

Molly Ivins Quotes

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I prefer someone who burns the flag and then wraps themselves up in the Constitution over someone who burns the Constitution and then wraps themselves up in the flag.

~Molly Ivins

On the whole, I prefer not to be lectured on patriotism by those who keep offshore maildrops in order to avoid paying their taxes.

~Molly Ivins

What we have here, fellow citizens, is a crassly egocentric, raving twit.

~Molly Ivins

It's like, duh. Just when you thought there wasn't a dime's worth of difference between the two parties, the Republicans go and prove you're wrong.

~Molly Ivins

It is possible to read the history of this country as one long struggle to extend the liberties established in our Constitution to everyone in America.

~Molly Ivins

Satire is traditionally the weapon of the powerless against the powerful. I only aim at the powerful. When satire is aimed at the powerless, it is not only cruel -- it's vulgar.

~Molly Ivins

One thing that corporations do not do is give out money out of the goodness of their hearts.

~Molly Ivins

If you ever get to the place where injustice doesn't bother you, you're dead.

~Molly Ivins

I know: "Guns Don't Kill People." But I suspect that they have something to do with it. If you point your finger at someone and say, "Bang, bang, you're dead," not much actually happens.

~Molly Ivins

How the American right managed to convince itself that the programs to alleviate poverty are responsible for the consequences of poverty will someday be studied as a notorious mass illusion.

~Molly Ivins

Whenever you hear a politician carry on about what a mess the schools are, be aware that you are looking at the culprit.

~Molly Ivins

In Texas, we do not hold high expectations for the [governor's] office; it's mostly been occupied by crooks, dorks and the comatose.

~Molly Ivins

I still believe in Hope - mostly because there's no such place as Fingers Crossed, Arkansas.

~Molly Ivins

I dearly love the state of Texas, but I consider that a harmless perversion on my part, and discuss it only with consenting adults.

~Molly Ivins

Nice is a pallid virtue. Not like honesty or courage or perseverance. On the other hand, in a nation notably lacking in civility, there is much to be said for nice.

~Molly Ivins

Any nation that can survive what we have lately in the way of government, is on the high road to permanent glory.

~Molly Ivins

Americans are not getting screwed by the Republican Party. They're getting screwed by the large corporations that bought and own the Republican Party.

~Molly Ivins

Bad policies, stupid policies, gutless policies have real consequences.

~Molly Ivins

He was so narrow minded he could see through a keyhole with both eyes.

~Molly Ivins

Good thing we've still got politics in Texas - finest form of free entertainment ever invented.

~Molly Ivins

We've had trickle down economics in the country for ten years now, and most of us aren't even damp yet.

~Molly Ivins

You look at the large problems that we face - that would be overpopulation, water shortages, global warming and AIDS, I suppose - all of that needs international cooperation to be solved.

~Molly Ivins

Freedom fighters don't always win, but they're always right.

~Molly Ivins

I believe all Southern liberals come from the same starting point--race. Once you figure out they are lying to you about race, you start to question everything.

~Molly Ivins

Most of us think of government as them. Yet government isn't Them:

It's us.

~Molly Ivins

There is no inverse relationship between freedom and security. Less of one does not lead to more of the other. People with no rights are not safe from terrorist attack.

~Molly Ivins

Texas liberals are the camels of good news. We can cross entire deserts between oases.

~Molly Ivins

Anyone who thinks humans are not capable of so fouling their own nest that the land and the waters can no longer be productive just hasn't been paying attention.

~Molly Ivins

It's hard to argue against cynics - they always sound smarter than optimists because they have so much evidence on their side.

~Molly Ivins

I have been attacked by Rush Limbaugh on the air, an experience somewhat akin to being gummed by a newt. It doesn't actually hurt, but it leaves you with slimy stuff on your ankle.

~Molly Ivins

Conservatives are fond of pointing out there are problems in this world can't be solved by throwing money at them. There are even more that can't be solved by dropping bombs on them.

~Molly Ivins

I believe that ignorance is the root of all evil. And that no one knows the truth.

~Molly Ivins

I don't so much mind that newspapers are dying - it's watching them commit suicide that pisses me off.

~Molly Ivins

If his IQ slips any lower, we'll have to water him twice a day

~Molly Ivins

The first rule of holes: When you're in one stop digging.

~Molly Ivins

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Many a time freedom has been rolled back - and always for the same sorry reason: fear.

~Molly Ivins

During a recent panel on the numerous failures of American journalism, I proposed that almost all stories about government should begin: "Look out! They're about to smack you around again!"

~Molly Ivins

Some days, I'd feel better with Punxsutawney Phil in the Oval Office - at least he doesn't lie about the weather.

~Molly Ivins

The thing about democracy, beloveds, is that it is not neat, orderly, or quiet. It requires a certain relish for confusion.

~Molly Ivins

Sit up, join up, get on line, get in touch, find out who's raising hell and join them. No use waiting on a bunch of wussy politicians.

~Molly Ivins

And the funny thing is, I've always been an optimist - it's practically a congenital disorder with me.

~Molly Ivins

I know vegetarians don't like to hear this, but God made an awful lot of land that's good for nothing but grazing.

~Molly Ivins

You can't ignore politics, no matter how much you'd like to.

~Molly Ivins

What you need is sustained outrage...there's far too much unthinking respect given to authority.

