

Michael Mandelbaum

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People do not change when you tell them they should; they change when they tell themselves they must.

~Michael Mandelbaum

While analogies are useful, however, they can also be misleading. They smuggle in assumptions that can be wrong.

~Michael Mandelbaum

After all, the past is our only real guide to the future, and historical analogies are instruments for distilling and organizing the past and converting it to a map by which we can navigate.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The government can give citizens opportunity and it's their responsibility to take advantage of it.

~Michael Mandelbaum

One thing worse than an America that is too strong, the world will learn, is an America that is too weak.

~Michael Mandelbaum

Inequality of any kind, once considered a normal, natural part of human existence, came to be seen in the course of the twentieth century as increasingly illegitimate.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The world needs a strong America.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The real threat to world stability is not too much American power. It is too little American power.

~Michael Mandelbaum

All policy is a matter of gains and losses, upsides and downsides.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The United States contributes to peace in both by serving as a buffer between and among regional powers that, while not preparing for armed conflict, do not fully trust one another.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The war on terror, I believe, will be waged by effective intelligence and police work and cruise missiles.

~Michael Mandelbaum

Let me remind you all that the first task of American foreign policy is to reduce threats to the United States.

~Michael Mandelbaum

In my experience, it's not just that serious books get a hearing on comedy shows. But serious books get a serious hearing, as well as a funny one, on comedy shows.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The American empire will not disappear... because America does not have an empire.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The United States doesn't do what it does in the world for altruistic reasons. Nobody set out to be the world's government.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The windfall of great riches can, if mismanaged, make things worse, not better, for the recipients.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The values, the programs, the formula, the determination, and the patriotism responsible for America's past success are still here to be

tapped.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The main division in the world is between democratic and undemocratic countries.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The less oil the world uses, the less important the region that has so much of it becomes.

~Michael Mandelbaum

If architecture is, as is sometimes said, music set in concrete, then football and basketball may be said to be creativity embodied in team sports.

~Michael Mandelbaum

American foreign policy, for all its shortcomings, has underpinned political stability around the world.

~Michael Mandelbaum

Football is controlled violence, but it is violence, which people have loved to watch since the gladiatorial contests in ancient Rome.

~Michael Mandelbaum

Great wars can only be fought by great powers.

~Michael Mandelbaum

The American political system is so porous, it's so open, it's so frustrating for those who are trying to make policy.

~Michael Mandelbaum

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