

Lyndon B. Johnson

Quotes

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Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Until justice is blind to color, until education is unaware of race, until opportunity is unconcerned with the color of men's skins, emancipation will be a proclamation but not a fact.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Lincoln was right about not fooling all the people all the time. But Republicans haven't given up trying.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Better to have him inside the tent pissing out, than outside the tent pissing in.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I have learned that only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. First, let her think she's having her own way. And second, let her have it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

A man can take a little bourbon without getting drunk, but if you hold his mouth open and pour in a quart, he's going to get sick on it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Our numbers have increased in Vietnam because the aggression of others has increased in Vietnam. There is not, and there will not be, a mindless escalation.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Democracy is a constant tension between truth and half-truth and, in the arsenal of truth, there is no greater weapon than fact.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Just like the Alamo, somebody damn well needed to go to their aid. Well, by God, I'm going to Viet Nam's aid!

~Lyndon B. Johnson

This administration here and now declares unconditional war on poverty.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

You might say that Lyndon Johnson is a cross between a Baptist preacher and a cowboy.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

When I was a boy we didn't wake up with Vietnam and have Cyprus for lunch and the Congo for dinner.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

You know, doing what is right is easy. The problem is knowing what is right.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The guns and the bombs, the rockets and the warships, are all symbols of human failure.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

You aren't learning anything when you're talking.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Education will not cure all the problems of society, but without it no cure for any problem is possible.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

We live in a world that has narrowed into a neighborhood before it has broadened into a brotherhood.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The job, of course, will never be finished. For a nation, as for an individual, education is a perpetually unfinished journey, a continuing process of discovery.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Let us close the springs of racial poison. Let us pray for wise and understanding hearts. Let us lay aside irrelevant differences and make our nation whole.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Never miss an opportunity to say a word of congratulation upon anyone's achievement.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I'll have those n**gers voting Democratic for the next 200 years.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

This is not Johnson's war. This is America's war. If I drop dead tomorrow, this war will still be with you.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Our society is illuminated by the spiritual insights of the Hebrew prophets. America and Israel have a common love of human freedom, and they have a common faith in a democratic way of life.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Our most tragic error may have been our inability to establish a rapport and a confidence with the press and television with the communication media. I don't think the press has understood me.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

There are no favorites in my office. I treat them all with the same general inconsideration.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Education is the key to opportunity in our society, and the equality of educational opportunity must be the birthright of every citizen.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Being president is like being a jackass in a hailstorm. There's nothing to do but to stand there and take it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If government is to serve any purpose it is to do for others what they are unable to do for themselves.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

We have talked long enough in this country about equal rights. It is time now to write the next chapter - and to write it in the books of law.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

You do not examine legislation in the light of the benefits it will convey if properly administered, but in the light of the wrongs it would do and the harms it would cause if improperly administered.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I'm gonna hunker down like a jack rabbit in a dust storm

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The Organization of American States couldn't pour piss out of a boot if the instructions were written on the heel.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Every man has a right to a Saturday night bath.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

This right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. It gives people, people as individuals, control over their own destinies.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If one morning I walked on top of the water across the Potomac River, the headline that afternoon would read: 'President Can't Swim.'

~Lyndon B. Johnson

We can draw lessons from the past, but we cannot live in it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Democrats legislate; Republicans investigate.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The land flourished because it was fed from so many sources--because it was nourished by so many cultures and traditions and peoples.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Did you ever think that making a speech on economy is a lot like pissing down your leg? It seems hot to you, but it never does to anyone else.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

No member of our generation who wasn't a Communist or a dropout in the thirties is worth a damn.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

'If you let a bully come in and chase you out of your front yard, he'll be on your porch and the next day he'll rape your wife in your own bed.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

We believe, that is, you and I, that education is not an expense. We believe it is an investment.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The CIA is made up of boys whose families sent them to Princeton but wouldn't let them into the family brokerage business.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I once told Nixon that the Presidency is like being a jackass caught in a hail storm. You've got to just stand there and take it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The noblest search is the search for excellence.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I do not find it easy to send the flower of our youth, our finest young men, into battle.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

At times history and fate meet at a single time in a single place to shape a turning point in man's unending search for freedom.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I believe the destiny of your generation - and your nation - is a rendezvous with excellence.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

