

Madeleine M. Kunin

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Inaction, contrary to its reputation for being a refuge, is neither safe nor comfortable.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Contradictory as it seems, malnutrition is a key contributor to obesity.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

If we are serious about providing upward mobility and building a skilled workforce, pre-school is the place to begin.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

We're all basically made of the same stuff: generosity and selfishness, goodness and greed.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Simply put, when women do well, everybody does better.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

One is responsible for one's own life. Passivity provides no protection.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

We see the world through the lens of all our experiences; that is a fundamental part of the human condition.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

It's time to recognize what compromise means: no side wins or loses all.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Those who speak up, those who use their connections, are more likely to succeed than those who sit and wait.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Money often determines not only who gets elected, but what gets done.

Which voices do lawmakers listen to, the banks or home owners, coal companies, or asthma sufferers, the CEOs or the unemployed?

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Volunteer activities can foster enormous leadership skills. The nonprofit professional volunteer world is a laboratory for self - realization.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

A skilled worker, regardless of the job description, remains a treasure.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

If months were marked by colors, November in New England would be colored gray.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Early childhood education begins early, even before birth.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Women in leadership cannot cry without raising a storm of commentary.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

The Republican agenda is, and always has been, to repeal Roe v. Wade, and at the very least, erode it to the greatest extent possible.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

When there is violence against any person in society, because he or she is different, it threatens us all. Only by speaking out are any of us safe.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

The political environment we create matters because a disturbed person cannot always tell the difference between explosive rhetoric and explosive actions.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

When we mention the 1 percent and the 99 percent, everybody now knows what we are talking about. It's part of our vocabulary. How quickly these numbers jumped from the sidelines to the center.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Without putting the brakes on out-of-control campaign contributions from individuals and corporations - it will be business as usual, with 1 percent of Americans pulling the strings.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Why is computer science a good field for women? For one thing, that's where the jobs are, and for another, the pay is better than for many jobs, and finally, it's easier to combine career and family.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

'Power' is an explosive word, particularly when applied to women.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Life experience is not something to be denied, but to be celebrated.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Investment in early education is not a Liberal or Conservative idea. Nor should it be decided along party lines.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

If being a woman is a factor politically, it's usually not because of a conscious bias, but because women are a novelty.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Are there really good wars and bad wars? We thought so during World War II, and in retrospect, we were right. But in Vietnam, and Iraq we were wrong.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Somehow I got the feeling at an early age that I had to do something important with my life.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

We continue to blame the poor for their own condition. They are lazy. We do not want to know that the poorest of the poor are toddlers under three years of age.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

There are no more excuses for leaving women out of the inner circles of power. Qualified women are everywhere. Women are ready for leadership; they just need to be identified and asked.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Why are video games so violent? The ones I've seen remind me of the 4th of July, with everything exploding, buildings, cars, airplanes, men and women. Kill, kill, and kill for sport and entertainment.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

To equate a corporation with a person is a travesty of justice.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Statistics do not convey emotion. They shock us for a minute or two, and then we click again.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Babies are smart. They can tell the difference between a responsive face and a blank face, wiped clean of emotion.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

When I ran for governor, was I ambitious? Yes. Anyone, male or female, who goes through the trials of a campaign must be ambitious.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

There are not many female role models to guide voters, and the tradition that a Southern woman's place is in the home still lingers in some quarters.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Working moms, and increasingly working dads, don't want a government handout, but they do need a hand up.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

“Job Killer.” Those are the two words you are most likely to hear uttered by most American CEOs when confronted with proposals to enact family-friendly work policies.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Children refuse to compromise. Adults learn how.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Fair treatment in the work force is no longer exclusively a labor issue, nor is it a women's issue - it is a fundamental economic issue.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

It is the future, of course, which politicians grapple with, and that is why politics is so disorderly. Only history clears away some of the debris.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Like art, political action gives shape and expression to the things we fear as well as to those we desire. It is a creative process, drawing on the power to imagine as well as to act.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

If we are to create a new agenda for family/work policies, employers and employees have to take a seat at the same table and recognize

their mutual gains.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Common wisdom dictates that the vice president should provide balance to the ticket by representing a different part of the country, another set of experiences, or a basketful of electoral votes.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

A small pay discrepancy between men's and women's salaries for the same job may seem inconsequential. But over the years, salary discrimination adds up to a significantly smaller pension.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

A desire to succeed in politics is propelled by these two seemingly contradictory forces, which frequently change places and sometimes coexist: to save others and to save oneself.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

Political success is often dependent on the ability to be heard above the din of controversy and debate and to set a course with one's own compass.

~Madeleine M. Kunin

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