

# Lindsey Graham

## Quotes

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What's going on in the Senate is kind of a politics of escalation. We're getting sort of like the Mideast: pay back everybody when you're in charge.

~Lindsey Graham

The world is literally about to blow up.

~Lindsey Graham

Social Security must be preserved and strengthened. But we need to be candid about the costs and willing to make the tough choices that real reform will require.

~Lindsey Graham

We cannot win this war on terror if people are undercutting us. And one way to undercut us is to empower Iran.

~Lindsey Graham

What is the environmental platform of the Republican party? I don't know either.

~Lindsey Graham

Some people say I'm too blunt and I'm too direct, too straightforward. I think we could use some of that in Washington, D.C.

~Lindsey Graham

We're not generating enough angry white guys to stay in business for the long term.

~Lindsey Graham

Dishonest, which is Hillary Clinton in the eyes of the American people, beats crazy. Dishonest loses to normal. So, let's just pick somebody out of the phone book if we have to.

~Lindsey Graham

It's really American to avoid paying taxes, legally.

~Lindsey Graham

The sooner we get started with alternative energy sources and recognize that fossil fuels makes us less secure as a nation, and more dangerous as a planet, the better off we'll be.

~Lindsey Graham

I'm running because I think the world is falling apart.

~Lindsey Graham

Well, the big elephant in the whole system is the baby boomer generation that marches through like a herd of elephants. And we begin to retire in 2008.

~Lindsey Graham

My party is going bat (EXPLETIVE DELETED) crazy.

~Lindsey Graham

Ronald Reagan would have a hard time getting elected as a Republican today.

~Lindsey Graham

The American consumer is also the American worker, and if we don't do something to protect our manufacturing base here at home, it is going to be hard to buy any retail goods.

~Lindsey Graham

The politics of judges is getting to be red hot.

~Lindsey Graham

Whether you're the wedding cake baker or the gay couple or the Baptist preacher, radical Islam would kill you all if they could.

~Lindsey Graham

Conservatives have a different view of a lot of issues versus our friends on the other side. The election determines how that shakes out.

~Lindsey Graham

The courtroom is a quiet place, Judge Roberts, where you park your political ideology, and you call the balls and you call the strikes.

~Lindsey Graham

I believe climate change is real, but I reject the cap and trade solution of John - of, you know, of Al Gore. He's made a religion. It's a problem.

~Lindsey Graham

No employer is going to hire robustly until they know what the health care cost is going to be.

~Lindsey Graham

It puts limits on criminals' rights to destroy unborn children without the permission of the woman.

~Lindsey Graham

If the Egyptian people can create a democracy in the heart of the Arab world, it will be a more significant contribution to civilization than the great pyramids.

~Lindsey Graham

Our most important allies in the fight against ISIL are the vast majority of Muslims who reject its apocalyptic ideology of hatred.

~Lindsey Graham

The legal system in Afghanistan is very immature and porous.

~Lindsey Graham

I dare say there may be some men and women in the Armed Forces who are so decent that they would say: Give the Iraqi people money,

we do not want to be paid back. That is the strength of our country.

~Lindsey Graham

Iran is part of the problem, not the solution. And the Russian government is ignoring reality.

~Lindsey Graham

We've got fifty people at Gitmo that are too dangerous to be let go that will never go through a normal criminal trial. Let's create a new legal system, so they'll have their day in court.

~Lindsey Graham

I hope we follow Mr. Snowden to the ends of the Earth to bring him to justice.

~Lindsey Graham

I think concerns with a member of Congress with a cabinet official being active in business. I don't see why it wouldn't apply to the president.

~Lindsey Graham

The world we live in takes a multifaceted approach. To the American taxpayer: We need to be investing in improving people's lives before the terrorists try to take over.

~Lindsey Graham

The intelligence community gets hurt through sequestration.

~Lindsey Graham

Donald Trump has gone from making absurd comments to being downright dangerous with his bombastic rhetoric.

~Lindsey Graham

The only sin I think a commander in chief can make is exaggerating successes and not understanding the challenges.

~Lindsey Graham

Is any blogger out there saying anythingâ€”do they deserve First Amendment protection? These are the issues of our times.

~Lindsey Graham

What I want to do is protect the religious liberties of those who believe that opposing same-sex marriage is part of their faith.

~Lindsey Graham

At the end of the day, I think I understand the dynamic that we face. And I'm best prepared to be commander in chief on day one, with all due respect to my other colleagues, including Hillary Clinton.

~Lindsey Graham

The best deal that Barack Obama can get will not be the best deal to be had because he's weak and indecisive.

~Lindsey Graham

President Obama chose politics over leadership. 'Hope' and 'Change' have become bait-and-switch.

