

# Joseph Stalin Quotes

*War, People, Country, Army, Party, Mean, Revolution, Vote, World, Desire,  
Men, Order, Class, Struggle, Real, Government, Liberty, Political, Organization,  
Russia*

Everybody has a right to be stupid, but some people abuse the privilege.

~Joseph Stalin

It's not the people who vote that count. It's the people who count the votes.

~Joseph Stalin

Ideas are more powerful than guns. We would not let our enemies have guns, why should we let them have ideas.

~Joseph Stalin

Great Britain provided time; the United States provided money and Soviet Russia provided blood.

~Joseph Stalin

This creature softened my heart of stone. She died and with her died my last warm feelings for humanity.

~Joseph Stalin

Education is a weapon the effect of which is determined by the hands which wield it, by who is to be struck down.

~Joseph Stalin

The death of one man is tragic, but the death of thousands is statistic.

~Joseph Stalin

When we hang the capitalists they will sell us the rope we use.

~Joseph Stalin

When there's a person, there's a problem. When there's no person, there's no problem. Josef Stalin

~Joseph Stalin

To choose one's victims, to prepare one's plan minutely, to slake an implacable vengeance, and then to go to bed... There is nothing sweeter in the world.

~Joseph Stalin

The only real power comes out of a long rifle.

~Joseph Stalin

I believe in one thing only, the power of human will.

~Joseph Stalin

Nobody respects a country with a poor army, but everybody respects a country with a good army. I raise my toast to the Finnish army

~Joseph Stalin

I trust no one, not even myself.

~Joseph Stalin

We are fifty or a hundred years behind the advanced countries. We must make good this distance in ten years. Either we do it, or they will crush us.

~Joseph Stalin

It takes a brave man to be a coward in the Red Army.

~Joseph Stalin

The Pope? How many divisions has he got?

~Joseph Stalin

The press must grow day in and day out - it is our Party's sharpest and most powerful weapon.

~Joseph Stalin

It is not heroes that make history, but history that makes heroes.

~Joseph Stalin

Ah, these diplomats! What chatterboxes! There's only one way to shut them up - cut them down with machine guns. Bulganin, go and get me one!

~Joseph Stalin

A man's eyes should be torn out if he can only see the past

~Joseph Stalin

He who votes does not have power. He who counts the votes has power.

~Joseph Stalin

The Red Army and Navy and the whole Soviet people must fight for every inch of Soviet soil, fight to the last drop of blood for our towns and villages...onward, to victory!

~Joseph Stalin

In the Soviet army it takes more courage to retreat than advance.

~Joseph Stalin

Die, but do not retreat.

~Joseph Stalin

Do you remember the tsar? Well, I'm like a tsar.

~Joseph Stalin

Remember how the first world war broke out. It broke out as a result of the desire to redivide the world.

~Joseph Stalin

The United States should get rid of its militias.

~Joseph Stalin

[After Communism succeeds] ...then, there will come a peace across the earth.

~Joseph Stalin

You do not lament the loss of hair of one who has been beheaded.

~Joseph Stalin

The leaders come and go, but the people remain. Only the people are immortal.

~Joseph Stalin

If the opposition disarms, well and good. If it refuses to disarm, we shall disarm it ourselves.

~Joseph Stalin

Artillery is the god of war.

~Joseph Stalin

Gratitude is a sickness suffered by dogs.

~Joseph Stalin

In war I would deal with the Devil and his grandmother

~Joseph Stalin

- Oh no, The Collective Farm policy was a terrible struggle... Ten million (he said holding up his hands). It was fearful. Four years it lasted. It was absolutely necessary.

~Joseph Stalin

There is not, nor should there be, an irreconcilable contrast between the individual and the collective, between the interests of an individual person and the interests of the collective.

~Joseph Stalin

music's a good thing, it calm the beast in the man.

~Joseph Stalin

In the future, there will be fewer but better Russians.

~Joseph Stalin

Words are one thing - deeds something entirely different. Fine words are a mask to cover shady deeds. A sincere diplomat is like dry water or wooden iron.

~Joseph Stalin

Gaiety is the most outstanding feature of the Soviet Union.

~Joseph Stalin

The writer is the engineer of the human soul.

~Joseph Stalin

You know, they are fooling us, there is no God.

~Joseph Stalin

How do you expect the Germans to revolt when they don't even dare walk on the grass?

~Joseph Stalin

The production of souls is more important than the production of tanks.... And therefore I raise my glass to you, writers, the engineers of the human soul.

~Joseph Stalin

Everyone imposes his own system as far as his army can reach.

~Joseph Stalin

I know that after my death a pile of rubbish will be heaped on my grave, but the wind of History will sooner or later sweep it away without mercy.

~Joseph Stalin

Voters decide nothing. Vote counters decide everything!

~Joseph Stalin

Of all the treasures a state can possess, the human lives of its citizens are for us the most precious.

~Joseph Stalin

We [U.S.S.R. and U.S.A.] can exist peacefully together if we don't indulge in too much mutual fault-finding in all kinds of trifles.

