

# Juan Manuel Santos

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Where do you draw the line between peace and justice? If you ask the victims, they want more justice; if you ask the potential victims, they want more peace.

~Juan Manuel Santos

One doesn't make peace with one's friends. One makes peace with one's enemies.

~Juan Manuel Santos

I practice Transcendental Meditation and I had enough exercise. I am one who thinks that not only need to have patience, we must persevere. If you do it right you'll see results.

~Juan Manuel Santos

The rebels will be thinking about retaliation, what we have to do is stop; stop and transform it into a spiral of forgiveness and reconciliation.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Today, we must acknowledge, that war has not been won.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Waging war is much more popular than negotiating, because there you need to compromise.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Ten years ago, we were seen as a virtually failed state, but today we are a vibrant democracy. You can walk safely through the streets of Bogota these days.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Social housing, education, health, jobs and sustainable surroundings. Those are my priorities.

~Juan Manuel Santos

To make peace, it is necessary to know how to make war.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Europe would be well advised to pay more attention to Latin America. The emerging economies are the engines of the global economy. Colombia has done too little to improve its reputation in Europe.

~Juan Manuel Santos

If we act together on the drug problem, with a comprehensive vision devoid of ideological or political biases, we will be able to prevent much harm and violence!

~Juan Manuel Santos

I want to see Colombian youth become the best-educated in Latin America by 2025.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Colombians do not like the FARC. In fact, 95 percent reject the FARC.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Colombia is a different country today. The state is now present in every single corner, the drug lords are in jail or dead. So we have the means to guarantee the security of FARC politicians.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Colombia is applauded for the efforts that we continue to make to combat drug trafficking.

~Juan Manuel Santos

The fight against drug trafficking by the Colombian government has been present, and the Americans themselves are the first to recognize that.

~Juan Manuel Santos

I say this as the president of the country which has suffered more deaths, more blood and more sacrifices in this war.

~Juan Manuel Santos

It's in the interest of the U.S. to maintain a strong democracy in Colombia.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Good friends don't have to visit each other every day.

~Juan Manuel Santos

I've not lived one single day of peace in Colombia, and 90 percent of people here say the same thing. We have gotten used to living in a war - we don't even react to massacres.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Right here, in this same headquarters, 52 years ago, the Convention that gave the birth certificate to the war on drugs was approved.

~Juan Manuel Santos

You can't settle a 50-year conflict in 52 weeks.

~Juan Manuel Santos

I don't like to generate too many expectations.

~Juan Manuel Santos

If you analyze the production of coca in Colombia, you will realize that it is like economic cycles. It goes up and down, it goes up and down depending on the circumstances.

~Juan Manuel Santos

The Bolivarian revolution has no future and it has shown a lack of results.

~Juan Manuel Santos

A perfect peace is not possible; it doesn't exist.

~Juan Manuel Santos

In any symmetrical war in today's world, it is necessary to have regional support.

~Juan Manuel Santos

The notion that you do not negotiate with terrorists is not the history of humanity or of the world.

~Juan Manuel Santos

The Colombian economy is very strong. We have one of the highest rates of growth in Latin America.

~Juan Manuel Santos

If we are giving judicial benefits to one part, we should give them to the other part as well.

~Juan Manuel Santos

I would never accept general impunity for the guerrillas!

~Juan Manuel Santos

I fight terrorism as if there was no peace process, and I negotiate the peace process as if there was no terrorism.

~Juan Manuel Santos

There are times for making war and times for making peace.

~Juan Manuel Santos

I have the complete support of the military. I personally served in the navy.

~Juan Manuel Santos

No one, no one has hit the FARC harder than I have.

~Juan Manuel Santos

When you have another person take part in the interview, you must notify the interviewee.

~Juan Manuel Santos

Colombia has a big market that is growing because we are elevating people out of poverty and into the middle class.

~Juan Manuel Santos

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