~Molly Ivins

Be outrageous, ridicule the fraidy-cats, rejoice in all the oddities that freedom can produce.

~Molly Ivins

Calling George Bush shallow is like calling a dwarf short.

~Molly Ivins

With politicians, artful evasion is always preferable to the outright lie.

~Molly Ivins

When Michael Jackson, a poor black boy who grew up to be a rich, white woman, married Elvis Presley's daughter the Scientologist. Makes you proud to be an American, didn't it?

~Molly Ivins

It's hard to convince people that you're killing them for their own good.

~Molly Ivins

Next time I tell you someone from Texas should not be president of the

United States, please pay attention.

~Molly Ivins

Rank imperialism and warmongering are not American traditions or values. We do not need to dominate the world.

~Molly Ivins

Mostly, Texas women are tough in some very fundamental ways. Not unfeminine, nor necessarily unladylike, just tough!

~Molly Ivins

Michael Jackson was a poor black boy who grew up to be a rich white woman

~Molly Ivins

You could probably prove, by judicious use of logarithms and congruent triangles, that real life is a lot more like soap opera than most people will admit.

~Molly Ivins

As they say around the Texas Legislature, if you can't drink their whiskey, screw their women, take their money, and vote against 'em anyway, you don't belong in office.

~Molly Ivins

Politics is not a picture on a wall or a television sitcom that you can decide you don't much care for.

~Molly Ivins

Sometimes I think Texas exists as a reality check for those who might wander too far toward the precious.

~Molly Ivins

Either we figure out how to keep corporate cash out of the political

system or we lose the democracy.

~Molly Ivins

Being slightly paranoid is like being slightly pregnant - it tends to get worse.

~Molly Ivins

Humanism is not alive and well in Texas. Different colors and types of Texans do not like one another, nor do they pretend to.

~Molly Ivins

Think of something to make the ridiculous look ridiculous.

~Molly Ivins

I think provincialism is an endemic characteristic with mankind, I think everybody everywhere is provincial, but it is particularly striking with Texans, and we tend to be very Texcentric.

~Molly Ivins

California is now close to spending more on prisons than it does on higher education - surely the death warrant of a civilization.

~Molly Ivins

The Founders were right all along, but the results are a lot funnier than they intended.

~Molly Ivins

Texas is a fine place for men and dogs, but hell on women and horses.

~Molly Ivins

If an armed nation were a polite nation, America would be paradise. We have more than 200 million guns in private ownership here. But our manners are not getting better.

~Molly Ivins

the more a body tries to explode all the foolish myths that have grown up about Texas by telling the truth, the more a body will wind up adding to the mythology.

~Molly Ivins

Pigs get fat and hogs get slaughtered.

~Molly Ivins

I believe in practicing prudence at least once every two or three years.

~Molly Ivins

In the first place, any group of folks willing to make asses of themselves in pursuit of a good time should be commended and encouraged: The spirit of human frolic needs all the help it can get.

~Molly Ivins

Having breast cancer is massive amounts of no fun. First they mutilate you; then they poison you; then they burn you. I have been on blind dates better than that.

~Molly Ivins

I think of Texas as the laboratory for bad government.

~Molly Ivins

Manners are just a formal expression of how you treat people.

~Molly Ivins

Oh, hell, I can't go on a spiritual journeyâ€”I'm constipated.

~Molly Ivins

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~Molly Ivins

This is the man (Ronald Reagan) who proved that ignorance is no

handicap to the presidency

~Molly Ivins

The thing is this: You got to have fun while you're fightin' for freedom, 'cause you don't always win.

~Molly Ivins

So keep fighting for freedom and justice, beloveds.

~Molly Ivins

In city rooms and in the bars where newspeople drink, you can find out what's going on. You can't find it in the papers.

~Molly Ivins

Behind a smoke screen of high-profile female appointees and soothing slogans, George W. Bush is waging war on women.

~Molly Ivins

Everyone knows [George W. Bush] has no clue, but no one there has the courage to say it. I mean, good gawd, the man is as he always has been: barely adequate.

~Molly Ivins

As for George Bush of Kennebunkport, Maine- personally I think he's further evidence that the Great Scriptwriter in the Sky has an overdeveloped sense of irony.

~Molly Ivins

I often plagiarize from myself. I like to think of this as ecological journalism: I recycle.

~Molly Ivins

Reading Ehrenreich is good for the soul.

~Molly Ivins

...you could have knocked me over with Michael Huffington's brain.

~Molly Ivins

I never saw anything funnier than Texas politics.

~Molly Ivins

I've always found it easier to be funny than to be serious.

~Molly Ivins

Of course, it has never paid much.

~Molly Ivins

The advantage of being able to identify sin is that you can go out and do it, and enjoy it.

~Molly Ivins

Even I felt sorry for Richard Nixon when he left; there's nothing you can do about being born liberal - fish gotta swim and hearts gotta bleed.

~Molly Ivins

If you really wanted to settle down the Middle East, if what you wanted was change in the Middle East, it is perfectly obvious that the first step is resolving the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

~Molly Ivins

Texas is not a civilized place. Texans shoot one another a lot. They also knife, razor, and stomp one another to death with some frequency. And they fight in bars all the time.

~Molly Ivins

no one has ever accused Texas of being in the vanguard of social progress. This is the most macho state in the U.S. of A. By lore, legend, and fact, Texas is 'hell' on women and horses.

~Molly Ivins

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