

John Major Quotes

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When your back is against the wall, there is only one thing to do, and that is turn around and fight.

~John Major

In the next ten years we will have to continue to make changes which will make the whole of this country a genuinely classless society.

~John Major

I am walking over hot coals suspended over a deep pit at the bottom of which are a large number of vipers baring their fangs.

~John Major

I think it's extremely unlikely that the European Union will fracture with nations dropping off the edge.

~John Major

Life is full of surprises.

~John Major

Recovery begins from the darkest moment.

~John Major

Society needs to condemn a little more and understand a little less.

~John Major

Well, I have concerns about the effectiveness of Europe to compete.

~John Major

A country of long shadows on county cricket grounds, warm beer, green suburbs, dog lovers, and old maids cycling to holy communion through the morning mist.

~John Major

Whether you agree with me, disagree with me, like me or loathe me,

don't bind my hands when I am negotiating on behalf of the British people.

~John Major

The first requirement of politics is not intellect or stamina but patience. Politics is a very long run game and the tortoise will usually beat the hare.

~John Major

If the answer is more politicians, you are asking the wrong question.

~John Major

I want to see us build a country that is at ease with itself, a country that is confident and a country that is able and willing to build a better quality of life for all its citizens.

~John Major

Let's turn British inventions into British industries, British factories and British jobs. Let them make pounds for us, not dollars marks or yen for others.

~John Major

I don't have a shred of regret about entering the exchange-rate mechanism.

~John Major

I have a huge admiration for the House of Lords, I have a huge admiration for the people who work in the House of Lords, they're great public servants and they do an absolutely tremendous job.

~John Major

Disunity costs votes.

~John Major

The politician who never made a mistake never made a decision.

~John Major

I think we can get respect for Parliament back providing governments and oppositions are frank.

~John Major

I don't think nations can stand aside for ethnic cleansing and genocide.

~John Major

I am not running as Son of Margaret Thatcher. I have my own priorities and my own programmes.

~John Major

Give the Germans five deutschmarks and they will save it. But give the British Â£5 and they will borrow Â£25 and spend it.

~John Major

When I was in office the fundraising was done by the party treasurers.

~John Major

If is a very big preposition.

~John Major

Neil Kinnock's speeches go on for so long because he has nothing to say and so he has no way of knowing when he's finished saying it.

~John Major

If we want to deliver opportunity for all, we need an economy that delivers jobs for the future.

~John Major

My mother was the center of the family.

~John Major

You don't forget crises and neither does the Queen.

~John Major

Only in Britain could it be thought a defect to be too clever by half. The probability is that too many people are too stupid by three-quarters.

~John Major

Ronnie Barker will forever be remembered as one of the great comic actors.

~John Major

I have been reading the press more regularly than others over 50 years and it seems to me that there are things that have changed in the press that have changed its character.

~John Major

A consensus politician is someone who does something that he doesn't believe is right because it keeps people quiet when he does it.

~John Major

I mean if you have ever found a politician who says, 'No, no, I would do everything exactly as I did,' then you can tell when he is lying because his lips are moving.

~John Major

Political suicide can end a career.

~John Major

"Government gets things right" does not encourage sales. "Government makes another blunder" does encourage sales, so there's a commercial imperative that pushes sensationalism.

~John Major

When our backs are against the wall, we must turn around and march

forward.

~John Major

Liberty is equally desirable to the good and to the bad, to the brave and to the dastardly.

~John Major

I don't think it's the role of the prime minister to court the press.

~John Major

Certainly we've seen the enormous changes across the whole of the Middle East. The democratic genie is out of the bottle.

~John Major

What happens when there is a conflict between the Scottish parliament, if it was established, and the Westminster parliament? Who is supreme?

~John Major

I will turn directly to the Asylum Bill later.

~John Major

The world has gone through tremendous change recently; both nationally and internationally.

~John Major

Some people eat eggs, I wear them.

~John Major

I think the majority of the British people are still sanguine about the need for war.

~John Major

[on Queen Mother] Our country is the richer for her life and the poorer

at her death.

~John Major

When the euro was born, it was born in the wrong economic circumstances.

~John Major

I'm very proud of what my parents achieved and what they stood for. They didn't have much, but in many ways they were richer than most.

~John Major

My father was 64 when I was conceived, my mother 38, which was late for babies in the 1940s.

~John Major

Tentacles of terrorism spread everywhere

~John Major

The argument that someone is a bad man is an inadequate argument for war and certainly an inadequate and unacceptable argument for regime change.

~John Major

You've had an extremely weak euro on the foreign exchange markets, you've had a very dubious policy being followed.

~John Major

Well British troops are superb in the field in terms of conflict.

~John Major

I'm not about to write my memoirs. Not for a long time.

~John Major

I like the best of the British press. The best of the British press is very

good.

~John Major

There are more myths about Black Wednesday than the Greeks ever created.

~John Major

I want Britain to punch its weight in the European Community.

~John Major

They seem to have moved from total opposition to total subservience.

~John Major

I think the biggest mistake I made was this wretched ability to see both sides of an argument.

~John Major

The British don't runaway from terrorism. We have had 30-odd years of terrorism in our own country from the Irish Republican Army. We're used to it.

~John Major

I can't legislate to change human nature.

~John Major

You cannot think of Margaret without Denis. There comes a time when every Prime Minister needs someone to give him or her the unvarnished truth, and, in Denis, Margaret had just that.

~John Major

You're lucky to head a coalition government. I am a coalition government on my own.

~John Major

Well, I think there's a distinction between sexing-up the intelligence and sexing-up the presentation of the intelligence.

~John Major

Too many people looked to me in the eye and did not tell me the truth.

~John Major

I thought I could do something different from any Conservative prime minister before me. But I couldn't.

~John Major

Whatever efforts for peace President Gorbachev had in mind, they were pretty substantially undercut very swiftly by Saddam Hussein.

~John Major

I would rather go while I am being urged to stay, than to stay beyond the time when I should go.

~John Major

UN goodwill may be a bottomless pit but it's by no means limitless.

~John Major

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