

# John F. Kerry Quotes

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I would rather be the candidate of the NAACP than the NRA.

~John F. Kerry

The American spirit wears no political label. In service to others and yes, in sacrifice for our country, there are no Republicans; there are no Democrats; there are only Americans.

~John F. Kerry

I saw courage both in the Vietnam War and in the struggle to stop it. I learned that patriotism includes protest, not just military service.

~John F. Kerry

Politics has always been the art of the possible. Today it's too often the art of the probable - tinkering around the edges without any greater vision, without a sense of optimism and imagination.

~John F. Kerry

I'm proud of my medals. I always was proud of them.

~John F. Kerry

It's hard to believe that in the greatest democracy in the world, we need legislation to prevent the government from writing and paying for the news.

~John F. Kerry

Being lectured by the president on fiscal responsibility is a little bit like Tony Soprano talking to me about law and order in this country.

~John F. Kerry

Climate change is real. The science is compelling. And the longer we wait, the harder the problem will be to solve.

~John F. Kerry

You just don't invade another country on phony pretext in order to

assert your interests!

~John F. Kerry

How do you ask a man to be the last man to die in Vietnam? How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?

~John F. Kerry

This fight against drilling in the Arctic Refuge is a fight about our principles. Its about standing up for our environment, our families and our future, and I wont give up this fight.

~John F. Kerry

What we need now is not just a regime change in Saddam Hussein and Iraq, but we need a regime change in the United States.

~John F. Kerry

Confronting climate change is, in the long run, one of the greatest challenges that we face, and you can see this duty or responsibility laid down in scriptures, clearly.

~John F. Kerry

So the threat of Saddam Hussein with weapons of mass destruction is real.

~John F. Kerry

You just don't in the 21st century behave in 19th century fashion by invading another country on completely trumped up pre-text.

~John F. Kerry

Values are not just words, values are what we live by. They're about the causes that we champion and the people we fight for.

~John F. Kerry

If we can't have a serious conversation without politicizing it on cable

TV and making it a scoring point for one day, we're in trouble.

~John F. Kerry

America has not led but fled on the issue of global warming.

~John F. Kerry

We should not allow a tiny minority of shoddy scientists and science and extreme ideologues to compete with scientific facts.

~John F. Kerry

If America can go to the moon, then in the decades to come we should not ever have to have young Americans sent to any part of the world to defend and die for America`s gluttony on fossil fuel.

~John F. Kerry

Folks, Sarah Palin said she could see Russia from Alaska. Mitt Romney talks like he's only seen Russia by watching 'Rocky IV.'

~John F. Kerry

Remember the hours after Sept. 11 when we came together as one...It was the worst day we have ever seen, but it brought out the best in all of us.

~John F. Kerry

I want to start by saying something nice about President Bush. Of all the presidents we've had with the last name of Bush, his economic plan ranks in the top two.

~John F. Kerry

You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq.

~John F. Kerry

The consequences of a crime should not be out of proportion to the crime itself.

~John F. Kerry

I think it was the right decision to disarm Saddam Hussein. And when the president made the decision, I supported him, and I support the fact that we did disarm him.

~John F. Kerry

Mitt Romney says he believes in America and that he will restore American exceptionalism. I have news for him, we already have an exceptional American as president and we believe in Barack Obama.

~John F. Kerry

I know something about killing. I don't like killing. And I don't think a state honors life by turning around and sanctioning killing.

~John F. Kerry

Those localized efforts take a long time and they don't deal with the larger issue of ISIL and the question of what you're going to do to really have a solution here. We have to save Syria.

~John F. Kerry

I'm John Kerry, and I'm reporting for duty.

~John F. Kerry

I figured out Karl Rove's political strategy -- make gas so expensive, no Democrats can afford to go to the polls.

~John F. Kerry

My definition of patriotism is to defend your country with the truth, no matter the consequences.

~John F. Kerry

There is no greater breach of the public trust than knowingly misleading the country into war. In a democracy, we simply cannot tolerate the abuse of this trust by the government.

