

Mark Shields Quotes

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If an abduction is reported, it is dealt with in the same way as a kidnap.

~Mark Shields

In the 2004 presidential election, we saw a wonderful example of citizens making contributions. In fact, individual giving to both the Kerry and Bush campaigns was the highest in our nation's history.

~Mark Shields

There is always strength in numbers. The more individuals or organizations that you can rally to your cause, the better.

~Mark Shields

George Washington was the president who could never tell a lie, and Richard Nixon was the president who could never tell the truth. Donald Trump is truly the president who can't tell the difference.

~Mark Shields

As Bill Clinton said so eloquently at the convention, during Vietnam there was a chance to serve; there was a chance not to serve.

~Mark Shields

The problem with smear campaigns is that too often they work.

~Mark Shields

There's nothing wrong with being organized. Things that change history tend to be organized.

~Mark Shields

John McCain has become the de facto running mate of George W. Bush.

~Mark Shields

You've got people who didn't serve with John Kerry saying they did serve with John Kerry in the boat. With George Bush, we can't find

anybody who did serve with him.

~Mark Shields

John Kerry's biography was central to his campaign.

~Mark Shields

You have to understand that Republicans are on lockstep on one issue. They will not raise taxes. Democrats are in lockstep on another issue, pro-choice in all cases on abortion.

~Mark Shields

Everybody who served in John Kerry's boat under his command save one has stood with him.

~Mark Shields

The economy of the United States gross domestic product doubled from 1996 to 2015, doubled, more than, \$8.8 trillion to \$17.1 trillion. And the median household income went down.

~Mark Shields

John McCain was victimized in the South Carolina primary.

~Mark Shields

When you have got military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, they're intended for one purpose. And that is to inflict as much damage on human beings in as short as time as possible.

~Mark Shields

There is nothing more basic to our democracy than the right to participate in electing our political leaders.

~Mark Shields

If I were John Bolton, I'd take great consolation in the words of my principal supporter on the committee, who gave a ringing endorsement,

which was, There is no evidence that he has broken any laws.

~Mark Shields

Hillary Clinton has emphasized that she is afflicted with or possessed of the responsibility gene.

~Mark Shields

People in the White House work hard, whatever administration. They get rewarded in psychic income, a sense that they are involved in something bigger than themselves, that it's important.

~Mark Shields

Character is destiny and character is important to American campaigns.

~Mark Shields

When you run for president of the United States, everybody does the same thing in the campaign-they talk about veterans, how much they admire them, how grateful they are.

~Mark Shields

The advantage that hospitals have over other institutions is that hospitals are community-based. You can't outsource your work; you can't move your emergency department to Pakistan.

~Mark Shields

When the size of the group supporting your cause reaches a critical mass, any legislator or elected official has to pay attention.

~Mark Shields

The stated objective and the mission of Vladimir Putin's Russia is to destabilize the North Atlantic Alliance.

~Mark Shields

George Bush says what John Kerry did was noble. Yet he sees him being savaged by his own supporters.

~Mark Shields

I think it's fair to say that Donald Trump was born without the embarrassment gene or the moral reservation gene.

~Mark Shields

He who speaks the truth must keep one foot in the stirrup.

~Mark Shields

White working-class voters or working-class voters have felt abandoned, have felt, in many senses, disparaged by the political leadership of America.

~Mark Shields

Donald Trump is to traditional values what I am to marathon running.

~Mark Shields

Donald Trump loves loyalty.

~Mark Shields

Human trafficking is a human tragedy. It's an outrage against any decent people.

~Mark Shields

At a time when the public is sour on politicians, have no use for them, Bill Clinton has risen to a different level. Bill Clinton is endlessly interesting.

~Mark Shields

The corporations who invest in lobbyists, it pays in terms of tax loopholes, tax subsidies, all the rest. It pays. Clearly, the money has a big effect.

~Mark Shields

There is always strength in numbers

~Mark Shields

I'm not sure Betsy DeVos has ever spent a day in a public school. And I don't - I'm pretty sure Donald Trump hasn't.

