

Well, you could take several stories off the buildings of most U.S. government agencies and we'd all probably be better for it too.

~John Bolton

When you have a regime that would be happier in the afterlife than in this life, this is not a regime that is subject to classic theories of deterrence.

~John Bolton

Reform is not a one-night stand.

~John Bolton

Obama sees America as another country on the UN role call. Somewhere between Albania and Zimbabwe.

~John Bolton

I think the International Criminal Court could be a threat to American security interests, because the prosecutor of the court has enormous discretion in going after war crimes.

~John Bolton

Everybody pursues their national interests. The only one who gets blamed for it is the United States.

~John Bolton

Diplomacy is not an end in itself if it does not advance U.S. interests.

~John Bolton

I'm a conservative Republican. I have been since I was 15 years old and participated in the 'Goldwater for President' campaign in 1964.

~John Bolton

The Nobel Peace Prize has become hopelessly politicized. I think it cheapens the prize itself.

~John Bolton

Every country has an aspect to it that rubs up people the wrong way.

~John Bolton

It's very personal in its politics, very bitter and very negative.

~John Bolton

Let there be no ambiguity about the American view that Syria's lack of cooperation .. is not acceptable.

~John Bolton

Negotiation is not a policy. It's a technique. It's something you use when it's to your advantage, and something that you don't use when it's not to your advantage.

~John Bolton

It's not natural disasters that are to blame for the deprivation of the North Korean people, but the failed policies of Kim Jong Il.

~John Bolton

I don't think I would have to run a campaign that's financed like General Motors.

~John Bolton

I don't much believe in bumper sticker characterizations of foreign policy.

~John Bolton

I am all in favour of democracy in Iraq.

~John Bolton

I don't think there is any good answer to the question why shouldn't gays and lesbians who want to serve their country be allowed to do it.

~John Bolton

I haven't given up on the possibility that sweet reason will prevail.

~John Bolton

I've never attended any Tea Party functions.

~John Bolton

We need a strong and effective State Department. We can't conduct American affairs in the world without it.

~John Bolton

Iran is barely over 50% Persian, and Arabs, Baluchis, Azeris, Kurds and many other groups feel left out of the society. That regime has a lot more weaknesses than people see.

~John Bolton

I am not a neoconservative. I am pro-American.

~John Bolton

I think it's critical that we return national security issues to the center of the overall political debate in America.

~John Bolton

I'm not running around the world looking for ways to create hostilities.

~John Bolton

I think that Ronald Reagan had it right, being against abortion except in certain limited, defined circumstances.

~John Bolton

I think the future of China's unknown, I don't know what direction it's going to go in. It could go in the right direction, it could. It could go in a very bad direction, too.

~John Bolton

The only way to resolve the North Korean problem is to change the regime.

~John Bolton

America needs an adult in the White House who knows how to deal with China.

~John Bolton

There is no patriotic obligation to help advance the career of a politician who is otherwise pursuing interests that are fundamentally antithetical to your values. That's not the call of patriotism.

~John Bolton

I wouldn't give up on Russia. I think they have legitimate security concerns from Islamic fundamentalism, not only on their border but in their country.

~John Bolton

Don't get me wrong: I would love to be president.

~John Bolton

There's no doubt that Iran funds and supplies Hamas with weapons.

~John Bolton

The Republican Party is the party of national security. There's hardly a national security wing of the Democratic Party anymore. So if we turn away from it, that'll be a big problem.

~John Bolton

The press tend to stick with that the people don't care about foreign policy in their daily lives and aren't concerned about it and so on and so forth. I don't think that's actually true.

~John Bolton

I want to make sure that, not only in the Republican Party but in the body politic as a whole, people are aware of threats that remain to the United States.

~John Bolton

You know, as somebody who writes op-eds and appears on the television, I appreciate as well as anybody that there is a limit to what that accomplishes.

~John Bolton

A lot of people have said to me, 'That's a great idea, running for president. You'll get booked for more speeches. You can write a book.'

~John Bolton

I have decided not to run for president.

~John Bolton

Maybe it's my libertarian philosophy: but being in government is hard.

~John Bolton

There is no excuse for waste, fraud, and abuse in the Defense Department budget.

~John Bolton

I've been surrounded by some of the best economic minds in the country, and hopefully I've absorbed some of that.

~John Bolton

The U.N. is one of many competitors in a marketplace of global problem solving.

~John Bolton

I've been in the government bureaucracy, I've practiced law, I've done a lot of different things.

~John Bolton

My priority is to give the United States the kind of influence it should have.

~John Bolton

I am not a professional politician.

~John Bolton

Texas is a big state. It's a major force in the Republican Party.

~John Bolton

People don't like to talk about victory and defeat anymore.

~John Bolton

I would not run as a one-issue candidate. Anybody who does that is declaring himself to be marginal.

~John Bolton

Obviously, you make preparations before you engage in any meeting.

~John Bolton

I'm not sure history has ended.

~John Bolton

There's no religious test under the constitution. That's what it says. Period.

~John Bolton

Politicians, like generals, have a tendency to fight the last war.

~John Bolton

You don't need to spend tens of millions of dollars on political consultants to tell you what you think when you already know what you think.

~John Bolton

The European Union can now act like a major power, at least that is what the European Union tells us.

~John Bolton

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