

Mario Cuomo Quotes

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Strong, Dream, Inspirational, Country, Community, Belief, World, Thinking, Hard
Work, Want, Honesty*

People expect Byzantine, Machiavellian logic from politicians. But the truth is simple. Trial lawyers learn a good rule: 'Don't decide what you don't have to decide.' That's not evasion, it's wisdom.

~Mario Cuomo

You want calamities? What about the Ice Age? God made this world, but didn't complete it.

~Mario Cuomo

There are only two rules for being successful. One, figure out exactly what you want to do, and two, do it.

~Mario Cuomo

For me to make lasagna would be a desecration of a great Italian dish. . . I don't mess with sacred things.

~Mario Cuomo

The Republicans believe that the wagon train will not make it to the frontier unless some of the old, some of the young, some of the weak are left behind.

~Mario Cuomo

There are few things more amusing in the world of politics than watching moderate Republicans charging to the right in pursuit of greater glory.

~Mario Cuomo

The mugger who is arrested is back on the street before the police officer, but the person mugged may not be back on the street for a long time, if ever.

~Mario Cuomo

I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week.

~Mario Cuomo

Every time I've done something that doesn't feel right, it's ended up not being right.

~Mario Cuomo

The American people need no course in philosophy or political science or church history to know that God should not be made into a celestial party chairman.

~Mario Cuomo

A judge can manipulate the law. A smart lawyer can keep a killer out of jail.

~Mario Cuomo

Those two principles: We're supposed to love one another and we're supposed to work together to make the experience better. That's all the religion you need, really, to make a success of this planet.

~Mario Cuomo

Democracy is not meant to be efficient, it is meant to be fair.

~Mario Cuomo

I have no plans, and no plans to plan.

~Mario Cuomo

It is not a government's obligation to provide services, but to see that they are provided.

~Mario Cuomo

I told them that my grandfather had died in the Great Crash of 1929 - a stockbroker jumped out of a window and crushed him and his pushcart down below.

~Mario Cuomo

The price of seeking to force our beliefs on others is that someday they might force their beliefs on us.

~Mario Cuomo

You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose.

~Mario Cuomo

What I didn't do was pick one thing and keep saying it over and over again, so I could have gotten credit for it.

~Mario Cuomo

We believe in a government that is characterized by fairness and reasonableness, a reasonableness that goes beyond labels, that doesn't distort or promise to do things that we know we can't do.

~Mario Cuomo

The closed circle of materialism is clear to us now - aspirations become wants, wants become needs, and self-gratification becomes a bottomless pit.

~Mario Cuomo

Entertainers and sports figures achieve fame and wealth but find the world empty and dull without the solace and stimulation of drugs.

~Mario Cuomo

The values derived from religious belief will not - and should not - be accepted as part of the public morality unless they are shared by the pluralistic community at large, by consensus.

~Mario Cuomo

We are disgusted by the things that we desire, and we desire what disgusts us.

~Mario Cuomo

I somehow got this reputation of diddling and dithering. I don't remember dithering at all.

~Mario Cuomo

We believe in only the government we need, but we insist on all the government we need.

~Mario Cuomo

For too many, the dream of economic mobility has been replaced with a nightmare of economic stagnation.

~Mario Cuomo

I said I didn't want to run for president. I didn't ask you to believe me.

~Mario Cuomo

Way down deep the American people are afraid of an entangling relationship between formal religions - or whole bodies of religious belief - and government.

~Mario Cuomo

You will not be able to tell that they are capable of greatness until you provide them with a packed house, a 3-and-2 count and the game is on the line.

~Mario Cuomo

Outrage is easy, cheap, and oversold. The nation needs less anger and more thoughtful reflection, less shouting and more listening, less dissembling and more honesty.

~Mario Cuomo

We believe in a government strong enough to use words like "love" and "compassion" and smart enough to convert our noblest aspirations into practical realities.

~Mario Cuomo

People asked me what I want as an epitaph: 'He tried'

~Mario Cuomo

Most of us have achieved levels of affluence and comfort unthought of two generations ago. We've never had it so good, most of us. Nor have we ever complained so bitterly about our problems.

~Mario Cuomo

Decide exactly what you want to achieve. Do you want to help people, or do you want to be powerful?

~Mario Cuomo

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