~Mark Shields

Tim Kaine kind of gives the warmer, human face of the Democrats.

~Mark Shields

Now Republicans are a more interventionist party than they have been at any time since George W. Bush left office.

~Mark Shields

Tim Kaine didn't come across authentic. It wasn't good. And it was - it just really - I think, for short-term benefit, I think the Democrats tarnished the brand, which is an awfully good brand.

~Mark Shields

You can't have someone with a pinkie out there at the U.N. or any other place.

~Mark Shields

The organizing principle of the United States defensive foreign policy had been opposition to the Soviet Union. There is no more Soviet Union.

~Mark Shields

Iraq is in a civil war. There is no road in that country that is safe.

~Mark Shields

The measure of our progress is not whether we add more to the

abundance of those who have much, but whether, as Franklin Roosevelt said, we provide enough for those who have too little.

~Mark Shields

Health care, it's going to be political. It's going to be, let's say, the confluence of the politics and the messy implementation.

~Mark Shields

Richard Nixon said it best. It makes no difference whether they hold your nose or whether they go would through a wall to vote for you. It counts the same with the X.

~Mark Shields

There is no tougher job in America than being a cop on the beat in a major city in this country, big and brawling.

~Mark Shields

Critics of Donald Trump take him literally, but not seriously. His supporters take him seriously, but not literally.

~Mark Shields

Let's give the president some due here. They had a mess, and he fixed it, and they mobilized a lot of authority, and they did it.

~Mark Shields

I think Donald Trump is obviously the more colorful, the more flamboyant, the more dominant personality.

~Mark Shields

The fact is that it's the most dangerous place to be on the political scale is to brand those on the other side as racist. That's the atomic bomb. That's the nuclear weapon of an American.

~Mark Shields

Now the Republicans have a very low-scale, by economic standards, base. Donald Trump has.

~Mark Shields

Mitt Romney looks like a secretary of state. He looks like the chancellor of the exchequer.

~Mark Shields

All politics is personal with President Trump. And that carries with it great, great problems.

~Mark Shields

It doesn't have to be the same line that we have had for the last 40 years, because that clearly isn't working on any level. But you have got to have a pretty clear line on this crucial issue.

~Mark Shields

There are people who know Hillary Clinton who tell wonderful stories about her, how likable she is, how funny she is; 99 percent of American people don't - have never seen that side of her.

~Mark Shields

The Republicans, they are in the danger of rooting for the country to fail. They look bad that way, I mean, and I want to say to them, cheer up, Republicans. Eventually, things will get worse.

~Mark Shields

Whether it's her [Hillary Clinton] guarded privacy or whatever else, I mean, there has got to be some sense that this is a human being that I can identify.

~Mark Shields

We're not being invaded by undocumented immigrants who are coming to kill police officers and commit crimes. And I don't think most

Americans think it's true.

~Mark Shields

I personally believe that [Donald Trump] is wrong on the condition of America.

~Mark Shields

I think that the people that are publicly on Hillary Clinton's short list all are very congenial people. They're not people with personality or Captain Queeg problems.

~Mark Shields

The Democrats are standing on one side, and the Republicans are playing games on the other. Both sides are playing games.

~Mark Shields

Mitt Romney looks like a president. I mean, he really does.

~Mark Shields

You want a leader, Western leader, English-speaking? Mitt Romney.

~Mark Shields

I think Democrats ought to be concerned, that the party has become almost prideful about the college-educated vote that it's getting, the support that Hillary Clinton is getting against Donald Trump.

~Mark Shields

Russia today is nothing but a propaganda arm.

~Mark Shields

It's not fair that a Palestinian child cannot grow up in a state of their own, living their entire lives in the presence of a foreign army that controls the movements of the parents every single day.

~Mark Shields

Donald Trump is not an unintelligent man.

~Mark Shields

Americans don't like the way Washington operates. They don't like Washington. They don't like the way things are going.

