

Nick Clegg Quotes

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Nothing will do more damage to the pro-European movement than giving room to the suspicion that we have something to hide, that we do not have the *cojones* to carry our argument to the people.

~Nick Clegg

My head spins. One moment I'm told I'm too edgy, then people say I'm too angry, then that I show too much passion... make your minds up.

~Nick Clegg

The UK is not going to leave the European Union. Of course not. We are inextricably wound up with Europe. In terms of culture, history and geography, we are a European nation.

~Nick Clegg

Politics is a highly tribal business.

~Nick Clegg

You see people literally in a different galaxy who are paying extraordinarily low rates of tax.

~Nick Clegg

What we should be doing in the EU as a whole is more economic integration in the single market, rather than less.

~Nick Clegg

Voters tell politicians what they want through the ballot box. Constantly second-guessing them by speculating whether the parties should gang up on each other misses the point.

~Nick Clegg

Do I get up every morning and ask: am I doing the things that I believe in and am I doing them for the best possible motives? Yes.

Unambiguously yes.

~Nick Clegg

I say this as a young dad seeing children going into primary school: I don't think we should underestimate the formative effect on a child of those first years in primary school.

~Nick Clegg

Growth that lasts does not threaten our children's future. It recognises that our planet is a gift that must be cherished. That tomorrow is our responsibility as much as today.

~Nick Clegg

When I became leader, I made very clear I was not going to choose the easy life. I have always taken risks. I don't like comfort-zone politics.

~Nick Clegg

Joining the Liberal Party was a no-brainer for me... And when you are a young man, you don't get a calculator out saying, 'Am I going to get to power?' You get propelled forward by idealism.

~Nick Clegg

I'm very lucky. I am one of those people who is able to go home, shut the front door and completely focus on the kids.

~Nick Clegg

I don't lead a particularly Bohemian existence. The main criterion for me is not to be judgemental of other people so long as what they do is not harmful or offensive to others.

~Nick Clegg

I firmly believe that the principles behind Contraction & Convergence provide the best long-term framework for a fair and equitable climate change mitigation policy

~Nick Clegg

The Labour Party has become consumed by collective bile towards...

the Liberal Democrats. That portrays a rather nasty arrogance.

~Nick Clegg

I don't watch a huge amount of telly. I read a lot. I'm reading at the moment 'Freedom,' by Jonathan Franzen, a great big brick of a book, and I'm loving it.

~Nick Clegg

I've just been away for a week, and I dropped my BlackBerry in the sea while I was messing around with the kids, so no one can reach me. Blissful. I heartily recommend it.

~Nick Clegg

Most of what needs to be changed in the euro zone can be done without treaty changes. The demand for treaty change is as political as it is legal and I don't think it's going to happen soon.

~Nick Clegg

We are keen to stress that a strong euro zone is good for a strong United Kingdom. It's not for us to write the changes that the euro zone needs to embark on.

~Nick Clegg

If you scratch below the surface and ask what really makes me tick, it's the liberalism of trying to promote freedom and opportunity. Promoting social mobility is one of the keys to that.

~Nick Clegg

I am quite strict as a dad but I don't want to be censorious.

~Nick Clegg

Our Sheffield and London homes are worth well over a million but the bank owns most of them - we are mortgaged up to the gills.

~Nick Clegg

The Liberal Democrats will add a heart to a Conservative government and a brain to a Labour one.

~Nick Clegg

Every time [Chris Bryant] asks a question I become more and more baffled why anyone would want to hack his phone and listen to his messages

~Nick Clegg

You have a political and media elite who have an idiom by which they describe politics. It's highly, highly polarised. It's right, left, red, blue, up, down, victorious, crushed.

~Nick Clegg

After the economic 9/11, we will face a new world order.

~Nick Clegg

Any government, of whatever composition, needs to mobilise opinion way beyond its own ranks in order to do the difficult things that it does.

~Nick Clegg

The caricature of what George Osborne is doing on the fiscal side is absurd. If you read some of the commentary, particularly from the left, you would think he was turning the clock back to the 1930s.

~Nick Clegg

What I hope is in five years' time, I can go to the British people in the election and say: Lots of you doubted that coalition politics worked, but it has worked.

~Nick Clegg

[Ed Miliband]'s elevated personal abuse into a sort of strategy

~Nick Clegg

I think that the days when newspaper barons could basically click their fingers and governments would snap to attention have gone.

~Nick Clegg

I care more about getting this right [NHS reform] than I do about getting it done.

~Nick Clegg

[All governments] get into a rut where every potentially good story turns into a bad one.

~Nick Clegg

One thing I've very quickly learned is that if you wake up every morning worrying about what's in the press, you would go completely and utterly potty.

~Nick Clegg

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