

# Rachel Maddow Quotes

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A handkerchief can never be put in another pocket after it has been in one pocket. I don't walk under ladders. I have items of clothing that are lucky for me. That rotates, but I am luck-oriented.

~Rachel Maddow

Clearly, there has been a lack of imagination about how much can go wrong.

~Rachel Maddow

If you're someone people count on, particularly in difficult moments, that's a sign of a life lived honorably.

~Rachel Maddow

The single best thing about coming out of the closet is that nobody can insult you by telling you what you've just told them.

~Rachel Maddow

I have a file of letters and bits of ephemera from friends who have died. I have had lots of friends who died of AIDS.

~Rachel Maddow

Here's the thing about rights. They're not actually supposed to be voted on. That's why they're called rights.

~Rachel Maddow

I'm undoubtedly a liberal, which means that I'm in almost total agreement with the Eisenhower-era Republican party platform.

~Rachel Maddow

Hopefully life is long. Do stuff you will enjoy thinking about and telling stories about for many years to come. Do stuff you will want to brag about.

~Rachel Maddow

I really believe in trying to increase the amount of useful information in the world and in being accurate in the sense that you can take what I say to the bank, even if you disagree with me.

~Rachel Maddow

Bernie Sanders are the only person who talks about the kinds of things that might be driving people to support Donald Trump in such large numbers in the Republican Party.

~Rachel Maddow

Activism is setting a goal of something you would like to be different, and figuring out what would have to change to achieve that goal. It's sort of like math.

~Rachel Maddow

If you took a cracked pot and you cracked that cracked pot, you'd be approaching the level of cracked pottery we are talking about here.

~Rachel Maddow

In the little town where I live in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, we now have a 'Public Safety Complex' around the corner from what used to be our hokey Andy Griffith-esque fire station.

~Rachel Maddow

I don't have any option. I'm not going to be less gay or more pretty. I can't try to have less personality or fewer controversial opinions.

~Rachel Maddow

Pentagon dollars are essentially seen as a different kind of funding that doesn't have to stand for itself and make an argument for itself in the house of Congress.

~Rachel Maddow

After we graduate tonight, we no longer have to let society happen to

us. We get to create our own.

~Rachel Maddow

It is sometimes hard to know what Sarah Palin means, just on a day to day basis. Sometimes it is hard to follow what she is talking about.

~Rachel Maddow

If the military contractors are out of Afghanistan, Karzai is out 15 minutes later.

~Rachel Maddow

Fascistic leaders are aggressively macho and chauvinistic. They are xenophobic about people who they portray as outsiders or some sort of threat to the nation or as weaklings they can denounce.

~Rachel Maddow

Gay people - generally speaking - have a responsibility to our own community and to future generations of gay people to come out, if and when we feel that we can.

~Rachel Maddow

I still think of myself as the new kid, even though I've been on the air for two and a half years. But my job is the same as it ever was, which is to make 9:00 P.M. as good as I can.

~Rachel Maddow

At a time when America should be doing everything we can to lead the fight to defeat ISIS and other radical jihadists, Donald Trump is playing right into their hands.

~Rachel Maddow

My life is better with every year of living it.

~Rachel Maddow

Don't focus on what I'm wearing. Focus on what's coming out of my face.

~Rachel Maddow

When people get to speak about themselves and the things that matter to them, on their own terms, we see them as who they are. They can't be reduced to objects of derision.

~Rachel Maddow

We are willing to follow leaders only to the extent we believe they call on our best, not our worst.

~Rachel Maddow

In the rest of the world though, particularly in Europe, the most popular form of racing is not stock cars. It's not NASCAR. It doesn't look anything like NASCAR. It's Formula 1.

~Rachel Maddow

[Donald] Trump is a fascist and that's not a term I use loosely or often but he has earned it.

~Rachel Maddow

Fascism allegation [to Donald Trump] is not coming from the left. This is coming from the right. It's coming from inside the Republican Party and from within mainstream conservative thought.

~Rachel Maddow

Fascist is not just an epithet. Fascist is a proper noun that means a specific thing. It's a real thing. It's not always referring to ancient history.

~Rachel Maddow

I think it's both annoying and beneficial that there's so much freedom online.

