

# Julius Nyerere

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You cannot develop people. You must allow people to develop themselves.

~Julius Nyerere

Education is not a way to escape poverty, it is a way of fighting it.

~Julius Nyerere

Decisions made in Washington are more important to us than those made here in Dar es-Salaam. So, maybe my people should be allowed to vote in American presidential elections.

~Julius Nyerere

If real development is to take place, the people have to be involved.

~Julius Nyerere

Independence cannot be real if a nation depends upon gifts.

~Julius Nyerere

There is no time to waste. We must either unite now or perish.

~Julius Nyerere

If a door is shut, attempts should be made to open it; if it is ajar, it should be pushed until it is wide open. In neither case should the door be blown up at the expense of those inside.

~Julius Nyerere

No nation has the right to make decisions for another nation; no people for another people.

~Julius Nyerere

Small nations are like indecently dressed women. They tempt the evil-minded.

~Julius Nyerere

In Tanzania, it was more than one hundred tribal units which lost their freedom; it was one nation that regained it.

~Julius Nyerere

In Tanganyika we believe that only evil, Godless men would make the color of a mans skin the criteria for granting him civil rights.

~Julius Nyerere

A house should not be built so close to another that a chicken from one can lay an egg in the neighbor's yard, nor so far away that a child cannot shout to the yard of his neighbor.

~Julius Nyerere

The greatest contraceptive one can have in the developing world is the knowledge that your children will live

~Julius Nyerere

African nationalism is meaningless, dangerous, anachronistic, if it is not, at the same time, pan-Africanism.

~Julius Nyerere

We, in Africa, have no more need of being 'converted' to socialism than we have of being 'taught' democracy. Both are rooted in our past -- in the traditional society which produced us.

~Julius Nyerere

We spoke and acted as if, given the opportunity for self-government, we would quickly create utopias. Instead injustice, even tyranny, is rampant.

~Julius Nyerere

Should we really let our people starve so we can pay our debts.

~Julius Nyerere

Take every penny you have set aside for aid for Tanzania and spend it in the UK, explaining to people the facts and causes of poverty.

~Julius Nyerere

The African is not 'Communitistic' in his thinking; he is -- if I may coin an expression - 'communitary'.

~Julius Nyerere

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