

John Howard Quotes

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It's too much to expect in an academic setting that we should all agree, but it is not too much to expect discipline and unvarying civility.

~John Howard

The most important civil liberty... is to stay alive and to be free from violence and death.

~John Howard

You are not prime minister of Australia because of some kind of process of divine selection. You are prime minister of Australia through the gift of the Australian people.

~John Howard

I'd like to be seen as an average Australian bloke. I can't think of... I can't think of a nobler description of anybody than to be called an average Australian bloke.

~John Howard

People who say they're too busy to have lunch have a false impression of their own importance.

~John Howard

Truth is absolute, truth is supreme, truth is never disposable in national political life.

~John Howard

For so long as we condone injustice by a small but powerful group, we condone the destruction of all social stability, all real peace, all trust in man's good intentions toward his fellow man.

~John Howard

I don't think there's any reason on Earth why people should have access to automatic and semiautomatic weapons unless they're in the military or in the police.

~John Howard

I thank all of those who weren't born in this country for coming here and making a contribution to Australia. We are the least discriminatory country in the world, in my view.

~John Howard

I don't think it is wrong, racist, immoral or anything, for a country to say 'we will decide what the cultural identity and the cultural destiny of this country will be and nobody else'.

~John Howard

I accept that climate change is a challenge, I accept the broad theory about global warming. I am sceptical about a lot of the more gloomy predictions.

~John Howard

I accept that in a free society you have to justify reductions in people's liberties. I accept that, bearing in mind my starting point is that the most important human right is the right to life.

~John Howard

A conservative is someone who does not think he is morally superior to his grandfather.

~John Howard

You can't fatten the pig on market day.

~John Howard

Nobody should underestimate how much the world changed on the 11th of September 2001.

~John Howard

Of all the important relationships that Australia has with other countries,

none has been more greatly transformed over the last 10 years than our relationship with China.

~John Howard

Sport is an important part of the Australian psyche. Anybody who thinks that sport is not part of the fabric of Australian life misunderstands this country quite dramatically.

~John Howard

She was my accountant, so I just believed her.

~John Howard

Young people are at risk of being disinherited from their community if that community lacks the courage and confidence to teach its history.

~John Howard

We won't just automatically click our heels and follow the Americans.

~John Howard

The bicycle is a curious vehicle. Its passenger is its engine.

~John Howard

How can you render the duties of justice to men when they may destroy you?

~John Howard

Nobody should claim that the war [in Iraq] is over. But certainly it can be said that the regime is finished.

~John Howard

I'm not running away from the fact that I had previously said I did not contemplate a major increase, and that was a fair statement of the Government's state of mind at the time I made that.

~John Howard

I'm all for it. In these days, regional marketing is the only way to survive.

~John Howard

If I am wrong and you are right then the democratic process of the Australian community will vindicate you and condemn me.

~John Howard

This is appalling. The idea that a person could be punished because of their religious belief and the idea they might be executed is just beyond belief.

~John Howard

I've never believed in lower wages. Never. Never believed in lower wages, I've never believed in lower wages as an economic instrument.

~John Howard

If I were running al-Qaeda in Iraq, I would put a circle around March 2008 and be praying as many times as possible for a victory not only for Obama but also for the Democrats.

~John Howard

It's beyond belief that any Australian could be so stupid as to carry drugs into any country in Asia.

~John Howard

I have absolutely no difficulty myself with the playing of God Save the Queen in the presence of Her Majesty.

~John Howard

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