

Madeleine Albright Quotes

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There is a special place in hell for women who don't help other women.

~Madeleine Albright

Our predecessors understood that the ties that bind America are far stronger than disagreements over any particular policy and far more durable and profound than any party affiliation.

~Madeleine Albright

It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent.

~Madeleine Albright

Saddam's goal is to achieve the lifting of U.N. sanctions while retaining and enhancing Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs. We cannot, we must not and we will not let him succeed.

~Madeleine Albright

We must stop Saddam from ever again jeopardizing the stability and security of his neighbors with weapons of mass destruction.

~Madeleine Albright

There's Madeleine, and then there's 'Madeleine Albright'. And I sometimes kind of think, who is this person? Once you become 'Madeleine Albright' it doesn't go away.

~Madeleine Albright

I have been in meetings where a head of state will say, 'I like your tie,' to a man... or, 'I like your country because the weather's good,' or whatever. So for me, the pins in some ways were openers.

~Madeleine Albright

To put it mildly, the world is a mess.

~Madeleine Albright

I think this is a very hard choice, but the price - we think the price is worth it.

~Madeleine Albright

We will not be intimidated or pushed off the world stage by people who do not like what we stand for, and that is, freedom, democracy and the fight against disease, poverty and terrorism.

~Madeleine Albright

We live in an image society. Speeches are not what anybody cares about; what they care about is the picture.

~Madeleine Albright

My mind-set is Munich. Most of my generation's is Vietnam.

~Madeleine Albright

As you go along your own road in life, you will, if you aim high enough, also meet resistance... But no matter how tough the opposition may seem, have courage still and persevere.

~Madeleine Albright

I have said this many times, that there seems to be enough room in the world for mediocre men, but not for mediocre women, and we really have to work very, very hard.

~Madeleine Albright

I'm not a person who thinks the world would be entirely different if it was run by women. If you think that, you've forgotten what high school was like.

~Madeleine Albright

No one has done what Saddam Hussein has done, or is thinking of doing. He is producing weapons of mass destruction, and he is qualitatively and quantitatively different from other dictators.

~Madeleine Albright

Our collective experience has shown that when women have the power to make their own choices, good things happen.

~Madeleine Albright

Don't make me into this airy-fairy, moralist, idealist because I'm not.

~Madeleine Albright

I think that a president needs to have a variety of views presented. But also, there has to be a team effort, because otherwise, I think it creates a dissonance and difficulty.

~Madeleine Albright

As a leader, you have to have the ability to assimilate new information and understand that there might be a different view.

~Madeleine Albright

Glass ceilings have been broken, but more have to be broken.

~Madeleine Albright

What you have to be concerned about are the extremists. On the whole, we need to understand the more moderate Muslims before they become more radicalized.

~Madeleine Albright

I spent my life studying communism and Soviet systems.

~Madeleine Albright

I love being a woman and I was not one of these women who rose through professional life by wearing men's clothes or looking masculine. I loved wearing bright colors and being who I am.

~Madeleine Albright

I think there has to be the sense that once you have climbed the ladder of success, that you don't push it away from the building.

~Madeleine Albright

The cover-up, more than the initial wrongdoing, is what is most likely to bring you down.

~Madeleine Albright

I do not believe that things happen accidentally; I believe you earn them.

~Madeleine Albright

To understand Europe, you have to be a genius - or French.

~Madeleine Albright

I think that the Middle East is the largest piece of unfinished business that we all have. I happen to believe in the democratization process.

~Madeleine Albright

We must be authors of the history of our age.

~Madeleine Albright

When we're trying to solve difficult national issues its sometimes necessary to talk to adversaries as well as friends. Historians have a word for this: diplomacy.

~Madeleine Albright

Hussein has chosen to spend his money on building weapons of mass destruction and palaces for his cronies.

~Madeleine Albright

There's nobody who's had a resume like [Hillary Clinton] that's run for president.

~Madeleine Albright

I don't actually believe in a clash of civilizations. I believe in a clash of the civilized and the noncivilized.

~Madeleine Albright

The Framework Agreement is one of the best things the [Clinton] Administration has done because it stopped a nuclear weapons program in North Korea.

~Madeleine Albright

I was taught to strive not because there were any guarantees of success but because the act of striving is in itself the only way to keep faith with life.

~Madeleine Albright

The best book, like the best speech, will do it all - make us laugh, think, cry and cheer - preferably in that order.

~Madeleine Albright

The magic of America is that we're a free and open society with a mixed population. Part of our security is our freedom.

~Madeleine Albright

I've never been to New Zealand before. But one of my role models, Xena, the warrior princess, comes from there.

~Madeleine Albright

If we have to use force, it is because we are America. We are the indispensable nation. We stand tall. We see further into the future.

~Madeleine Albright

When combined with information and communication technologies, microcredit can unleash new opportunities for the world's poorest entrepreneurs and thereby revitalize the village economies they serve.

~Madeleine Albright

What a blast it is to be here with Michael Moore.

~Madeleine Albright

Because of my parents' love of democracy, we came to America after being driven twice from our home in Czechoslovakia - first by Hitler and then by Stalin.

~Madeleine Albright

A skilled diplomat rarely generates extreme reactions.

~Madeleine Albright

I was in Europe and it was at this stage that I fell in love with Americans in uniform. And I continue to have that love affair.

~Madeleine Albright

No matter how hard we might wish, we will not be able to transform China's behavior overnight.

~Madeleine Albright

Whatever the job you are asked to do at whatever level, do a good job because your reputation is your resume.

