

# Neil Kinnock

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The Parthenon without the marbles is like a smile with a tooth missing.

~Neil Kinnock

The House of Lords must go - not be reformed, not be replaced, not be reborn in some nominated life-after-death patronage paradise, just closed down, abolished, finished.

~Neil Kinnock

I warn you not to be ordinary, I warn you not to be young, I warn you not to fall ill, and I warn you not to grow old.

~Neil Kinnock

I would die for my country, but I could never let my country die for me.

~Neil Kinnock

I'm prepared to take advice on leisure from Prince Philip. He's a world expert on leisure. He's been practicing it for most of his adult life.

~Neil Kinnock

We cannot remove the evils of capitalism without taking its source of power: ownership.

~Neil Kinnock

Arthur Scargill is the Labour movements nearest equivalent to a First World War General.

~Neil Kinnock

The unforgivable political sin is vanity, the killer diet is sour grapes.

~Neil Kinnock

The enemy of idealism is zealotry.

~Neil Kinnock

They travel best in gangs, hanging around like clumps of bananas, thick

skinned and yellow.

~Neil Kinnock

Resentment is an extremely bitter diet, I have no desire to make my own toxins.

~Neil Kinnock

Someone up there likes me.

~Neil Kinnock

Those who have the immense dishonesty to fight with a ballot box in one hand and a rifle in the other have no place in democratic politics.

~Neil Kinnock

New!Loyalty is a fine quality, but in excess it fills political graveyards.

~Neil Kinnock

Is Tony Blair of the Labour party? The answer to that is profoundly 'yes', but that is not how, sentimentally, he is regarded in the Labour movement generally.

~Neil Kinnock

Political renegades always start their career of treachery as 'the best men of all parties' and end up in the Tory knackery.

~Neil Kinnock

No prime minister in Britain will ever be able to go to war without the endorsement of a majority of the House of Commons.

~Neil Kinnock

You cannot fashion a wit out of two half-wits.

~Neil Kinnock

Two negatives don't make a positive, any more than two half-wits make

a wit.

~Neil Kinnock

The trouble with the Socialist Workers Party is that they live in an historical thermos-flask.

~Neil Kinnock

[Marx's theories] gave me a political and intellectual justification for what I believed in a way that nothing else did.

~Neil Kinnock

Harold Wilson is a petty bourgeois and will remain so in spirit even if they make him a Viscount.

~Neil Kinnock

I warn you not to fall ill, I warn you not to get old.

~Neil Kinnock

That sort of fundamentalism which treats possession of private property not as a desirable economic and personal asset but as a condition of liberty is a form of primitive religion.

~Neil Kinnock

Devolutionary reform will not provide a factory, a machine or jobs, build a school, train a doctor or put a pound on pensions.

~Neil Kinnock

American nuclear weapons would almost certainly start being removed from Britain within 12 months of a Labour government gaining power.

~Neil Kinnock

I'm not even sure I'd go into a reformed House of Lords. But let's put it like this, the decision would have been easier had there been not even complete reform but a substantial stride.

~Neil Kinnock

Do something that makes a difference - because, by God, there's a lot to make you angry.

~Neil Kinnock

In the U.K. the far Right is a stain on society and there is a cultural resistance to it.

~Neil Kinnock

Mobile phones are the only subject on which men boast about who's got the smallest.

~Neil Kinnock

I want to retire at 50. I want to play cricket in the summer and geriatric football in the winter, and sing in the choir.

~Neil Kinnock

I take notice of those who have argued consistently for the modernisation of the E.U., but so many of the skeptics in Britain are just hostile to the whole European idea.

~Neil Kinnock

Without false modesty, I don't think I have a fraction of the talent of either Bevan or Foot.

~Neil Kinnock

We must not look for some kind of Messiah.

~Neil Kinnock

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