~John F. Kerry

We're in a battle for our lives for things that really matter to us. There's a shell game going on like I've never seen before.

~John F. Kerry

Gender based violence anywhere is a threat to peace and security everywhere.

~John F. Kerry

And it is time for those who talk about family values to start valuing families.

~John F. Kerry

I'm going to be honest with you - I don't know a lot about Cuba's healthcare system. Is it a government-run system?

~John F. Kerry

I can't take my Catholic belief, my article of faith, and legislate it on a Protestant or a Jew or an Atheist. We have separation of church and state in the United States of America.

~John F. Kerry

Real Democrats don't abandon the middle class.

~John F. Kerry

Unlike Washington, which is stuck in ideological gridlock, Americans feel the impact of climate change in their own hometowns and they know something must be done.

~John F. Kerry

The hope is there. The sun is rising. Our best days are yet to come.

~John F. Kerry

Values spoken without actions taken are merely slogans.

~John F. Kerry

I still believe Americas destiny is to become a living testament to what free human beings can accomplish by acting in unity.

~John F. Kerry

Medicare is paid for by the American taxpayer. Medicare belongs to you. Medicare is for seniors, who many of them are on fixed income, to lift them out of poverty.

~John F. Kerry

America is the most powerful economy in the world. We're an \$18-trillion-dollar economy.

~John F. Kerry

Ask Osama bin Laden is he is better off now than he was four years ago.

~John F. Kerry

I think the United States is still the indispensable force for positive change and for rule of law and for order and structure.

~John F. Kerry

I want to fully fund education, No Child Left Behind, special-needs education. And that's how we're going to be more competitive, by making sure our kids are graduating from school and college.

~John F. Kerry

I know something about aircraft carriers for real.

~John F. Kerry

If you don't believe ... Saddam Hussein is a threat with nuclear weapons, then you shouldn't vote for me.

~John F. Kerry

What we Americans need to do is respect that incredible blessing that we have as a nation and make sure that we are leading in the best ways possible.

~John F. Kerry

We are all proud of is World War II where we went in, we were decisive, we came to the conclusion that freedom prevailed, and we were heroes.

~John F. Kerry

And whatever our faith - whatever our faith, one belief should bind us all: The measure of our character is our willingness to give of ourselves for others and for our country.

~John F. Kerry

America deserves a real discussion about real policy.

~John F. Kerry

We don't need a president who just says, "Gentlemen, start your engines." We need a president who says, America, let's start our economy and put people back to work.

~John F. Kerry

We should focus more on the things we've accomplished, but I mean, obviously Syria disturbs me greatly and I'm not happy with where Syria is.

~John F. Kerry

I supported Israel 100 percent as a senator for 28 years and I've supported it 100 percent as Secretary of State.

~John F. Kerry

The Russians need to understand that you cannot have peace [in Syria] unless you resolve the question of Sunni buy-in.

~John F. Kerry

Jesus did not help just the sick who could afford to pay for it.

~John F. Kerry

The future belongs to freedom, not to fear.

~John F. Kerry

The world has to save Syria. I mean, this has dramatic implications for the entire region, globally.

~John F. Kerry

War on terror is far less of a military operation and far more of an intelligence-gathering, law-enforcement operation.

~John F. Kerry

I will not stop in our efforts to hunt down and kill the terrorists.

~John F. Kerry

I have a plan to protect the environment so that we leave this place in better shape to our children than we were handed it by our parents.

~John F. Kerry

I think that our own crisis of democracy is in its own way affecting our ability to leverage in the same way that we used to in the world.

~John F. Kerry

I will never cede the authority of our country or our security to any other nation. I'll never give a veto over American security to any other entity - not a nation, not a country, not an institution.

~John F. Kerry

The oceans themselves are threatened and life itself, therefore, and the planet is threatened because of it.

~John F. Kerry

I know that our country is strongest when we lead the world, when we lead strong alliances. And that's the way Eisenhower and Reagan and Kennedy and others did it.

~John F. Kerry

You cannot bring peace in Syria as long as [Bashar] Assad is, in fact, there.

