

# Maximilien Robespierre

## Quotes

*Justice, People, Hands, Revolution, Enemy, Kings, War, Government, Country,  
Liberty, Men, Terror, Evil, Citizens, Tyrants, Law, Forgiving, Separation,  
Freedom, Foundation*

The secret of freedom lies in educating people, whereas the secret of tyranny is in keeping them ignorant.

~Maximilien Robespierre

To punish the oppressors of humanity is clemency; to forgive them is cruelty.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Any law which violates the inalienable rights of man is essentially unjust and tyrannical; it is not a law at all.

~Maximilien Robespierre

The king must die so that the country can live.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Softness to traitors will destroy us all.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Any institution which does not suppose the people good, and the magistrate corruptible, is evil.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Citizens, did you want a revolution without revolution?

~Maximilien Robespierre

When a Banker jumps out of a window, jump after him - that's where the money is.

~Maximilien Robespierre

By sealing our work with our blood, we may see at least the bright dawn of universal happiness.

~Maximilien Robespierre

The aim of constitutional government is to preserve the Republic; that

of revolutionary government is to lay its foundation.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Terror is nothing more than justice, prompt, secure and inflexible.

~Maximilien Robespierre

The revolution is the war of liberty against its enemies. The constitution is the rule of liberty against its enemies. The constitution is the rule of liberty when victorious and peaceable.

~Maximilien Robespierre

One can...never create [freedom] by an invading force.

~Maximilien Robespierre

It is with regret that I pronounce the fatal truth: Louis ought to perish rather than a hundred thousand virtuous citizens; Louis must die that the country may live

~Maximilien Robespierre

Omelets are not made without breaking eggs.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Atheism is aristocratic; the idea of a great Being that watches over oppressed innocence and punishes triumphant crime is altogether popular.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Crime butchers innocence to secure a throne, and innocence struggles with all its might against the attempts of crime.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Terror is only justice: prompt, severe and inflexible. It is then an emanation of virtue.

~Maximilien Robespierre

The general will rules in society as the private will governs each separate individual.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Again, it may be said, that to love justice and equality the people need no great effort of virtue; it is sufficient that they love themselves.

~Maximilien Robespierre

No one loves armed missionaries; the first lesson of nature and prudence is to repulse them as enemies.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Is it to be thought unreasonable that the people, in atonement for wrongs of a century, demand the vengeance of a single day?

~Maximilien Robespierre

Terror is nothing else than justice, prompt, severe, inflexible.

~Maximilien Robespierre

Establish liberty on a rock of brass.

~Maximilien Robespierre

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