~Rachel Maddow

Abstinence-only education - the best STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) and pregnancy delivery system that politicians have ever devised.

~Rachel Maddow

Donald Trump removed all doubt. He is running for president as a fascist demagogue.

~Rachel Maddow

The single best thing about honesty is that it requires no follow-up.

~Rachel Maddow

Social security isn't a ponzi scheme. It's not bankrupting us. It's not an outrage. It is working.

~Rachel Maddow

If the colonists hadn't rejected British militarism and the massive financial burden of maintaining the British military, America wouldn't exist.

~Rachel Maddow

I don't think about people watching me on TV. I think it would stress me out.

~Rachel Maddow

David Jolly is the only Republican I could find who's really saying Donald Trump, you're out, forget it, this is unacceptable, this is beyond the pale.

~Rachel Maddow

The more you push back on Donald [Trump], whether you're in the media or whether you are in the GOP establishment, the stronger his

base of support comes.

~Rachel Maddow

[Bob Ferguson] won that huge ruling against the first version of the Muslim ban that resulted in it being stopped dead in the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

~Rachel Maddow

I will say that Bernie Sanders are the opposite end of the spectrum from Donald Trump. We see him leading right now in the Republican Party in an intractable way.

~Rachel Maddow

Sarah Palin uses me as a laugh line in her stump speeches. If you're willing to turn me into a joke, you should also be willing to talk to me.

~Rachel Maddow

The way that we make dumb decisions and discriminatory decisions is by employing stereotypes about groups of people. We don't see people as fully human when other people speak for them.

~Rachel Maddow

I would like to be a polyglot.

~Rachel Maddow

The CIA has concluded in a secret assessment that Russia intervened in the 2016 election to help Donald Trump win the presidency rather than just to undermine confidence in the U.S. electoral system.

~Rachel Maddow

I still think of myself as the new kid.

~Rachel Maddow

I have learned when two Republicans are talking about legalizing drugs

to shut up.

~Rachel Maddow

Internet's been down most of the day [at work]. Doing research by just asking everyone what we remember to be true. What could possibly go wrong?

~Rachel Maddow

I like explaining things, and I believe that you can do very high-level explanation on basic cable news provided you are willing to work hard enough to be a good storyteller.

~Rachel Maddow

For months, the [Donald] Trump campaign denied full stop that anybody associated with their campaign had any ties with Russia or any contacts with Russia full stop.

~Rachel Maddow

When it starts to seem like you have popped into bed with a specific party, it makes it difficult for people to believe you are not doing someone else's bidding for them.

~Rachel Maddow

If you have to hire paid actors to impersonate people who politically support you, people don't actually natively politically support you. You are not a political animal that exists in nature.

~Rachel Maddow

Ben Carson also denounced [Donald] Trump`s ban all Muslims proposal saying we do not and would not advocate being selective on one`s religion.

~Rachel Maddow

Those policies [of Jean-Marie Le Pen ]I find repellent. I believe many



people right across consist the world do. There is no future in that type of narrow minded racism and nationalism.

~Rachel Maddow

Forced federal registration of U.S. citizens based on religious identity is fascism, period. Nothing else to call it.

~Rachel Maddow

It's not just the small-potatoes post-9/11 Homeland spending that feels a little off mission. It's the big-ticket stuff too.

~Rachel Maddow

Sarah Palin is now the guy who hangs out in the high school parking lot, showing off his car, five years after he graduated.

~Rachel Maddow

Formula 1 is a huge international phenomenon even if an otherwise car racing obsessed American public has always found Formula 1 to be a little weird.

~Rachel Maddow

The Republican front-runner, has made a name for himself in the last months by trafficking prejudice and paranoia. His latest insult is his call to stop all Muslims from entering the United States.

~Rachel Maddow

There's no way to tweak your content in order to goose ratings. You do what you're good at and let people follow you.

~Rachel Maddow

I'm a sarcastic person. I learn through humor.

~Rachel Maddow

I am too old to know how to put a naked photograph of myself on the

Internet.

~Rachel Maddow

I care a lot about what my girlfriend thinks, and my friends, but ultimately it's me in the mirror. I just want to be proud of what I do.

