

Martin Parr

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All photography is propaganda.

~Martin Parr

Photography is the simplest thing in the world, but it is incredibly complicated to make it really work.

~Martin Parr

With photography, I like to create a fiction out of reality. I try and do this by taking society's natural prejudice and giving this a twist.

~Martin Parr

I think the ordinary is a very under-exploited aspect of our lives because it is so familiar.

~Martin Parr

You have to take a lot of bad pictures. Don't be afraid to take bad pictures... You have to take a lot of bad pictures in order to know when you've got a good one.

~Martin Parr

You can read a lot about a country by looking at its beaches: across cultures, the beach is that rare public space in which all absurdities and quirky national behaviors can be found.

~Martin Parr

The easy bit is picking up a camera and pointing and shooting. But then you have to decide what it is you're trying to say and express.

~Martin Parr

You can't learn passion, either you've got it or you haven't.

~Martin Parr

We are drowning in images. Photography is used as a propaganda tool, which serves to sell products and ideas. I use the same approach to

show aspects of reality.

~Martin Parr

I am what I photograph.

~Martin Parr

Part of the role of photography is to exaggerate, and that is an aspect that I have to puncture. I do that by showing the world as I really find it.

~Martin Parr

Most of the pictures we consume are propaganda.

~Martin Parr

For those aspiring to make a living from travel photography, it's a sad fact that the boring shots are the shots that are going to make you money.

~Martin Parr

I accept that all photography is voyeuristic and exploitative, and obviously I live with my own guilt and conscience. It's part of the test and I don't have a problem with it.

~Martin Parr

The thing about tourism is that the reality of a place is quite different from the mythology of it.

~Martin Parr

I try to photograph my own and society's hypocrisy.

~Martin Parr

Unless it hurts, unless there's some vulnerability there, I don't think you're going to get good photographs.

~Martin Parr

Work harder, get closer and be passionate about what you photograph.

~Martin Parr

When a mother takes pictures of her children on the beach, she doesn't take herself for an artist; she does it for love, which is an excellent reason, from my point of view.

~Martin Parr

There are two parts to the process: taking the picture and finding ways of using it.

~Martin Parr

Choosing sepia is all to do with trying to make the image look romantic and idealistic. It's sort of a soft version of propaganda.

~Martin Parr

Criticism is hypocrisy; society is hypocrisy. I'm a tourist. I'm a consumer. I do the things that I photograph and can be criticized of.

~Martin Parr

Everyone is a photographer now, remember. That's the great thing about photography.

~Martin Parr

Magnum photographers were meant to go out as a crusade ... to places like famine and war and ... I went out and went round the corner to the local supermarket because this to me is the front line.

~Martin Parr

When I first started learning how to take photographs, you had to spend the first six months figuring out what an f-stop was. Now you just go and take pictures.

~Martin Parr

Taking photos is a form of collecting.

~Martin Parr

The danger is, you have a formula and you just repeat it.

~Martin Parr

I avoid Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, and if I need to communicate with someone, I email direct.

~Martin Parr

Photography's central role is to be the absolute medium of the day. It is fantastic that there is no longer any technical intimidation.

~Martin Parr

Wealthy people have not disappeared, they are just not so willing to show off their wealth.

~Martin Parr

The knack is to find your own inspiration, and take it on a journey to create work that is personal and revealing.

~Martin Parr

I get up early and open my emails, write cheques and answer the phone; whatever needs to be done.

~Martin Parr

I never think of photographs as being individual. Always as a group.

~Martin Parr

My black-and-white work is more of a celebration and the color work became more of a critique of society.

~Martin Parr

Filming is always a challenge because I'm not used to it. But I approach

it head-on. I'm not technically brilliant, but it's the spirit that counts.

~Martin Parr

I do read many of the photography magazines from the UK and abroad.

~Martin Parr

I am a big fan of Jim Jarmusch and I do love big screen documentaries.

~Martin Parr

I am away so much, so I rarely see live TV, but I use iPlayer to catch programmes.

~Martin Parr

I have been photographing people dancing for 20 or 30 years now, and I think I will eventually do a book of dancing photos.

~Martin Parr

Dictators are interesting, no?

~Martin Parr

I am not a huge follower of music and tend to like one CD and play it to death, usually when I am washing up.

~Martin Parr

I always take photographs when I attend a funeral. Most people there know who I am and expect me to be there with my camera.

~Martin Parr

Color was the palette of commercial photography and snapshot photography.

~Martin Parr

I toyed with the notion of being an actor, and am so glad that this whim did not go any further.

~Martin Parr

Photography is Art and Art is Photography.

~Martin Parr

I am kept awake by the list of possibilities for shooting more photos and deciding what I must prioritise next.

~Martin Parr

As artists get wealthier and more famous, often their work gets worse... I'm fascinated by the decline of artists. I suspect I'll be in decline myself. It's a fact of life.

~Martin Parr

Most of the photographs people take with their cameraphones are of little value in terms of documentary.

~Martin Parr

I am not as cross about Thatcher now as I was in the 80s. Begrudgingly, I can see that some of her policies helped modernise Britain.

~Martin Parr

Tourism is the biggest industry in the world.

~Martin Parr

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