

# Norman Thomas

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The Socialist Party will no longer be running a candidate for president. The Democratic Party is leading this country to Socialism much faster than we could ever hope to.

~Norman Thomas

If you want a symbolic gesture, don't burn the flag, wash it.

~Norman Thomas

The secret of a good life is to have the right loyalties and hold them in the right scale of values.

~Norman Thomas

Dissent... is a right essential to any concept of the dignity and freedom of the individual; it is essential to the search for truth in a world wherein no authority is infallible.

~Norman Thomas

The difference between Democrats and Republicans is: Democrats have accepted some ideas of Socialism cheerfully, while Republicans have accepted them reluctantly

~Norman Thomas

The doctrine of thrift for the poor is dumb and cruel, like advising them to try and lift themselves by their bootstraps.

~Norman Thomas

The very existence of armaments and great armies psychologically accustoms us to accept the philosophy of militarism. They inevitably increase fear and hate in the world.

~Norman Thomas

I am not the champion of lost causes, but the champion of causes not yet won.

~Norman Thomas

Kennedy said that if we had nuclear war we'd kill 300 million people in the first hour. McNamara, who is a good businessman and likes to save, says it would be only 200 million.

~Norman Thomas

Peace will never be entirely secure until men everywhere have learned to conquer poverty without sacrificing liberty or security.

~Norman Thomas

Harry Truman proves that old adage that any man can become President of the United States.

~Norman Thomas

I always get more applause than votes.

~Norman Thomas

All our rulers have said that war is unthinkable, and then we think about it almost all the time. We've got to make it unthinkable.

~Norman Thomas

You may use different sorts of sentences and illustrations before different sorts of audiences, but you don't -- if you are wise -- talk down to any audience.

~Norman Thomas

He who would save liberty must put his trust in democracy.

~Norman Thomas

I walk where I choose to walk.

~Norman Thomas

Rebellion per se is not a virtue. If it were, we would have some heroes on very low levels.

~Norman Thomas

The central law of all wholesome life is reciprocity, mutuality. ... But the group is valuable only as it permits personalities, not automatons, to emerge.

~Norman Thomas

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