~Rachel Maddow

When Conservatives crusade against government while they are trying to be appointed to head the government, I think that's weird!

~Rachel Maddow

The downside of playing dumb is that you sound dumb.

~Rachel Maddow

I'm not a screamer. I'm confrontational, but I don't think that translates into anger.

~Rachel Maddow

I'm not sure, but [Russia] might be happy to see this guy [Dan Fried] exiting stage left.

~Rachel Maddow

The [Donald] Trump campaign turned on a dime instantly as soon as those WikiLeaks dumps started.

~Rachel Maddow

I think that presidents don't give up power that has accrued to them by the precedent of previous presidents. Even when they say they would like to, I think once they get there they don't give it up.

~Rachel Maddow

I'd rather have none at all than a grain too much.

~Rachel Maddow

I'm gonna vote against Donald Trump .

~Rachel Maddow

We have built something [a nuclear stockpile] bigger than we can drive.

~Rachel Maddow

[To Timothy LaHaye:] So, Mr. LaHaye, when the Rapture happens, can I have your stuff?

~Rachel Maddow

I'm hopeless by e-mail, by phone, by text.

~Rachel Maddow

The American president just won the nobel peace prize, by any reasonable measure, all Americans should be proud.

~Rachel Maddow

Who knows if John McCain could have won that presidential campaign [2008] in any circumstances when George W. Bush the outgoing Republican president had a 22 percent approval rating.

~Rachel Maddow

It is hard to know what Sarah Palin means in Republican politics anymore.

~Rachel Maddow

No matter what Donald Trump does, he`s guaranteed to have support from the Republican Party.

~Rachel Maddow

I recommend sports, I don't recommend gambling.

~Rachel Maddow

I'm a national security liberal, which I tell people because it's meant to sound absurd.

~Rachel Maddow

That was like seeing a dodo and a unicorn all wrapped up in one

~Rachel Maddow

Having a place out of the city is a shortcut toward the mental reset I need.

~Rachel Maddow

For the same work, dudes get paid more.

~Rachel Maddow

if you want to achieve immortality, see what you can do about getting yourself turned into a Pentagon program.

~Rachel Maddow

Military preparedness is absolutely a form of strength.

~Rachel Maddow

Britons still commemorate the Battle of Cable Street in London. There are still pop songs in Britain that reference Sir Oswald Mosley and his black shirts.

~Rachel Maddow

"Red Dawn" was a movie made in 1984 I think about World War III. If you have not seen it and plan on watching it, you want to close your eye and cover your ears but not really. You can figure it out.

~Rachel Maddow

I never had any facial hair in my life.

~Rachel Maddow

I wish every Republican wanted to impeach [George W.] Bush , but people don't agree with this. He's stating a fact about what he believes.

~Rachel Maddow

If you want to make the government take a religious side, then make the case, it should be Christian republic.

~Rachel Maddow

Liberals say that we are secular country with a majority of Christians, absolutely.

~Rachel Maddow

Francois Hollande is the president of France. He got all sorts of accolades for his leadership in France after the Paris attacks.

~Rachel Maddow

[Facism] that incredibly loaded word we do not associate with the real American politics is being used by other conservatives, by other Republicans to talk about Donald Trump.

~Rachel Maddow

I think Donald Trump is now kind of in love with the idea of becoming president of the United States. I think he truly does believe that he can be the Republican nominee.

~Rachel Maddow

I have this belief that Donald Trump keeps floating the idea that he will quit the party and run as an independent if the Republican Party does not treat him fairly.

~Rachel Maddow

We do not need to endorse that [against Muslims] type of activity nor should we.

~Rachel Maddow

" [Donald] Trump may indeed be a little fascistic."New York Times wrote.

~Rachel Maddow

The [Donald] Trump folks chose not to keep [Dan Fried] on. He was actually - I said he was actually the third-most senior diplomat in the foreign service.

~Rachel Maddow

[Dan Fried] served six presidents over a 40-year career dating back to the [Jimmy] Carter administration.

~Rachel Maddow

I don't think we have thought of ourselves, at least in a modern iteration, as being a nationalist country or a country that has nationalist movements.

~Rachel Maddow

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