

# Jonah Goldberg

## Quotes

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Needs, Political, Facts, Long, Looks, Liberty, Years, Would Be, Lying, Writing,  
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If power made one evil, then God would be the Devil.

~Jonah Goldberg

The government cannot love you, and any politics that works on a different assumption is destined for no good.

~Jonah Goldberg

Someone once noted that a 'gaffe' in Washington is when a politician accidentally tells the truth.

~Jonah Goldberg

America's political system used to be about the pursuit of happiness. Now More and more of us want to stop chasing it and have it delivered.

~Jonah Goldberg

I am just mystified by these people telling me I would think Obama was doing a great job if his skin contained less melanin.

~Jonah Goldberg

In Europe and America alike, voters increasingly recognize that the benefits of the green revolution aren't worth the costs, particularly when the revolutionaries don't have a clue what they're doing.

~Jonah Goldberg

Facts are mere speed bumps on the road to lefty moral outrage.

~Jonah Goldberg

Cultures grow on the vine of tradition.

~Jonah Goldberg

Our fear of hypocrisy is forcing us to live in a world where gluttons are fine, so long as they champion gluttony.

~Jonah Goldberg

Today's unions are less Mobbed-up than those of yesteryear to be sure, but they're hardly above tactics that would be considered intimidating and coercive.

~Jonah Goldberg

I don't think twice about picking up my dog's poop, but if another dog's poop is next to it, I think, 'Eww, dog poop!

~Jonah Goldberg

I've just returned from my daughter's Halloween parade at grade school. She was supergirl - and she was perfect. And, even better, she still considers boys to be made of kryptonite.

~Jonah Goldberg

John Kerry is a sphincter. Okay, that's a bit juvenile.

~Jonah Goldberg

Simply because the nanny-state wants to hug you doesn't mean it's not tyrannical if you don't want to be hugged.

~Jonah Goldberg

Yes, I know liberals are more empirical because Jonathan Chait says they are, but my empirical studies of liberal empiricism keep spitting out contradictory findings.

~Jonah Goldberg

I think what we're seeing on a lot of parts of the right is people bending their positions and their principles on account of the fact that Donald Trump won.

~Jonah Goldberg

As we all know, the most effective lies are the ones sprinkled with the most actual truths.

~Jonah Goldberg

Progressivism, liberalism, or whatever you want to call it has become an ideology of power. So long as liberals hold it, principles don't matter.

~Jonah Goldberg

Not reassuring when weathermen say 'Today will be terrible but don't worry it won't be as terrible as tomorrow or Friday.'

~Jonah Goldberg

Getting the support of Syria is the moral equivalent of winning the Klan's endorsement - it might be useful but it doesn't necessarily speak well of you.

~Jonah Goldberg

I think there needs to be a meeting to set an agenda for more meetings about meetings.

~Jonah Goldberg

Keep Hope alive, particularly if Hope is the name of a very cute puppy and not some ill-defined abstraction that is in fact code for big government.

~Jonah Goldberg

Fascism isn't a libertarian doctrine! It just isn't, never will be and it can't be cast as one.

~Jonah Goldberg

There is no - let me repeat - no example in the last quarter-century of a large, complex economy that has been successful with high taxes.

~Jonah Goldberg

If you're uncertain when life begins, why not give the unborn the benefit of the doubt and oppose abortion?

~Jonah Goldberg

The white male is the Jew of liberal fascism.

~Jonah Goldberg

And in the minds of progressives you are free to live anyway you want so long as it's progressive.

~Jonah Goldberg

...associational ad hominem attacks remain the left's favorite rhetorical strategy for undermining opponents.

~Jonah Goldberg

Pragmatism is the disguise progressive and other ideologues do when they want to demonize competing ideologies.

~Jonah Goldberg

Liberals are Nazis, and Nazis are liberals. And if you don't agree with me, you're a Nazi too.

~Jonah Goldberg

Champions of Liberty get called Fascists by Champions of Statism

~Jonah Goldberg

[In] the post-Enlightenment world, science [has] taken the place of magic, miracles, and superstition.

~Jonah Goldberg

Historians write favorably, you know, for example, about Stalin because he was doing big things.

~Jonah Goldberg

A lot of the things that Trump needs to do to be a popular president requires annoying his biggest fans.

~Jonah Goldberg

Governing involves choosing and making choices between competing goods.

~Jonah Goldberg

Social distinctions tend to matter only at your own level and above.

~Jonah Goldberg

The premise of my book is that everyone is a bit ideological to some extent. Everyone comes from a ideological perspective.

~Jonah Goldberg

[American] liberalism today sees no realm of human life that is beyond political significance, from what you eat to what you smoke to what you say.

~Jonah Goldberg

Obama did inherit a deficit when he came into office. Why this fact justifies racking up vastly more debt and bigger deficits is a logical mystery.

~Jonah Goldberg

Public unions are the country's foremost advocates for increased taxes at all levels of government.

~Jonah Goldberg

The progressive notion of the state as a loving, caring parent is becoming a bipartisan affair.

~Jonah Goldberg

If you write for the critics, only the critics will read you.

