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[Ronald Reagan] called the image of [George] Washington praying on his knees in Valley Forge "the most sublime image in American history."

~Paul Kengor

When Reagan was outspoken about his faith it was usually for a purpose, but never for getting votes.

~Paul Kengor

Frankly, neither president [Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter] was an inspiring figure; so, maybe their lack of inspiration by the founders shouldn't surprise us.

~Paul Kengor

There's the unique case of Ronald Reagan, who cited [founders] some 850 times, and in a way that was absolutely fundamental to understanding Reagan's vision for America.

~Paul Kengor

Colleges need learning, faith, and freedom. Each reinforces the others, each makes the others possible. For what are they without each other?

~Paul Kengor

Freedom cannot exist alone.

~Paul Kengor

Maybe the most interesting find in my research is that it is clear that Ronald Reagan, among all modern presidents, plainly rediscovered the founders.

~Paul Kengor

[John] McCain references favorite presidents like Teddy Roosevelt. Hillary cited Eleanor Roosevelt.

~Paul Kengor

Learning is a good thing, but unless it's tempered by faith and a love of freedom, it can be very dangerous indeed.

~Paul Kengor

Throughout American history our presidents have invoked our nation's founding fathers. This is particularly true of recent presidents.

~Paul Kengor

You would hope that the supposed best of American educational institutions would teach its students about America as an institution.

~Paul Kengor

If our presidents, or potential presidents, don't know this or don't articulate [an America ideal], that's a blown opportunity. The president can teach as well as lead.

~Paul Kengor

Issues are important, yes, but issues come and go. America as an ideal is timeless.

~Paul Kengor

It is quite sad, to me, that that ideal, that vision and understanding [of American founding], doesn't seem to be a part of the current political season.

~Paul Kengor

I was a child or didn't live through those presidents prior to [Ronald] Reagan, and thus didn't realize how little attention they had paid to the founders.

~Paul Kengor

I was disappointed in how [Bill] Clinton, like [Jimmy] Carter, used the founders to argue for huge expansions in federal power, clearly beyond what the founders could have ever conceived.

~Paul Kengor

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