

# Lech Walesa Quotes

*People, Communism, World, War, Needs, Country, Democracy, Should, Rights,  
Fall, Law, Fighting, Struggle, Lying, Order, Vision, Believe, Responsibility,  
Today, Reform*

It is hardly possible to build anything if frustration, bitterness and a mood of helplessness prevail.

~Lech Walesa

We hold our heads high, despite the price we have paid, because freedom is priceless.

~Lech Walesa

I am overjoyed that I do not need a heart transplant at this time.

~Lech Walesa

I'm lazy. But it's the lazy people who invented the wheel and the bicycle because they didn't like walking or carrying things.

~Lech Walesa

The world needs leaders of vision instead of leaders on television.

~Lech Walesa

Everyone wants a voice in human freedom. There's a fire burning inside all of us.

~Lech Walesa

The fall of the Berlin Wall makes for nice pictures. But it all started in the shipyards.

~Lech Walesa

Words are plentiful; deeds are precious.

~Lech Walesa

Deep faith eliminates fear.

~Lech Walesa

Obviously people want social calm, but if you do not let clever and ingenious people to participate, obviously there must be some dormant

volcano that will erupt, sooner or later.

~Lech Walesa

In many parts of the world the people are searching for a solution which would link the two basic values: peace and justice. The two are like bread and salt for mankind.

~Lech Walesa

He who puts out his hand to stop the wheel of history will have his fingers crushed.

~Lech Walesa

Freedom may be the soul of humanity, but often you have to struggle to prove it.

~Lech Walesa

I am happy that Poland is returning to the road of pluralism and democracy.

~Lech Walesa

We must be courageous but also reasonable. The world admires us for walking a tightrope without falling off. It asks us to keep our balance.

~Lech Walesa

He who once became aware of the power of Solidarity and who breathed the air of freedom will not be crushed.

~Lech Walesa

I have always been and will be an enemy of communism, but I love all people.

~Lech Walesa

I must tell you that the supply of words on the world market is plentiful, but the demand is falling.

~Lech Walesa

We need a global parliament, a global government and possibly a global ministry for security.

~Lech Walesa

Communism is a monopolistic system, economically and politically.

~Lech Walesa

Power is only important as an instrument for service to the powerless.

~Lech Walesa

The program of our movement stems from the fundamental moral laws and order.

~Lech Walesa

You have riches and freedom here but I feel no sense of faith or direction. You have so many computers, why don't you use them in the search for love?

~Lech Walesa

Our national history has so often filled us with bitterness and the feeling of helplessness.

~Lech Walesa

There is something of the warrior in me.

~Lech Walesa

The defense of our rights and our dignity, as well as efforts never to let ourselves to be overcome by the feeling of hatred - this is the road we have chosen.

~Lech Walesa

Our firm conviction that ours is a just cause and that we must find a

peaceful way to attain our goals gave us the strength and the awareness of the limits beyond which we must not go.

~Lech Walesa

Let the veil of silence fall presently over what happened afterwards. Silence, too, can speak out.

~Lech Walesa

This conviction brought me, in the summer of 1978, to the Free Trade Unions - formed by a group of courageous and dedicated people who came out in the defense of the workers' rights and dignity.

~Lech Walesa

Communists are great capitalists, so there is no threat anymore.

~Lech Walesa

I got politics and economics moving and then others took over.

~Lech Walesa

Irrespective of today's judgment and the price we had to pay in this generation, we were able to close an epoch of divisions, different blocs and borders, opening the way for an era of globalization.

~Lech Walesa

Now is the era of intellect, information and the Internet.

~Lech Walesa

I had my own battle tactics.

~Lech Walesa

I believe that any violation of privacy is nothing good.

~Lech Walesa

I will talk and act, not on my knees, but with prudence.

~Lech Walesa

I want to light the lights of patriotism.

~Lech Walesa

We shall not yield to violence. We shall not be deprived of union freedoms. We shall never agree with sending people to prison for their convictions.

~Lech Walesa

The politicians always told us that the Cold War stand-off could only change by way of nuclear war. None of them believed that such systemic change was possible.

~Lech Walesa

Freedom must be gained step by step, slowly. Freedom is a food which must be carefully administered when people are too hungry for it.

~Lech Walesa

I made the right decisions, I set everything on the right course, the reforms are going in the right direction.

~Lech Walesa

My youth passed at the time of the country's reconstruction from the ruins and ashes of the war in which my nation never bowed to the enemy paying the highest price in the struggle.

~Lech Walesa

When I was fighting communism, there was rapid development of satellite television and cell phones, and communism, to survive, would have to block all these information devices.

~Lech Walesa

I only fear God, and my wife - sometimes.

~Lech Walesa

Authority must be respected and chosen wisely.

~Lech Walesa

In myself I am nothing. It all comes from God and the Virgin Mary.

~Lech Walesa

I realize that the strivings of the Polish people gave rise, and still do so, to the feelings of understanding and solidarity all over the world.

~Lech Walesa

Without a single shot we've managed to liberate the world of communism but now there is a need for a global solidarity.

~Lech Walesa

It is not difficult to censor foreign news. What is difficult today is to censor one's own thoughts, To sit by and see the blind man On the sightless horse, riding into the bottomless abyss.

~Lech Walesa

I hope to work harder than ever to help people around the world.

~Lech Walesa

I can't imagine the right wing trying to unite without my participation.

~Lech Walesa

I allowed myself to be taken in by the intellectuals. I believed too much in the Polish intellectuals and followed their advice.

~Lech Walesa

President Lech Kaczynski is not at all active in Poland and his image abroad leaves a lot to be desired.

~Lech Walesa

I have a vision, and I know I'm right.

~Lech Walesa

I don't like to look a man in the eye.

~Lech Walesa

The people in Poland had to deal with painful reforms.

~Lech Walesa

I believed it would succeed. It was Polish Solidarity and its victory that put an end to the old era when what mattered were borders and rival blocs.

~Lech Walesa

This is the moment of your defeat; you have just put in the last nails in the coffin of communism.

~Lech Walesa

Capitalism is in crisis.

~Lech Walesa

Dictators and oppressors should continue to fear me because I will be here for a long time.

~Lech Walesa

If there were fish in the lake, fishing would make no sense.

~Lech Walesa

There should be a left leg and a right leg. And I'll be in between

~Lech Walesa

"It all came from there," Lech Walesa said, pointing to a TV when a reporter asked him why communism fell.

~Lech Walesa

You should go to the polls, organize yourself. But once lawmakers are chosen, they must be respected.

~Lech Walesa

When he saw injustice, he wanted to do away with it. He saw communism, and he wanted to put an end to it.

~Lech Walesa

For now, capitalism is working to produce more money but does not see the people. This problem is getting worse across the world.

~Lech Walesa

Communism prevents organizations from developing by stopping the flow of information. The system is based on police and listening devices and triggers the worst characteristics in humans.

~Lech Walesa

[Without Pope John Paul II] there would be no end of Communism or at least much later, and the end would have been bloody.

~Lech Walesa

One could always do more, faster and cleverer, but democracy has its own rhythm.

~Lech Walesa

I think if I got a bicycle from my father, I should give a car to my son.

~Lech Walesa

Building democracy as an imposition from abroad is a form of imperialism.

~Lech Walesa

My health is very much improved.

~Lech Walesa

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