~Jonah Goldberg

Tom Friedman says China is so awesome they make kosher pigs.

~Jonah Goldberg

Americans are very smart about the things they care about, and ignorant about the things they don't.

~Jonah Goldberg

But this is the kind of ass-clownery that stems from the fact that all philosophy looks weird when you don't have one.

~Jonah Goldberg

[C]ontemporary liberalism stands on a foundation of assumptions and ideas integral to the larger fascist movement.

~Jonah Goldberg

And on Thursday, President Obama seized the opportunity of the National Prayer Breakfast to forthrightly criticize the 'terrible deeds' . . . committed 'in the name of Christ.'

~Jonah Goldberg

Are you a producer or a looter? If diversity were always and everywhere good we would be clamoring for more midgets in the NBA.

~Jonah Goldberg

I suppose in John Kerry's world good diplomacy lets the boys in the bar finish raping the girl for fear of causing a fuss. Okay, that was unfair.

~Jonah Goldberg

We are a species that must try to impose and find systems - systems of thought, ways of organizing and categorizing reality.

~Jonah Goldberg

I think as - all in all, it's better to have a cool president than a not cool president.

~Jonah Goldberg

I would also say Barack Obama has spent much, much, much, much

more money than the Republicans.

~Jonah Goldberg

Everyone understands that [democrat Senator Harry Reid] is deliberately lying. The man reads his lies from prepared texts. You can't read from a script and then claim you misspoke.

~Jonah Goldberg

Republican politics have been off-kilter for several years now because a large segment of the conservative base does not look back fondly on the Bush presidency.

~Jonah Goldberg

One of the things that really drove me crazy was the way in which college kids, in particular, are educated to think that ideology is dangerous and bad.

~Jonah Goldberg

The GOP needs to figure out a way to become more appealing to new constituencies.

~Jonah Goldberg

If we say that anyone who 'moralizes' must be perfect morally then we are in effect saying no one can moralize.

~Jonah Goldberg

A rising economic tide is bad for people who live off of the poverty of others.

~Jonah Goldberg

Let's treat politicians like Twinkies. They have to disclose their ingredients - i.e., where their money is from - but beyond that, let the buyer beware.

~Jonah Goldberg



The more you socialize the costs of personal liberty, the more license you give others to regulate it.

~Jonah Goldberg

The search for a moral equivalent of war continues to define American liberalism to this day.

~Jonah Goldberg

[Progressives] think the Constitution is like Felix the Cat's magic bag: Look in there long enough and hard enough, and you can find anything.

~Jonah Goldberg

I like vengeance as much as the next guy, if the next guy likes vengeance a whole lot.

~Jonah Goldberg

[There] is something fundamentally unpatriotic in the yearning to fundamentally transform your country.

~Jonah Goldberg

[A] country without a word to describe its love for what is best within it is a country ill-equipped to defend what is best within it.

~Jonah Goldberg

Tip to all British tabloids: Do Not Hack Amy Winehouse's Phone. I repeat: Do Not Hack Amy Winehouse's Phone.

~Jonah Goldberg

There's nothing within science per se that says medical researchers must not experiment on human subjects; it is the imposition of ethical dogma that constrains the scientist.

~Jonah Goldberg

And, of course, liberals see no problem with using the government to impose their cultural beliefs on others; they just won't admit that's what they're doing.

~Jonah Goldberg

You can see why the Marxist left would resist the idea that Hitler was a revolutionary. Because if he was, then either Hitler was a force for good, or revolutions can be bad.

~Jonah Goldberg

Why is it fair game to question conservatives' love or loyalty to children or to their fellow man, but beyond the pale to question liberals' love of country?

~Jonah Goldberg

As a broad generalization, big businesses have no moral objections to being whores. Getting into bed with Uncle Sam is all a question of price, not principle.

~Jonah Goldberg

In crude Marxist terms, liberals have a theory of infallible government that is constantly at war with the reality of life.

~Jonah Goldberg

Dissent is morally neutral. You can correctly call yourself a dissident because you like to kick puppies, but at the end of the day, you're just a jerk who likes to kick puppies.

~Jonah Goldberg

We're all born idiots, and we only get over that condition as we get less young.

~Jonah Goldberg

Of course, it's a mystery to me why any American who can't be

bothered to pay attention to politics unless Pamela Anderson is discussing it should be welcome in that conversation.

~Jonah Goldberg

Science is wonderful at explaining what science is wonderful at explaining, but beyond that it tends to look for its car keys where the light is good.

~Jonah Goldberg

When I see hipsters wearing Mao hats or Lenin T-shirts, I'm grateful. It's like truth-in-labeling. For now I know you are: Woefully ignorant, morally stunted, purposively asinine, or all three.

~Jonah Goldberg

Progressivism was a sister movement of fascism, and today's liberalism is the daughter of Progressivism.

~Jonah Goldberg

Conservatives value economic liberty and moral security, while the liberal values economic security and moral liberty.

~Jonah Goldberg

Capitalism is the greatest system ever created for alleviating general human misery, and yet it breeds ingratitude.

~Jonah Goldberg

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