~Lindsey Graham

Free speech is a great idea, but were in a war.

~Lindsey Graham

I think comprehensive immigration reform while securing your border and dealing rationale with 11 million is the only way we're going to solve this problem.

~Lindsey Graham

Well, thank God for a media that will ask questions.

~Lindsey Graham

The worst nightmare for al Qaeda is to come into a community that feels supported and has hope.

~Lindsey Graham

I don't see any coronation coming my way

~Lindsey Graham

Im the ranking Republican on the foreign aid appropriations subcommittee, so I know Tunisia well.

~Lindsey Graham

I'm from South Carolina, so I know what it's like to be accused of being a conservative from the South. And I know that to some people that means more than you're a conservative from the South.

~Lindsey Graham

The Constitution is a living, breathing document that can speak to you and nobody else.

~Lindsey Graham

We don't have enough American troops inside of Iraq to destroy ISIL any time soon.

~Lindsey Graham

If 'Obama-care' becomes fully implemented in 2014, it's going to bankrupt states.

~Lindsey Graham

I'm for Simpson-Bowles. It doesn't raise taxes, it closes loopholes and takes the money we would give to a few people and put it on the debt.

~Lindsey Graham

I would love to have a good deal to end the nuclear ambitions of the Iranians, but I don't trust the Iranians. They've been lying and cheating.

~Lindsey Graham

We have to adjust the age retirement for younger people. People of my income level are going to have to have their benefits means-tested. Democrats are going to want a simpler tax code.

~Lindsey Graham

I think the best thing, if you can't get an air-tight deal with every "I" dotted and every "t" crossed is let the next president have a chance to deal with the Iranians.

~Lindsey Graham

The Iranians have shared every weapon they've ever developed with terrorist organizations. I fear they would share nuclear technology with a terrorist organization that would one day come here.

~Lindsey Graham

I think the worst thing in the world is to have the courts decide who to target in the war on terrorism. And courts are not military commanders.

~Lindsey Graham

I would love to end the nuclear ambition of the Iranians without firing a shot, but you have to know who you're talking to and what they actually want, this is North Korea in the making.

~Lindsey Graham

I think our nation's at war with radical Islam. The primary goal of these groups is to attack our nation. Washington's a prime target.

~Lindsey Graham

I'm not going to throw my state under the bus. That's never going to happen.

~Lindsey Graham



Tea Party to establishment from social conservative to libertarian, we all - what people want more than anything is they don't just want a fighter. They want someone who fights and wins.

~Lindsey Graham

I think most Americans understand that radical Islam can't be compromised with or appeased. And the only way we can be safe is to form partnerships over there that will protect us over here.

~Lindsey Graham

I think the American people pretty well understand that radical Islam has an agenda that includes us.

~Lindsey Graham

I've been a military lawyer for 33 years. A member of al Qaeda or their affiliate group can be detained under a law of war as long as their threat to our nation without a trial.

~Lindsey Graham

Nobody in the Senate on a bipartisan fashion trusts the Iranians. They lie. They cheat. They're a murderous regime. They've been trying to develop a nuclear weapon.

~Lindsey Graham

Marco Rubio, I think, will be president some day. Whether 2016 is his time, time will tell. He embraced immigration reform. He seems to have backed off. I'll let him explain why.

~Lindsey Graham

I'm for eliminating deductions and taking some of the money to buy down rates and put it on the debt. That's not raising taxes. That's solving a problem.

~Lindsey Graham

We can talk about corporations all day long but my goal is to help the middle class, somebody who makes too much to be on government assistance but still lives paycheck to paycheck.

~Lindsey Graham

The worst nightmare in the world is a radical Islamic regime with a weapon of mass destruction.

~Lindsey Graham

If Barack Obama cannot appreciate that our troops are winning in Iraq, he should not be their Commander in Chief.

~Lindsey Graham

Our government has a responsibility to defend our borders, but we must do so in a way that makes us safer and upholds all that is decent and exceptional about our nation.

~Lindsey Graham

Most people are one car wreck away from needing somebody's help. So, I don't take anything for granted much anymore.

~Lindsey Graham

I don't think most people would want me to have a business relationship as a senator where my business partners can reap the benefit of my position and I one day get the share the profits.

~Lindsey Graham

The next president of the United States needs to figure one thing out quickly - how to be commander in chief. And I think I could do that.

~Lindsey Graham

There's something wrong when hedge fund managers pay lower tax rates than nurses or the truckers

~Lindsey Graham

I've been elected numerous times in South Carolina. If I'm on the ballot, I'm going to win South Carolina.

~Lindsey Graham

I don't have kids, but I do understand family, and I understand how precious family is.

~Lindsey Graham

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