~Joseph Stalin

You cannot make a revolution with silk gloves.

~Joseph Stalin

The reason why there is now no communist government in Paris is because in the circumstances of 1945 the Soviet army was not able to reach French soil.

~Joseph Stalin

The Jews are not a nation!

~Joseph Stalin

If any foreign minister begins to defend to the death a 'peace conference,' you can be sure his government has already placed its orders for new battleships and airplanes.

~Joseph Stalin

Hitlers come and go, but Germany and the German people remain.

~Joseph Stalin

This war is not an ordinary war. It is the war of the entire Russian people. Not only to eliminate the danger hanging over our heads, but to

aid all people groaning under the yoke of Fascism

~Joseph Stalin

Our Red Army now needs IL-2 aircraft like the air it breathes, like the bread it eats.

~Joseph Stalin

Print is the sharpest and the strongest weapon of our party.

~Joseph Stalin

Take some exercise, try to recover the look of a human being.

~Joseph Stalin

Quantity has a quality all its own.

~Joseph Stalin

I consider it completely unimportant who in the party will vote, or how; but what is extraordinarily important is this - who will count the votes, and how.

~Joseph Stalin

When you chop wood, splinters fly

~Joseph Stalin

We Marxists believe that revolution will occur in other countries, as well. But it will occur at a time when it will be considered possible or necessary by revolutionaries of those countries.

~Joseph Stalin

Each position, each metre of the Soviet territory must be stubbornly defended, to the last drop of blood. We must cling to every inch of Soviet soil and defend it to the end!

~Joseph Stalin



American Communists have the opportunity to preach freely their ideas. It would be absolutely wrong to hold the Soviet government responsible for activities of the American Communists.

~Joseph Stalin

Our new Soviet constitution will, in my opinion, be the most democratic constitution of all those existing in the world.

~Joseph Stalin

It doesn't matter who they vote for, they always vote for us.

~Joseph Stalin

We believe that the Anarchists are real enemies of Marxism.

~Joseph Stalin

Bukharin's a swine and surely worse than a swine because he thinks it below his dignity to write a couple of lines.

~Joseph Stalin

[American Communist Party] legally exists in the U.S.A., it nominates its candidates in the elections, including Presidential elections.

~Joseph Stalin

Marxists have more than once pointed out that the capitalist world economic system contains in itself the seeds of a general crisis and of warlike clashes.

~Joseph Stalin

Mr. Churchill, Mr. Prime Minister, how many divisions did you say that the pope had?

~Joseph Stalin

History shows that there are no invincible armies.

~Joseph Stalin

We think that a powerful and vigorous movement is impossible without differences - "true conformity" is possible only in the cemetery.

~Joseph Stalin

Political power does not rest with those who cast votes; political power rests with those who count votes.

~Joseph Stalin

A certain inequality in regard to property still exists in a socialist society. But in a socialist society there is no unemployment, no exploitation, no oppression of nationalities.

~Joseph Stalin

We desire to give the Soviet people absolute liberty of voting for those they desire to elect, those whom they trust to ensure their interests.

~Joseph Stalin

This war is not as in the past: whoever occupies a territory also imposes his own social system.

~Joseph Stalin

There are no fortresses that Bolsheviks cannot storm.

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~Joseph Stalin

As you can see, even when [Adolf] Hitler desires to speak for peace, he cannot dispense with threats. This is symptomatic.

~Joseph Stalin

Personel selection is decisive. People are our most valuable capital.

~Joseph Stalin

Ours is a just cause; victory will be ours!

~Joseph Stalin

Writers are the engineers of human souls.

~Joseph Stalin

To assert that we desire to bring about revolution in other countries, by interfering with their lives, is to speak of something which does not exist and which we never preach.

~Joseph Stalin

Nowadays wars are not declared. They simply start.

~Joseph Stalin

There are on occasions, as we know, when resources are abundant, but they are expended so incompetently that the advantage is nullified.

~Joseph Stalin

The people will always attempt to find the positive aspects of all circumstances, which, in themselves, are not susceptible to danger.

~Joseph Stalin

The Soviet system will not evolve into American democracy or vice-versa.

~Joseph Stalin

Revolution, the substitution of one social system for another, has always been a struggle, a painful and a cruel struggle, a life and death struggle.

~Joseph Stalin

The rich experience of history teaches that up to now not a single class has voluntarily made way for another class.

~Joseph Stalin

It doesn't matter how many people vote, only who counts them.

~Joseph Stalin

Our Soviet society is socialist because private ownership of factories, plants, land, banks and means of transportation has been abolished in our country, and replaced by public ownership.

~Joseph Stalin

Each country, if it so desires, will make its own revolution. And if no such desire exists, no revolution will occur.

~Joseph Stalin

In case Japan ventures to attack the Mongolian People's Republic, seeking to destroy its independence, we will have to assist the Mongolian People's Republic.

~Joseph Stalin

I fail to see what dangers surrounding states can see in the ideas of the Soviet people if these states are really firmly seated in their saddles.

~Joseph Stalin

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