In our home there was always prayer - aloud, proud and unapologetic.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If two men agree on everything, you may be sure that one of them is doing the thinking.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

It is important that the United States remain a two-party system. I'm a fellow who likes small parties and the Republican Party can't be too small to suit me.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Heck by the time a man scratches his behind, clears his throat, and tells me how smart he is, we've already wasted fifteen minutes.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

One hundred years ago, the slave was freed. One hundred years later, the Negro remains in bondage to the color of his skin.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

He's a nice guy, but he played too much football with his helmet off.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I want real loyalty. I want someone who will kiss my ass in Macy's window, and say it smells like roses.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

When a person finds themselves predisposed to complaining about how little they are regarded by others, let them reflect how little they have contributed to the happiness of others.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If we are to live together in peace, we must come to know each other better.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

There is no issue of States' rights or National rights. There is only the struggle for human rights.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Hug your friends tight, but your enemies tighter ? hug ?em so tight they can?t wiggle.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Organized crime constitutes nothing less than a guerilla war against society.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If you have a mother-in-law with only one eye and she has it in the center of her forehead, don't keep her in the living room.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

'All men are created equal', 'government by consent of the governed', 'give me liberty or give me death'. Well, those are not just clever words, or those are not just empty theories.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If we quit Vietnam, tomorrow we'll be fighting in Hawaii, and next week we'll have to fight in San Francisco.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I am going to build the kind of nation that President Roosevelt hoped for, President Truman worked for, and President Kennedy died for.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

To conclude that women are unfitted to the task of our historic society seems to me the equivalent of closing male eyes to female facts.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

In 1790, the nation which had fought a revolution against taxation without representation discovered that some of its citizens weren't much happier about taxation with representation.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

. . . the time has also come to identify and preserve free-flowing stretches of our great rivers before growth and development make the beauty of the unspoiled waterway a memory.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

It's the price of leadership to do the thing you believe has to be done at the time it must be done.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

They call upon us to supply American boys to do the job that Asian boys should do.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

It is the excitement of becoming - always becoming, trying, probing, falling, resting, and trying again- but always trying and always gaining

~Lyndon B. Johnson

In a thousand unseen ways we have drawn shape and strength from the land.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

While you're saving your face, you're losing your ass.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The poor suffer twice at the rioter's hands. First, his destructive fury scars their neighborhood; second, the atmosphere of accommodation and consent is changed to one of hostility and resentment.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Light at the end of the tunnel? We don't even have a tunnel; we don't even know where the tunnel is.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

To sustain an environment suitable for man, we must fight on a thousand battlegrounds. Despite all of our wealth and knowledge, we cannot create a redwood forest, a wild river, or a gleaming seashore.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

In a nation of millions and a world of billions, the individual is still the first and basic agent of change.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

[The United States and Israel] share many common objectives ... chief of which is the building of a better world in which every nation can develop its resources and develop them in freedom and peace.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

When the burdens of the presidency seem unusually heavy, I always remind myself it could be worse. I could be a mayor.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

What convinces is conviction.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Doing what's right isn't the problem. It is knowing what's right.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Jerry Ford is so dumb he can't fart and chew gum at the same time.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I'd rather give my life than be afraid to give it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

[E]very man, everywhere, should be free to develop his talents to their full potential - unhampered by arbitrary barriers of race or birth or income.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Every child must be encouraged to get as much education as he has the ability to take. We want this not only for his sake - but for the nation's sake.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The best fertilizer for a piece of land is the footprints of its owner.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Poverty must not be a bar to learning and learning must offer an escape from poverty.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject itself, or know where to find it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If you're in politics and you can't tell when you walk into a room who's for you and who's against you, then you're in the wrong line of work.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

If we must disagree, let's disagree without being disagreeable.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

The fact that a man is a newspaper reporter is evidence of some flaw of character.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I am proud to be a member of a party that opens its doors to all men--and closes its hearts to none.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Republicans simply don't know how to manage the economy.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Reporters are like puppets. They simply respond to the pull of the most powerful strings.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Poverty has many roots, but the tap root is ignorance.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

Jerry Ford is so dumb he can't walk and chew gum at the same time.... He's a nice fellow, but he spent too much time playing football without a helmet.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

We must open the doors of opportunity.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

I feel like I just grabbed a big juicy worm with a right sharp hook in the middle of it.

~Lyndon B. Johnson

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