

Margaret Chase Smith

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Mind, Jobs, Criticism, Greatness, Independent, Dedication, Country,
Constructive Criticism, Resolution, Religious, Honor, Selfish*

I do not want to see the Republican party ride to political victory on the Four Horsemen of Calumny-fear, ignorance, bigotry and smear.

~Margaret Chase Smith

Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation.

~Margaret Chase Smith

The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character.

~Margaret Chase Smith

Every human being is entitled to courtesy and consideration. Constructive criticism is not only to be expected but sought.

~Margaret Chase Smith

When people keep telling you that you can't do a thing, you kind of like to try it.

~Margaret Chase Smith

One of the basic causes for all the trouble in the world today is that people talk too much and think too little. They act impulsively without thinking. I always try to think before I talk.

~Margaret Chase Smith

Moral cowardice that keeps us from speaking our minds is as dangerous to this country as irresponsible talk.

~Margaret Chase Smith

I don't believe the American people will uphold any political party that puts political exploitation above national interest. Surely we Republicans aren't that desperate for victory.

~Margaret Chase Smith

Greatness is not manifested by unlimited pragmatism, which places such a high premium on the end justifying any means and any methods

~Margaret Chase Smith

As an American, I want to see our nation recapture the strength and unity it once had when we fought the enemy instead of ourselves.

~Margaret Chase Smith

My basic rule is to speak slowly and simply so that my audience has an opportunity to follow and think about what I am saying.

~Margaret Chase Smith

Freedom unexercised may be freedom forfeited. The preservation of freedom is in the hands of the people themselves - not of the government.

~Margaret Chase Smith

We should not permit tolerance to degenerate into indifference.

~Margaret Chase Smith

The key to security is public information.

~Margaret Chase Smith

We are Republicans. But we are Americans first. It is as Americans that we express our concern with the growing confusion that threatens the security and stability of our country.

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The Senate has been debased to the level of a forum of hate and character assassination sheltered by the shield of congressional

immunity.

~Margaret Chase Smith

Surely the United States Senate is big enough to take self-criticism and self-appraisal. Surely we should be able to take the same kind of character attacks that we "dish out" to outsiders.

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Smears are not only to be expected but fought. Honor is to be earned, not bought.

~Margaret Chase Smith

As long as there are big corporations, there will be big unions. The economic power of big business will be matched by the economic power of the big unions.

~Margaret Chase Smith

I believe that in our constant search for security we can never gain any peace of mind until we secure our own soul.

~Margaret Chase Smith

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