

Richard M. Nixon

Quotes

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There are times when an abortion is necessary. I know that. When you have a black and a white.

~Richard M. Nixon

Never forget, the press is the enemy. The establishment is the enemy. The professors are the enemy. Professors are the enemy. Write that on a blackboard 100 times and never forget it.

~Richard M. Nixon

When the President does it, that means that it's not illegal.

~Richard M. Nixon

Only if you have been in the deepest valley, can you ever know how magnificent it is to be on the highest mountain.

~Richard M. Nixon

People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook. I earned everything I've got.

~Richard M. Nixon

We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another - until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices.

~Richard M. Nixon

I don't think a woman should be in any government job whatever. I mean, I really don't. The reason why I do is mainly because they are erratic and emotional.

~Richard M. Nixon

Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.

~Richard M. Nixon

The Bohemian Grove, which I attend from time to time - it is the most faggy goddamned thing you could ever imagine.

~Richard M. Nixon

I know you heard what you thought I said, but what I said isn't what I meant.

~Richard M. Nixon

I was not lying. I said things that later on seemed to be untrue.

~Richard M. Nixon

I gave 'em a sword. And they stuck it in, and they twisted it with relish. And I guess if I had been in their position, I'd have done the same thing.

~Richard M. Nixon

When I retire I'm going to spend my evenings by the fireplace going through those boxes. There are things in there that ought to be burned.

~Richard M. Nixon

Defeat doesn't finish a man, quit does. A man is not finished when he's defeated. He's finished when he quits.

~Richard M. Nixon

No event in American history is more misunderstood than the Vietnam War. It was misreported then, and it is misremembered now.

~Richard M. Nixon

You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore, because, gentlemen, this is my last press conference.

~Richard M. Nixon

If we take the route of the permanent handout, the American character will itself be impoverished.

~Richard M. Nixon

Nothing would please the Kremlin more than to have the people of this country choose a second rate president.

~Richard M. Nixon

We will establish a new system that makes high-quality health care available to every American in a dignified manner and at a price he can afford.

~Richard M. Nixon

Sure there are dishonest men in local government. But there are dishonest men in national government too.

~Richard M. Nixon

Listen, I don't know anything about polygraphs and I don't know how accurate they are, but I know they'll scare the hell out of people.

~Richard M. Nixon

Capitalism works better than it sounds, while socialism sounds better than it works.

~Richard M. Nixon

The press is the enemy.

~Richard M. Nixon

Remember, always give your best. Never get discouraged. Never be petty. Always remember, others may hate you. But those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself.

~Richard M. Nixon

The mark of a true politician is that he is never at a loss for words because he is always half-expecting to be asked to make a speech.

~Richard M. Nixon

If an individual wants to be a leader and isn't controversial, that means he never stood for anything.

~Richard M. Nixon

I didn't do anything wrong and I promise to never do it again.

~Richard M. Nixon

My strong point is not rhetoric , it isn't showmanship, it isn't big promises - those things that create the glamour and the excitement that people call charisma and warmth.

~Richard M. Nixon

The memory of that scene for me is like a frame of film forever frozen at that moment: the red carpet, the green lawn, the white house, the leaden sky. The new president and his first lady.

~Richard M. Nixon

What a strange creature man is that he fouls his own nest.

~Richard M. Nixon

Watergate had become the center of the media's universe, and during the remaining year of my presidency the media tried to force everything else to revolve around it.

~Richard M. Nixon

The finest steel has to go through the hottest fire.

~Richard M. Nixon

Our chief justices have probably had more profound and lasting influence on their times and on the direction of the nation than most presidents.

~Richard M. Nixon

President Johnson and I have a lot in common. We were both born in

small towns and we're both fortunate in the fact that we think we married above ourselves.

~Richard M. Nixon

They put the Jewish interest above America's interest and it's about goddamn time that the Jew in America realizes he's an American first and a Jew second.

~Richard M. Nixon

The important thing is that we maintain plausible deniability.

~Richard M. Nixon

If I were to make public these tapes, containing blunt and candid remarks on many different subjects, the confidentiality of the office of the president would always be suspect.

~Richard M. Nixon

I would not like to be a political leader in Russia. They never know when they're being taped.

