

Martin Schulz

Quotes

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Referendums have always posed a threat when it comes to EU policy, because EU policy is complicated. They're an opportunity for those from all political camps who like to oversimplify things.

~Martin Schulz

The EU is an unique project that replaced war with peace, hate with solidarity. Overwhelming emotion for awarding of Nobel prize to EU

~Martin Schulz

For many people, politics in Brussels and Strasbourg might as well be happening on another planet.

~Martin Schulz

But if you constantly insist only on your own interpretation, it isn't long before it seems patronizing.

~Martin Schulz

I'm not a populist. But I try to present complicated issues in such a way that people know where I stand.

~Martin Schulz

Before we talk about further accessions, we have to consolidate the European Union internally. People are increasingly losing faith in the EU's effectiveness.

~Martin Schulz

I am a man of parliament, a man of the people. I am not a representative of the executives.

~Martin Schulz

A joint European army is a very far-reaching proposal and it would be difficult to implement. Such initiatives are nevertheless needed.

~Martin Schulz

The problem with us EU politicians is that we approach everything with cool rationality, and then wonder why we don't win people over emotionally.

~Martin Schulz

I believe that the majority of people in Europe want to demonstrate solidarity with the refugees.

~Martin Schulz

I believe the people should have the opportunity to have a greater influence on politics with their ideas. We need a new impulse for renewal.

~Martin Schulz

You can't always be demanding solidarity from others and then refuse to show it yourself.

~Martin Schulz

Referendums are a democratic instrument, but so are decisions reached in a parliamentary democracy. I advise extreme caution when it comes to referendums. In Germany too.

~Martin Schulz

Primary responsibility for Brexit lies with British conservatives, who took an entire continent hostage.

~Martin Schulz

Donald Trump is not just a problem for the EU, but for the whole world.

~Martin Schulz

Europe was founded as a community bound together by solidarity.

~Martin Schulz

We must now, in the 21st century, protect democracy, one which rests

on fundamental rights for all, regardless of skin color, gender, race or religion. Nothing less than that is at stake.

~Martin Schulz

I'm fully aware that my vision of a European bicameral parliament can't be implemented tomorrow. I'm also not an integration fanatic.

~Martin Schulz

I cannot guarantee people absolute fairness. I can only promise that I will do everything in my power to secure fairness or create a greater degree of fairness.

~Martin Schulz

Britain, Europe's second largest economy, a member of the G-7 and the UN Security Council, wants to leave the EU. That weakens us and it weakens Britain.

~Martin Schulz

My worry is that Donald Trump may inspire copycats, also in Europe. That's why I hope Hillary Clinton wins.

~Martin Schulz

If you say in advance there is going to be a main candidate and then that doesn't count later, then that's going to be a highly problematic occurrence in a democracy.

~Martin Schulz

Keeping quiet and letting the others do the talking. That may be Angela Merkel's method, but it's not mine.

~Martin Schulz

You have to let the people vote when it comes to a new constitution.

~Martin Schulz

Turkey is doing an enormous amount in the refugee question, but it can't continue to pay for everything by itself. That is why we have to talk to Turkey about money.

~Martin Schulz

There are surely people in London who would love to play us off against each other. That would be disastrous for the EU.

~Martin Schulz

Refugees cost us money too when they come to us. If we improve their living conditions in Turkey, we create an incentive for them to stay there and not to place their fates in the hands of smugglers.

~Martin Schulz

My mother's brother was killed while clearing mines in 1945. Those are things that mark your childhood and they help explain why we are so devoted to European unity.

~Martin Schulz

Complementing the nation-state as it reaches its limits amid globalization: That is what Europe must offer.

~Martin Schulz

If we no longer judge the content of people's actions, but merely their form, then we are entering dangerous times indeed.

~Martin Schulz

The principles of the SPD have remained the same for 150 years: democracy, human dignity, justice and inclusion. We will never change those principles.

~Martin Schulz

We have to engage in a dialogue with Donald Trump because he is the elected president of the United States of America. But we have to

emphatically oppose his foreign policy ideas.

~Martin Schulz

We are living through an epochal shift. If we aren't careful, the elementary foundations of our pluralistic democracy will be threatened.

~Martin Schulz

Political leaders need to formulate long-term EU goals that show: Yes, we want to stay together.

~Martin Schulz

In the days before the vote, I bet that the British would stay in the EU.

