

# Richard Holbrooke

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As countries grapple with modernization, people who are left behind tend to hold firmer and firmer to their view of the evil of modernity.

~Richard Holbrooke

The controlled chaos is one way to get creativity. The intensity of it, the physical rush, the intimacy created the kind of dialogue that leads to synergy...

~Richard Holbrooke

A peace deal requires agreements, and you don't make agreements with your friends, you make agreements with your enemies.

~Richard Holbrooke

Know something about something. Don't just present your wonderful self to the world. Constantly amass knowledge and offer it around.

~Richard Holbrooke

Bureaucracies have a natural tendency not to cooperate, coordinate or consolidate with each other. They won't cooperate with each other - unless they are forced to do so by political level authority.

~Richard Holbrooke

Diplomacy is like jazz: endless variations on a theme.

~Richard Holbrooke

World War I was not inevitable, as many historians say. It could have been avoided, and it was a diplomatically botched negotiation.

~Richard Holbrooke

A world without the United Nations or with a paralyzed United Nations would be far more costly to all of us and far more dangerous to peace and stability.

~Richard Holbrooke

It's an improvisation on a theme. You know where you want to go, but you don't know how to get there. It's not linear.

~Richard Holbrooke

Nothing generates more heat in the government than the question of who is chosen to participate in important meetings.

~Richard Holbrooke

I still believe in the possibility of the United States, with all its will and all its strength, and I don't just mean military, persevering against any challenge. I still believe in that.

~Richard Holbrooke

The United Nations is an indispensable but deeply flawed organization. It is valuable to the United States, and the United States is invaluable to it. We need to reform it.

~Richard Holbrooke

If a country denies it has AIDS, that country will inevitably become an even greater victim.

~Richard Holbrooke

The World War II generation believed the United States could do anything - anything... And Vietnam was a shattering experience for everyone.

~Richard Holbrooke

United Nations peacekeepers are going all over the world spreading AIDS even while they're trying to bring peace. What a supreme irony.

~Richard Holbrooke

It is essential that the foreign forces who have invaded and occupy large parts of the Congo halt their offensive action

~Richard Holbrooke

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