

Juan Cole Quotes

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If you put your politicians up for sale, as the US does (alone in this among industrialized democracies), then someone will buy them--and it won't be you; you can't afford them.

~Juan Cole

I argued that the Bush administration, and the Coalition officials more recently, didn't understand Iraqi society. They thought it was a blank slate, that they could use Iraqis as guinea pigs.

~Juan Cole

Administering another country is always a very tricky proposition.

~Juan Cole

My main expertise is in the past, but if I have to extrapolate into the future, I would say: no good news any time soon and an obvious exit strategy is not apparent to me.

~Juan Cole

I don't accept the argument of people like David Horowitz that the government should impose some sort of predetermined political balance on academic research.

~Juan Cole

It's not proper for a professor to go before a class and promote one party or another. That's not academic scholarship.

~Juan Cole

Partisan politics has no place in the classroom.

~Juan Cole

Public interest in most of the Middle East was slight at that time; the Arab-Israeli conflict was all that people were interested in and that was not my specialty.

~Juan Cole

I think it's really unfortunate that academics have been sidelined in most important policy debates.

~Juan Cole

I also argued before the war that the administration was underestimating Arab nationalism and Iraqi nationalism, that it was not going to be as easy to rule Iraq as they thought.

~Juan Cole

An occupying power has no right to make significant alterations in the character of the occupied society, to change the laws all around, without a strong security reason and so forth.

~Juan Cole

I lived in the Muslim world for 10 years.

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