

Michael Kinsley

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So the danger of conservative judicial activism has been averted for another year. Stay tuned.

~Michael Kinsley

Of course, conservatives always claim to be against judicial activism.

~Michael Kinsley

The takings clause of the Fifth Amendment is for conservatives what the equal protection clause of the 14th is for liberals.

~Michael Kinsley

Many 'hard' scientists regard the term 'social science' as an oxymoron. Science means hypotheses you can test, and prove or disprove. Social science is little more than observation putting on airs.

~Michael Kinsley

In those days, the late 1970s, one of the leading politicians was a soon-to-be uncle by marriage of Arnold Schwarzenegger, named Ted Kennedy.

~Michael Kinsley

He's nice enough not to want to be associated with a nasty remark but not nice enough not to make it. Lacking the courage of one's nastiness does not make one nice.

~Michael Kinsley

Americans don't want leadership. They want alchemy.

~Michael Kinsley

Anything that keeps a politician humble is healthy for democracy.

~Michael Kinsley

If sexual intercourse, as the poets tell us, began in 1963, it was another decade and a half before the American political system began to take

notice.

~Michael Kinsley

If hypocrisy is the tribute vice pays to virtue, piousness is virtue paying tribute to itself.

~Michael Kinsley

I have a saying: the scandal isn't what's illegal, the scandal is what's legal.

~Michael Kinsley

A gaffe is a politician inadvertently telling an inconvenient truth.

~Michael Kinsley

The solution when you don't like someone's speech is not to silence that person, or that corporation. It's more and louder speech of your own.

~Michael Kinsley

There is a deadening conformity in the culture of cyberspace in which we don't intend to participate.

~Michael Kinsley

What could be more absurd than the idea that genuine anti-Christian prejudice is a major force in American politics.

~Michael Kinsley

Journalistic conventions make it hard for reporters to deal with a big, complicated lie.

~Michael Kinsley

The definition of a gaffe is when a politician tells the truth.

~Michael Kinsley

Conservatives and liberals alike have been waiting for this moment for a third of a century.

~Michael Kinsley

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