

Michael Howard

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The true use of history, whether civil or military, is not to make man clever for the next time, it is to make him wise forever.

~Michael Howard

The important thing when you are going to do something brave is to have someone on hand to witness it.

~Michael Howard

A common language is the most obvious binding element in any society.

~Michael Howard

What is Parliament for if it is not to be a means to make ministers accountable for the services for which they are responsible.

~Michael Howard

So long as the international community consists of sovereign states, war between them remains a possibility, of which all governments have to take reasonable account.

~Michael Howard

History is what we read, write and think about the past.

~Michael Howard

Let us be clear. Prison works. It ensures that we are protected from murderers, muggers and rapists, and it makes many who are tempted to commit crime think twice.

~Michael Howard

I believe abortion should be available to everyone, but the law should be changed. In the past I voted for a restriction to 22 weeks, and I would be prepared to go down to 20.

~Michael Howard

We're not saying, 'We're politicians, trust us.' We know you don't trust us.

~Michael Howard

We must rediscover the habit of thinking the best of each other

~Michael Howard

There is only one opinion poll that I am interested in and that is the one that will take place on election day.

~Michael Howard

Tony Blair is already secretly grinning at the prospect of his third victory. You don't have to settle for that.

~Michael Howard

I will never stand again for the leadership of the Conservative Party.

~Michael Howard

We cannot possibly take them all into this country [asylum seekers] - it is a completely unrealistic expectation.

~Michael Howard

I am happy to debate the past with the Prime Minister... I have a big dossier on his past, and I did not even have to sex it up.

~Michael Howard

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