

# Mitch Daniels

## Quotes

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Our morbidly obese federal government needs not just behavior modification but bariatric surgery.

~Mitch Daniels

No feature of the Obama presidency has been sadder than its constant efforts to divide us, to curry favor with some Americans by castigating others.

~Mitch Daniels

Our main task is not to see that people of great wealth add to it, but that those without much money have a greater chance to earn some.

~Mitch Daniels

I refer to the debt - the new red menace. This time consisting of ink.

~Mitch Daniels

The perverse presumption that places the burden of proof on the challenger of spending must be inverted, back to the rule that applies elsewhere in life: 'Prove to me why we should.

~Mitch Daniels

We are taking challenges and turning them into opportunities by developing homegrown, local energy production to become independent from foreign sources.

~Mitch Daniels

Our first thought is always for those on life's first rung, and how we might increase their chances of climbing.

~Mitch Daniels

Every citizen who stops smoking, or loses a few pounds, or starts managing his chronic disease with real diligence, is caulking a crack for the benefit of us all.

~Mitch Daniels

Our educational results lag behind other states, and other nations, but worse still, behind the potential of the kids and the devoted teachers in our classrooms.

~Mitch Daniels

The public is increasingly disgusted with a steady diet of defamation, and prepared to reward those who refrain from it.

~Mitch Daniels

The mortal enemies of Social Security and Medicare are those who, in contempt of the plain arithmetic, continue to mislead Americans that we should change nothing.

~Mitch Daniels

We see government's mission as fostering and enabling the important realms - our businesses, service clubs, Little Leagues, churches - to flourish.

~Mitch Daniels

If freedom's best friends cannot unify around a realistic, actionable program of fundamental change, one that attracts and persuades a broad majority of our fellow citizens, big change will not come

~Mitch Daniels

Every successful enterprise has a very clear strategic purpose.

~Mitch Daniels

All great enterprises have a pearl of faith at their core, and this must be ours: that Americans are still a people born to liberty.

~Mitch Daniels

Sure, things could always have been done better, but I just wish people would drop their political hammers for a few weeks, as happened in 2001, and work on the problem at hand

~Mitch Daniels

I took a vow of political celibacy.

~Mitch Daniels

The true enemies of Social Security and Medicare are those who defend an imploding status quo.

~Mitch Daniels

[Obama's reelection] would subject the country to what might be a fatal last dose of statism.

~Mitch Daniels

I certainly believe in limited government but protecting children against injury abuse is certainly inside my sphere of things that the government should do.

~Mitch Daniels

As Republicans, our first concern is for those waiting tonight to begin or resume the climb up life's ladder.

~Mitch Daniels

A one-time tax does not get figured into people's investment decisions.

~Mitch Daniels

I believe that the Right to Work issue is a perfectly appropriate one for Indiana to look at.

~Mitch Daniels

No enterprise, small or large, public or private, can remain self-governing, let alone successful, so deeply in hock to others as we are about to be.

~Mitch Daniels

We don't have a prayer of defeating the Red Threat of our generation without a long boom of almost unprecedented duration.

~Mitch Daniels

Starting a new retirement plan for those below a certain age is something tens of millions of Americans have already been through at work.

~Mitch Daniels

We believe it wrong ever to take a dollar from a free citizen without a very necessary public purpose, because each such taking diminishes the freedom to spend that dollar as its owner would prefer.

~Mitch Daniels

We believe that government works for the benefit of private life, and not the other way around.

~Mitch Daniels

Our fiscal ruin and resulting loss of world leadership will, in their [liberals'] eyes, be not a tragic event but a desirable one.

~Mitch Daniels

My record is, far as I know, unimpeachable.

~Mitch Daniels

If we don't believe in Americans, who will? I do believe. I've seen it in the people of our very typical corner of the nation.

~Mitch Daniels

Anything that strengthens the private sector vs. the state is protective of personal freedom.

~Mitch Daniels

We do not accept that ours will ever be a nation of haves and

have-nots. We must always be a nation of haves and soon-to-haves.

~Mitch Daniels

There is nothing inconsistent about having a conservative outlook and being vigorous.

~Mitch Daniels

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