

Paul Kagame Quotes

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Listen more to the one who criticizes you and less to the one who praises you. Learn from them and do something about it.

~Paul Kagame

Africa's story has been written by others; we need to own our problems and solutions and write our story.

~Paul Kagame

We cannot turn the clock back nor can we undo the harm caused, but we have the power to determine the future and to ensure that what happened never happens again.

~Paul Kagame

Let no one think that flexibility and a predisposition to compromise is a sign of weakness or a sell-out.

~Paul Kagame

Aid leads to more aid and more aid and more aid and less independence of the people that are receiving aid.

~Paul Kagame

In Africa today, we recognise that trade and investment, and not aid, are pillars of development.

~Paul Kagame

It is the population which decides when it's time for a leader to leave, not foreign powers.

~Paul Kagame

National security is vital for economic and social progress.

~Paul Kagame

It is the first time in the history of Rwanda that political change in the highest leadership of the country has taken place in peace and security.

~Paul Kagame

I grew up in a refugee camp in Uganda, and I lived there for 30 years. That shapes one's character.

~Paul Kagame

Rwanda is a democracy not a monarchy.

~Paul Kagame

Technology has brought many possibilities in education and health that are key to women.

~Paul Kagame

The history and national interest of Rwanda and the Rwandan people dictate our national orientation.

~Paul Kagame

The West is anything but altruistic.

~Paul Kagame

Rwanda has its own problems and never sought to blame others or cause others trouble. I advise Burundi to do the same.

~Paul Kagame

We've used aid to build capacities so we won't need aid in future.

~Paul Kagame

There are things I admire, for example, about South Korea or Singapore. I admire their history, their development and how intensively they have invested in their people and in technology.

~Paul Kagame

Democracy holds little appeal for people who are struggling to survive.

~Paul Kagame

Strong economic growth, and especially a significant increase in private sector investment, is the only sustainable path forward for Rwanda.

~Paul Kagame

A strong leader is not necessarily a bad leader.

~Paul Kagame

Human rights groups are locked in a fierce competition for big checks from wealthy donors and they need to generate big headlines.

~Paul Kagame

Rwanda is not over needing aid, but we can survive with less aid than before.

~Paul Kagame

Politics is not only about personal choice. That one also needs to take into consideration what the people want because in the end, they are the ones who decide.

~Paul Kagame

Infrastructure is key, but also how it's used, and that's political.

~Paul Kagame

Such problems are not solved in one day but there is a great step toward peace and security in the region.

~Paul Kagame

There are some who are scared by unity and by building a country on the basis of ideas.

~Paul Kagame

Moving container from Kigali to Mombasa used to take 22 days, now it takes 6 days.

~Paul Kagame

I do not want to be cynical, but if developing nations are kept backward by being told, again and again, you belong to the poor and you are there, where you actually belong, then nothing will change.

~Paul Kagame

Reconciliation takes time. Sometimes many decades, as the example of Europe shows. It is hard work.

~Paul Kagame

It is better for a country to have a strong leader, this applies to the United States as well as to Rwanda.

~Paul Kagame

Up to a certain extent the UN soldiers are useful. But they are consuming a lot of resources in relation to the little work they are doing.

~Paul Kagame

The situation in Congo shows nothing for which you could hold Rwanda responsible.

~Paul Kagame

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