~John F. Kerry

Republican secretaries of state from Kissinger to Baker, Powell to Rice, President Bush, 71 United States Senators all supported President Obama's new START treaty, but not Mitt Romney.

~John F. Kerry

This President has made, I regret to say, a colossal error of judgment. And judgment is what we look for in the president of the President of the United States of America.

~John F. Kerry

There is no bigger judgment for a president of the United States than how you take a nation to war.

~John F. Kerry

In order to have the best intelligence in the world to know who the terrorists are and where they are and what they're plotting, you've got to have the best cooperation you've ever had in the world.

~John F. Kerry

If you can resolve this transition of [Bashar] Assad, that is absolutely possible, but you have to have a clarity for everybody about the way forward.

~John F. Kerry

We have an electorate that doesn't always pay that much attention to what's going on so people are influenced by a simple slogan rather than the facts or truth or what's happening.

~John F. Kerry

[Bashar] Assad has made a series of choices ever since then that is literally destroying his country.

~John F. Kerry

America has an ability to try to make some things happen that other countries don't necessarily have.

~John F. Kerry

There is some schedule showing what you (need) to do to get Iraqis standing up and defending themselves which is now suddenly beginning to happen, so there are some signs of progress.

~John F. Kerry

Great challenges confront our great nation. We seek to meet them by rising to the task, not by defining our country down.

~John F. Kerry

What remains unchanged is the principle, which is that we do not launch wars without overwhelming reasons, and overwhelming alliances, and without overwhelming force.

~John F. Kerry

It's hard to say that something is legitimate when a whole portion of the country can't vote and doesn't vote.

~John F. Kerry

I think George Mitchell is a consummate professional. He is the ideal selection to handle the job of special envoy if you choose to have a special envoy.

~John F. Kerry

What is happening in Israel is being driven by the settlers who don't support a two-state solution, who want their settlements to prevent the possibility of two states. They openly say that.

~John F. Kerry

Our troops are terrorizing women and children in the dark of night in Iraq.

~John F. Kerry

We can't change minds without knowing what's in them.

~John F. Kerry

I get always a little uptight when I hear politicians say how exceptional America is.

~John F. Kerry

If America is at war, I won't speak a word without measuring how it'll sound to the guys doing the fighting when they're listening to their radios in the desert.

~John F. Kerry

America must always be the world's paramount military power. But we can magnify our power through alliances.

~John F. Kerry

We cannot fight communism all over the world, and I think we should have learned that lesson by now.

~John F. Kerry

In American elections there are no losers, because whether or not our candidates win or lose, the next morning we wake up as Americans.

~John F. Kerry

You can't have responsibility and you can't have us living up to our ideals unless it's based on a fairly common acceptance of truth, of what is true - what is the truth here?

~John F. Kerry

I believe America's best days are ahead of us because I believe that the future belongs to freedom, not to fear.

~John F. Kerry

It took President Obama to make America lead like America again.

~John F. Kerry

Even as a supporter of Roe v. Wade, I am compelled to acknowledge that the language both sides use on this subject can be unfortunately misleading and unconstructive.... Everyone is worse off for it.

~John F. Kerry

Those who doubted whether Iraq or the world would be better off without Saddam Hussein, and those who believe today that we are not safer with his capture, don't have the judgment to be President.

~John F. Kerry

We will not be derailed by criminal anarchists who legitimately claim a religious cause.

~John F. Kerry

As a public person, I've always tried to reflect what is embodied in our defining ideals as a nation about equality and fairness and justice and

so forth.

~John F. Kerry

There is a much cheaper way, less complicated way to bring Iraq and Saddam Hussein to its knees: it is simply to send the Bush economic team over there and let them run the country.

~John F. Kerry

The race for the White House should be about leadership, and leadership requires that one help heal the wounds of Vietnam, not reopen them.

~John F. Kerry

No one is going to question my commitment to the defence of our nation. I don't know what it is these Republicans, who didn't serve in any war, have against those of us who are Democrats who did.

~John F. Kerry

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