~Mark Shields

For the Democrats, they're trying to avoid having the [Ben] Sanders-[Hillary] Clinton debate over and over again. But, to some degree, they're sentenced to that debate.

~Mark Shields

I think she [Hillary Clinton] would be far superior to President [Barack] Obama, who is basically remote, aloof and not involved with - he doesn't deal with members of Congress.

~Mark Shields

If Mitt Romney had got the percentage Ronald Reagan did of Hispanics, he would have defeated Barack Obama.

~Mark Shields

Americans don't like powerful figures who punch down, that is, who pick on someone less powerful and less able to speak for themselves than they are.

~Mark Shields

The Democrats have an economic message that is directed at people at the lower end. That has been their cornerstone. The Republicans has been more upscale.

~Mark Shields

Everyone has to take Donald Trump seriously, and I think that's what we're seeing.

~Mark Shields

Donald Trump is appealing to the basest, the most selfish and the most literally un-American of instincts.

~Mark Shields

Immigrants have been the sustenance and the survival and the treasure of America.

~Mark Shields

Donald Trump is an independent presidential candidate who ran on the Republican label. He really did. He took it over. He transformed it into his image, in his likeness.

~Mark Shields

Donald Trump has taken over the Republican Party. He's transformed the Republican Party.

~Mark Shields

There's never been a sense of public service about Donald Trump.

~Mark Shields

The president has to have the trust, earn the trust, maintain the trust of people in order to lead. And there's nothing that will lose it quicker than a sense that he's in it for a quick buck.

~Mark Shields

The problem is that what Donald Trump said, if you take it literally now, is cause for anxiety and nervousness.

~Mark Shields

90 percent of American schoolchildren are in public schools. And the emphasis on private schools and charter schools and parochial schools is not unimportant.

~Mark Shields

I do look upon the secretary of education's primary responsibility as the quality of education that - and improving the education that every child in American public schools receives.

~Mark Shields

American education will be determined by the quality of American public education, and that's public schools that are available.

~Mark Shields

[Donald] Trump is instructive. For Trump, it was that the global economy and the international world order were failing regular people.

~Mark Shields

I think the Republican Party is cursed. And it's cursed itself.

~Mark Shields

If Donald Trump does lose, being revealed as this bizarre personality, Ted Cruz is not going to be what Republicans are looking for in 2020.

~Mark Shields

Franklin Roosevelt had a pretty clear line. Ronald Reagan had a pretty clear line, people who rescue parties.

~Mark Shields

The strength of Donald Trump as a candidate - and I'm not in any way defending moral convictions or anything of the sort - was that he says what he means, you know where he stands.

~Mark Shields

It's tempting to remember that the Tea Party had a peak and then the Republican Party establishment sort of beat it back down. And so these things are won in a day.

~Mark Shields

That's the job of a free press is to hold the lamp up, to investigate, to hold accountable. And denying access, as Sean Spicer did , is the first step toward a dictatorship.

~Mark Shields

Something really serious has shifted in the minds of Republicans and certainly others.

~Mark Shields

If you're on the other side from me, you're not simply wrong or ill-informed or mistaken. We don't share the same country, the same values. You may not be the same kind of an American I am.

~Mark Shields

One of the first things every press secretary assures you is, the boss has a wonderful sense of humor, because not to have a sense of humor is considered flagrantly un-American.

~Mark Shields

Stronger together is, I think, a preposition and a comparative adjective, but it's not really an action verb or what it is.

~Mark Shields

Mitt Romney was the man who stood up to Donald Trump early, hard, never wavered.

~Mark Shields

The Democrats have tried the war against women in the past. It didn't really have that much traction.

~Mark Shields

Donald Trump is sounding the same theme he has sounded since May or June of 2015.

~Mark Shields

America is Republican until 5:00 or 6:00 at night.

~Mark Shields

The Democrats are now an upscale party.

~Mark Shields

There is a cleavage and a divide in America like I have never seen before.

~Mark Shields

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