

Nicholas D. Kristof

Quotes

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A few countries like Sri Lanka and Honduras have led the way in slashing maternal mortality.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The news media's silence, particularly television news, is reprehensible. If we knew as much about Darfur as we do about Michael Jackson, we might be able to stop these things from continuing.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

We all might ask ourselves why we tune in to these more trivial matters and tune out when it comes to Darfur

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The conflict in Darfur could escalate to where we're seeing 100,000 victims per month

~Nicholas D. Kristof

There are other issues I have felt more emotionally connected to, like China, where I lived and worked for some time. I was living there when Tiananmen Square erupted

~Nicholas D. Kristof

While Americans have heard of Darfur and think we should be doing more there, they aren't actually angry at the president about inaction

~Nicholas D. Kristof

It really is quite remarkable that Darfur has become a household name. I am gratified that's the case.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The north of the Central African Republic is now a war zone, with rival armed bands burning villages, kidnapping children, robbing travelers and killing people with impunity.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The greatest threat to extremism isn't drones firing missiles, but girls reading books.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

You will be judged in years to come by how you responded to genocide on your watch.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

I think that [Donald] Trump is frankly a bigot. He has a racist history.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Every year 3.1 million Indian children die before the age of 5, mostly from diseases of poverty like diarrhea.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Most of the villagers were hiding in the bush, where they were dying from bad water, malaria and malnutrition

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Abortion politics have distracted all sides from what is really essential: a major aid campaign to improve midwifery, prenatal care and emergency obstetric services in poor countries.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

If only women are talking about women's rights, then the issue has failed from the start. If you think about the Holocaust, that wasn't just a Jewish issue. Civil rights weren't just a black issue.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The U.N. Population Fund has a maternal health program in some Cameroon hospitals, but it doesn't operate in this region. It's difficult to expand, because President Bush has cut funding

~Nicholas D. Kristof

There seems to be this sense among even well-meaning Americans that Africa is this black hole of murder and mutilation that can never be fixed, no matter what aid is brought in.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

A little bit of attention can go a long way.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Women aren't the problem but the solution. The plight of girls is no more a tragedy than an opportunity.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

You don't need to invade a place or install a new government to help bring about a positive change.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

In general, talking about human rights tends to be very persuasive for people who care about human rights.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

It is better to inconsistently save some lives than to consistently save none.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

There could be a powerful international women's rights movement if only philanthropists would donate as much to real women as to paintings and sculptures of women.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Once you've created a connection of empathy, rational arguments can play a supportive role.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

I have often tried to tell the story of a place through people there.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

In the long struggle against sex trafficking, we finally have a breakthrough!

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Just a little help, a small security force, a bit of food, can save lives

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Most of us employ the Internet not to seek the best information, but rather to select information that confirms our prejudices .

~Nicholas D. Kristof

...Environmental groups are too often alarmists. They have an awful track record, so they've lost credibility with the public.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Half a million women die each year around the world in pregnancy. It's not biology that kills them so much as neglect.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

All of a sudden their husband's dead and maybe a child is dead and they have absolutely nothing - and they're heading through the desert at night.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

I said that one can't stereotype [Donald] Trump voters anymore than they can anybody else.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Neither Western donor countries like the U.S. nor poor recipients like Cameroon care much about Africans who are poor, rural and female

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The world spends \$40 billion a year on pet food.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The fact that people will pay you to talk to people and travel to interesting places and write about what intrigues you, I am just amazed by that.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

I try to be careful about wording. One of the things I've tried to combat in my blog is the notion that journalists are arrogant and unconcerned with the readership.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The bulk of the emails tend to come after a column. I can get about 2,000 after a column.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Neither left nor right has focused adequately on maternal health

~Nicholas D. Kristof

It's easy to keep issuing blame to Republicans or the president

~Nicholas D. Kristof

For most of history, genocide was just something governments did and nobody blinked.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Isn't it time to talk not only about weather, but also about climate?

~Nicholas D. Kristof

More Americans die in gun homicides and suicides in six months than have died in the last 25 years in every terrorist attack and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq combined.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

America's education system has become less a ladder of opportunity than a structure to transmit inequity from one generation to the next.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

There is an element of anger among women who've been raped. There's certainly a major element of humiliation. But it really does seem like a medical condition of shock and horror.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

There isn't a political price to be paid yet for doing nothing. People need to get upset with President Bush. People need to get upset with their Congressmen.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Guilt-tripping people does not work; they tend to be turned off.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

I think when hundreds of thousands of lives are on the line, you might have to set aside some principles.

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Write letters to your editors, write to your members of Congress, and write to your news stations.

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Usually people are very much focused on keeping their kids alive.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

One of the principles of journalism is you don't lie. You never lie.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

It's important not to demonize [Donald's] Trump voters.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

In much of the world, the most dangerous thing a woman can do is become pregnant.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

It's time for a 21st-century abolitionist movement in the U.S and around the world.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Compassion isn't a sign of weakness, but a mark of civilization.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

There are ten times as many sex slaves transported around the globe today as agrarian slaves were transported in the 1790s.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Laws matter, but typically changing the law by itself accomplishes little.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Americans have called on moderates in Muslim countries to speak out against extremists, to stand up for the tolerance they say they believe in. We should all have the guts do the same at home.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

We tie ourselves in knots when we act as if democracy is good for the United States and Israel but not for the Arab world. For far too long, we've treated the Arab world as just an oil field.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Americans of faith should try as hard to save the lives of African women as the lives of unborn fetuses.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

Random violence is incredibly infectious

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The tide of history is turning women from beasts of burden and sexual playthings into full-fledged human beings.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

The equivalent of five jumbo jets' worth of women die in labor each day, but the issue is almost never covered.

~Nicholas D. Kristof

One of the great failings of the American education system (in our view) is that young people can graduate from university without any understanding of poverty at home or abroad.

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I think it's dangerous to be optimistic. Things could go terribly wrong virtually overnight

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