~Madeleine Albright

Real leadership comes from the quiet nudging of an inner voice. It comes from realizing that the time has come to move beyond waiting to doing.

~Madeleine Albright

If there's nobody in your way, you're not going anywhere.

~Madeleine Albright

the purpose of foreign policy is to persuade others to do what we want or, better yet, to want what we want.

~Madeleine Albright

I'm a problem-solver.

~Madeleine Albright

I enjoy wearing pins, and nobody tells me to do it.

~Madeleine Albright

My deepest regret from my years in public service is the failure of the United States and the international community to act sooner to halt these crimes.

~Madeleine Albright

The difference between humans and other mammals is that we know how to accessorize.

~Madeleine Albright

I can't imagine what it is like to be raised in a society where their only statues that exist are to you and your father.

~Madeleine Albright

There are an awful lot of things going on that need understanding and explanation, but - to put it mildly - the world is a mess.

~Madeleine Albright

While democracy in the long run is the most stable form of government, in the short run, it is among the most fragile.

~Madeleine Albright

History is written backwards but lived forwards.

~Madeleine Albright

China is in its own category - too big to ignore, too repressive to embrace, difficult to influence, and very, very proud.

~Madeleine Albright

Women have to be active listeners and interrupters - but when you interrupt, you have to know what you are talking about.

~Madeleine Albright

Mahmoud Abbas is a puppet.

~Madeleine Albright

The U.N. bureaucracy has grown to elephantine proportions. Now that the Cold War is over, we are asking that elephant to do gymnastics.

~Madeleine Albright

I've never seen America as an imperialist or colonialist or meddling country.

~Madeleine Albright

What people have the capacity to choose, they have the ability to change.

~Madeleine Albright

I have very set and consistent principles, but I am flexible on tactics. I like to get the job done.

~Madeleine Albright

I was struck by the joy of those pilots in committing coldblooded murder . . . Frankly, this is not cojones. This is cowardice.

~Madeleine Albright

The system he (President Hosni Mubarak) is recommending would make it virtually impossible for truly independent parties to participate. Sham democracy should be exposed for what it truly is.

~Madeleine Albright

In diplomacy, clear-cut wins and losses are rare.

~Madeleine Albright

We have to understand where we have strategic relationships that require us to take a different approach. I guess the easiest way to describe it is: different strokes for different folks.

~Madeleine Albright

Women can't do everything at the same time, we need to understand milestones in our lives comes in segments.

~Madeleine Albright

Only in America could a refugee girl from Central Europe become secretary of state.

~Madeleine Albright

The interesting part is, that being the United States Secretary of State, most places I went didn't have a problem with me being a woman, because I was representing the United States.

~Madeleine Albright

I don't think people should think of women's issues as auxiliary issues - they are central.

~Madeleine Albright

Well we're good friends so I'm a little prejudice, but I think [Hillary Clinton] is incredibly qualified, and better prepared to be president than almost anyone who's ever run frankly.

~Madeleine Albright

I do consider myself a feminist. I know the word has weird implications for people now, but I do think that its important to have women involved, whether its business or public service or...anything.

~Madeleine Albright

I was a little girl in World War II and I'm used to being freed by Americans.

~Madeleine Albright

For somebody who loves foreign policy, being Secretary is the best job in the world - but it doesn't happen twice.

~Madeleine Albright

I loved being Secretary of State, that's probably evident to everyone who watched me.

~Madeleine Albright

Often if you don't speak up, whatever you thought was stupid to say some man would say and then everyone would say 'as he said'.

~Madeleine Albright

I think the hardest part [is] the priorities. There are an awful lot of things to do [being Secretary of State].

~Madeleine Albright

Obviously Iran is a very large problem. It's hard to decide what the number one issue [is], but that is a very threatening problem.

~Madeleine Albright

[John Kerry] actually stole my line because when I became Secretary of State, I said, 'I hope my heels will fill Warren Christopher's shoes.' So he reversed that.

~Madeleine Albright

John Kerry knows more about more subjects than an awful lot of people. But I think it's a very hard job [Secretary of State].

~Madeleine Albright

I think we all are people that are the product of our backgrounds. It's wrong to think that you're not.

~Madeleine Albright

I consider it my patriotic duty as an ordinary citizen - not as Secretary of State - to ask questions. I think we have to ask ourselves the tough questions.

~Madeleine Albright

I think the jobs [at the top] are unbelievably difficult, and there is nothing easier than second-guessing people.

~Madeleine Albright

We don't understand enough about the Islam religion and Muslim world.

~Madeleine Albright

I can't see democracy occurring by force - after an Iraqi war, because of the fallout from that.

~Madeleine Albright

I went to college somewhere between the invention of the iPad and the discovery of fire... but I had gone to a women's college.

~Madeleine Albright

I got married, I really waited a long time - three days after I graduated.

~Madeleine Albright

Every new president inherits headaches, but President Obama has inherited an entire emergency room.

~Madeleine Albright

If we have to use force, it is because we are America.

~Madeleine Albright

I can't go out with a Republican.

~Madeleine Albright

Most of the time I spend when I get up in the morning is trying to figure out what is going to happen.

~Madeleine Albright

As strong as the United States is, we can't deal with terrorism alone.

~Madeleine Albright

I am such a political person.

~Madeleine Albright

What's the point of having this superb military you're always talking about if we can't use it?

~Madeleine Albright

For me, being raised in a free America made all the difference.

~Madeleine Albright

For me, America is really, truly the indispensable nation.

~Madeleine Albright

It takes more than one dove to make peace in the Middle East.

~Madeleine Albright

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