

# John Stossel

## Quotes

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The people who tried government regulation have lives which are miserable.

~John Stossel

David Boaz has been my guide to the history, economics, and politics of freedom for years.

~John Stossel

A handful of people who probably never even ran a small business actually think they can reinvent the health care system.

~John Stossel

Happiness comes when we test our skills towards some meaningful purpose.

~John Stossel

There's no business that's too small for government to torture

~John Stossel

You can either invade a country or leave them alone and trade with them. When goods cross borders, armies don't.

~John Stossel

Government has no wealth of its own. Before it gives anything to anyone, it must take from those who produced it.

~John Stossel

When entrepreneurs are free to compete, they grow the pie so that everyone's share gets larger.

~John Stossel

Competition leads both drug companies and private regulators to be trustworthy. If they are not trustworthy, they die.

~John Stossel

Life is fairer when individuals are free to make their own decisions

~John Stossel

We have all kinds of government compensation systems that are much more efficient than the lawyers.

~John Stossel

I never wanted to be an anchor for 25 years, and suddenly I wanted to be one.

~John Stossel

Patrick Henry didn't say, "Give me safety, or give me death."

~John Stossel

All our rights are gradually eroded as government gets bigger.

~John Stossel

The happiest stutterers, I learned, are those who are willing to stutter in front of others.

~John Stossel

Give me a break - They say taxes are inevitable, like death. At least death doesn't come every year.

~John Stossel

Entitlement? How can you be entitled to someone else's money?

~John Stossel

People acting in their own self-interest is the fuel for all the discovery, innovation, and prosperity that powers the world.

~John Stossel

When workers can get an equal return for less effort, workers make less effort

~John Stossel

Patrick Henry did not say, 'Give me absolutely safety or give me death.' America is supposed to be about freedom.

~John Stossel

Government has no money of its own. All it does is take resources from one group and given them to another.

~John Stossel

Companies don't get rich hurting their customers.

~John Stossel

Why, in our "free" country, do Americans meekly stand aside and let the state limit our choices, even when we are dying?

~John Stossel

Markets are too complex to manipulate beneficially.

~John Stossel

Freedom works, and government, when it grows beyond the barest minimum, keeps people poor.

~John Stossel

Take away the government's monopoly, and private groups will do it better.

~John Stossel

The politicians should not tell the people to shut up.

~John Stossel

If government were less important in our lives, politicians would have fewer goodies to trade. In return, we'd have more money and more freedom.

~John Stossel

Current government regulation interferes with honest voluntary exchanges by imposing arbitrary terms and requiring tons of paperwork disclosing information no one wants anyway.

~John Stossel

Prosperity comes from leaving people free in a legal system that respects their persons and property so they can pursue their dreams while taking responsibility for their actions.

~John Stossel

Private businesses ought to get to discriminate.

~John Stossel

Isn't allowing people a choice what America is all about?

~John Stossel

I'm an American. I'm for prosperity. I've discovered, from 40 years of reporting, that what creates prosperity is limited government.

~John Stossel

It's not about electing the right people. It's about a narrowing their responsibilities.

~John Stossel

Good government has to mean less government.

~John Stossel

No transaction happens unless it is voluntary. It only happens if both of you think you win.

~John Stossel

'Live and let life' used to be a noble approach to life. Now you're

considered compassionate if you demand that government impose your preferences on others.

~John Stossel

The one thing I've learned is that stuttering in public is never as bad as I fear it will be.

~John Stossel

Madoff's scam was small compared to Ponzi schemes the government itself runs: Social Security and Medicare.

~John Stossel

Government is so big today that more than half the population gets a major part of its income from the state.

~John Stossel

Where I live in Manhattan and where I work at ABC, people say conservative the way people say child molester.

~John Stossel

The people who have the biggest passion for restricting other people's behavior are the very people we should worry about most. Unfortunately, they keep running for office.

~John Stossel

As a free person, I ought to be allowed if I'm dying to take something.

~John Stossel

Asking someone in the media about liberal bias is like asking a fish about water. 'Huh, what are you talking about? Where is it?'

~John Stossel

The smaller the government, the less the need to manipulate politicians.

~John Stossel

Central authority is bad. The bias should be for freedom. And without a central authority, there are lots of little authorities, and we learn which ones to trust.

~John Stossel

I saw how the regulation I called for made things worse, didn't help consumers and simple competition was better. And I started praising business and occasionally criticizing regulation.

~John Stossel

Nothing keeps a company honest and efficient like the threat of other companies coming along and taking its business away.

~John Stossel

I like taking the subway to work.

~John Stossel

[T]he only way to shrink the trade deficit is for the government to prohibit us from buying whatever we want.

~John Stossel

Wealthier is healthier.

~John Stossel

I had to watch government fail for 25 years doing consumer reporting before I really saw it because intuitively, the reaction is problem, bring government and government will make it better.

~John Stossel

Living with the liberals, you get to hear their arguments, fight with them all the time. Keeps me alert.

~John Stossel

I'm a libertarian. It's a terrible word.

~John Stossel

I was bullied as a kid, and I got a job on television. And I had a camera. And so I wanted to go after those business bullies. And I just have been following that instinct.

~John Stossel

What I've learned in 40 years of consumer reporting is that the market is imperfect, and some people get ripped off.

~John Stossel

I was a closet stutterer.

~John Stossel

I was ashamed for people to see me struggle.

~John Stossel



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