

Peter Bergen Quotes

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Kind, Successful, Organization, Drawing, Cities, Blood, Firsts, Wife, Academic
Research, Years*

Often it is important to listen to what people aren't saying.

~Peter Bergen

I am very suspicious of the notion that somehow bin Laden was a media creation... Bin Laden's actions made him into a big deal. Not the media.

~Peter Bergen

There's some pretty good academic research that suggest that what Americans don't like is losing.

~Peter Bergen

At one point people in al Qaeda were actually drawing monthly paychecks when they were based in Sudan.

~Peter Bergen

Bin Laden comes out of a business background - he studied public administration and economics at university, and he worked for his family company, which was obviously a rather successful enterprise.

~Peter Bergen

Why should Americans care about the Nazi back story in World War II? If you don't have the Nazi back story in World War II, World War II is simply not comprehensible.

~Peter Bergen

So Pakistan is a country that I'm very fond of and have spent a lot of time, but it is a country where conspiracy theories have a life of their own.

~Peter Bergen

Bin Laden's death is just a punctuation point on a set of problems they've had for a long time. I think the prognosis for al-Qaida and groups like it is really bad, and that's a good thing.

~Peter Bergen

Most Muslims don't want to live in some Taliban-style utopia, which is what bin Laden and allied groups are offering.

~Peter Bergen

And in the end, bin Laden died in a squalid suburban compound surrounded by his wives and children and far from the front lines of his holy war.

~Peter Bergen

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