~Martin Schulz

I believe it is wrong to give Moscow a rebate on Ukraine sanctions because of Syria.

~Martin Schulz

I try to speak in a manner that allows people to tell me apart from my political adversaries. And I speak in a manner that the people can understand. For me, that isn't populism.

~Martin Schulz

The question of societal fairness is always pertinent.

~Martin Schulz

European policy is always an interplay of rationality and emotion.

~Martin Schulz

There's no point whining about missed opportunities.

~Martin Schulz

In times of upheaval, people wish for nothing more than composure and sincerity.

~Martin Schulz

It's not attractive at the moment to vouch for the European idea. I still do it, because I believe nothing would be better for our continent.

~Martin Schulz

In political life, it is extremely difficult to remain loyal to a friendship when constellations of power or interests are in the way.

~Martin Schulz

We need economic growth in Europe and we need to find a solution for the excessive interest rates that are making it difficult for many countries to get their own debt under control.

~Martin Schulz

For German Social Democracy, Europe is vital to the national interest.

~Martin Schulz

We won't get any growth in Greece by just imposing cuts. What I would prefer is a special economic zone for Greece.

~Martin Schulz

I find it surprising, however, that many German politicians generally oppose referendums, but then when it's an EU matter, they immediately scream for a plebiscite.

~Martin Schulz

[Recep Tayyip] Erdogan is an adherent of realpolitik. He knows that international relations are not built on the strength of unilateral demands, but on solutions that are in everybody's best interest.

~Martin Schulz

It was a Russian airplane that was bombed over the Sinai Peninsula. When the Russians conduct air strikes on IS, they are doing so

because they too are threatened by terror.

~Martin Schulz

I still hope that the American system of checks and balances will ultimately prevent this man, Donald Trump, with his erratic political style, from jeopardizing our European security architecture.

~Martin Schulz

Trump believes politics is a staged fight. But it is not. Still, clear words are sometimes needed in politics. In that sense, I believe I am better than Mrs. Merkel.

~Martin Schulz

Having a place to live is a fundamental right and the state must establish a framework that ensures that apartments are affordable.

~Martin Schulz

The claim made by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán that the refugee question is a German problem is incorrect. It is a European problem.

~Martin Schulz

I am grateful to the Germans in general, particularly those who displayed unending dedication to the refugees and who continue to do so.

~Martin Schulz

I would never attack somebody only because they belong to a different party.

~Martin Schulz

Ms. Merkel's attempt to present herself as a Social Democrat was a clever move. But it's not working anymore. The divisions between the CDU and CSU have simply become too great for that.

~Martin Schulz

Many who have voted for the AfD, or who intend to do so, aren't doing so because they are dyed-in-the-wool enemies of democracy. Rather, they are desperate.

~Martin Schulz

I believe that dignified work is a value in itself.

~Martin Schulz

The share of wealth held by the minority is much greater than the share held by the majority. We have to draw our own conclusions from that and it has to change.

~Martin Schulz

People who work hard for their money cannot be placed in a worse position than those who allow their money to work for them.

~Martin Schulz

If cooperation among governments were the superior concept for progress in Europe, I'd be onboard immediately. But the problem is that cooperation isn't working.

~Martin Schulz

[Helmut] Kohl said Europe must return to being a community committed to stability and the rule of law.

~Martin Schulz

I have friends in politics who really put the friendship to the test through their behavior.

~Martin Schulz

I take note of the fact that there are a lot of people who appreciate what I do as parliament president, not just within my Social Democratic party

group, but also among the conservatives.

~Martin Schulz

The dangerous glorification of the nation state, and the baiting of minorities that goes along with it, releases an anti-democratic energy.

~Martin Schulz

Donald Trump must be taken seriously. He is fulfilling his dangerous campaign promises.

~Martin Schulz

You can be sure that I won't experiment with right-wing terms.

~Martin Schulz

Trump is the freely elected president of the U.S. and as such deserves respect.

~Martin Schulz

It is courageous to occasionally admit that there are certain things one can't do.

~Martin Schulz

We Germans are particularly aware that you can only be successful on the global market over the long term if you offer energy-efficient products that are, by nature, climate-friendly.

~Martin Schulz

In 2003, Helmut Schmidt said: Predatory capitalism exists, we have to civilize it and we can do that via Europe. He was right. We haven't tried hard enough.

~Martin Schulz

The EU is a community of values, not military buildups.

~Martin Schulz

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