

# Kenneth Clarke

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I look forward to the day when the Westminster Parliament is just a council chamber in Europe

~Kenneth Clarke

I have never read it. You should not waste your time.

~Kenneth Clarke

I am sorry to upset my colleagues by saying we wasted four years in opposition, but if you do get so badly defeated as a party you do have to face up to some painful facts and you do have to change.

~Kenneth Clarke

Energetic action on debt would make a radical difference to the prospects of many of the poorest countries in the world, at no practical cost to creditor countries.

~Kenneth Clarke

I am certainly not a blogger. Quite a large proportion of them are nuts and extremists - with the honourable exception of the culture secretary.

~Kenneth Clarke

I trust that whoever leads the Conservative Party actually pays regard to my advice on how we should conduct ourselves and I personally will obviously support whoever eventually wins.

~Kenneth Clarke

The political health of Britain has deteriorated very sharply. The Conservative Party must do something about it. I am the man to do it.

~Kenneth Clarke

It would be immoral to walk away from the consequences of our actions, leaving behind anarchy and civil war in Iraq.

~Kenneth Clarke

Of course I'd have loved to be Prime Minister. But I'm not nursing a grievance.

~Kenneth Clarke

The Conservative Party have got to ask themselves, 'How do we persuade people who at the moment are voting Labour and Liberal Democrat to vote Conservative

~Kenneth Clarke

I am getting frustrated by the fact that we have been out of office for eight years. I desperately want to lead the Conservative Party to make quicker progress back into power.

~Kenneth Clarke

However, we do not lack anti-terrorist laws. I do not believe that the recent London bombs were the result of any deficiencies in our legal system.

~Kenneth Clarke

A balanced tone on Europe will free us to address in depth the domestic, economic and social agenda which we neglected throughout the last parliament.

~Kenneth Clarke

I have acquired a deep and abiding respect for all those engaged in the difficult business of commerce.

~Kenneth Clarke

I have certainly not got re-elected to retire, and I shall certainly start trying to push my influence in politics as far as I possibly can

~Kenneth Clarke

I don't think at my age... you can start ruling people out in politics.

~Kenneth Clarke

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