~Richard M. Nixon

Any nation that decides the only way to achieve peace is through peaceful means is a nation that will soon be a piece of another nation.

~Richard M. Nixon

To me, the most unhappy people in the world are the people ... in Palm Beach- Going to parties every night. Playing golf every afternoon, then bridge. [They have] no purpose.

~Richard M. Nixon

Politics would be a helluva good business if it weren't for the goddamned people.

~Richard M. Nixon

Rarely have so many people been so wrong about so much.

~Richard M. Nixon

If you want to make beautiful music, you must play the black and the white notes together.

~Richard M. Nixon

Those who hate us only win if we hate them back

~Richard M. Nixon

You have to face the fact that the whole problem is really the blacks. The key is to devise a system that recognizes this all while not appearing to.

~Richard M. Nixon

What was Watergate? A little bugging!

~Richard M. Nixon

I'm not at liberty to discuss the governments knowledge of extraterrestrial UFO's at this time. I am still personally being briefed on the subject!

~Richard M. Nixon

Communism denies God, enslaves men, and destroys justice.

~Richard M. Nixon

Honesty may not be the best policy, but it is worth trying once in a while.

~Richard M. Nixon

The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word "crisis." One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity.

~Richard M. Nixon

Idealism without realism is impotent. Realism without idealism is immoral.

~Richard M. Nixon

A politician knows that his friends are not always his allies, and that his adversaries are not always his enemies.

~Richard M. Nixon

My concern today is not with the length of a person's hair but with his conduct.

~Richard M. Nixon

Never say no when a client asks for something, even if it is the moon. You can always try, and anyhow there is plenty of time afterwards to explain that it was not possible.

~Richard M. Nixon

I think Congress has spent enough time on ethics. I think it's time they moved on to something else.

~Richard M. Nixon

You must pursue this investigation of Watergate even if it leads to the president. I'm innocent. You've got to believe I'm innocent. If you don't, take my job.

~Richard M. Nixon

I don't give a damn about the civilians.

~Richard M. Nixon

If you take no risks, you will suffer no defeats. But if you take no risks, you win no victories.

~Richard M. Nixon

I hereby resign this office of president of the United States.

~Richard M. Nixon

We must always remember that America is a great nation today not because of what government did for people but because of what people did for themselves and for one another.

~Richard M. Nixon

The worst thing a politician can be is dull. At least I'm interesting.

~Richard M. Nixon

People react to fear, not love; they don't teach that in Sunday School, but it's true.

~Richard M. Nixon

Publicly, we say one thing....Actually, we do another.

~Richard M. Nixon

Federal and state laws (should) be changed to no longer make it a crime to possess marijuana for private use.

~Richard M. Nixon

Look at the Justice Department, it's full of Jews...The lawyers in government are damn Jews.

~Richard M. Nixon

I would have made a good pope.

~Richard M. Nixon

Any lady who is first lady likes being first lady. I don't care what they say, they like it.

~Richard M. Nixon

Idealism without pragmatism is impotent. Pragmatism without idealism is meaningless. The key to effective leadership is pragmatic idealism.

~Richard M. Nixon

It's a piece of cake until you get to the top. You find you can't stop playing the game the way you've always played it.

~Richard M. Nixon

The more you stay in this kind of job, the more you realize that a public figure, a major public figure, is a lonely man.

~Richard M. Nixon

By the time you get dressed, drive out there, play 18 holes and come home, you've blown seven hours. There are better things you can do with your time.

~Richard M. Nixon

Under the doctrine of separation of powers, the manner in which the president personally exercises his assigned executive powers is not subject to questioning by another branch of government.

~Richard M. Nixon

Solutions are not the answer.

~Richard M. Nixon

The greatest honor history can bestow is the title of peacemaker.

~Richard M. Nixon

Maybe New York shouldn't survive. Maybe it should go through a cycle of destruction.

~Richard M. Nixon

Let us begin by committing ourselves to the truth to see it like it is, and tell it like it is, to find the truth, to speak the truth, and to live the truth.

~Richard M. Nixon

Well, I screwed it up real good, didn't I?

~Richard M. Nixon

The 1970s must be the years when America pays its debt to the past by reclaiming the purity of its air, its waters, and our living environment. It is literally now or never.

~Richard M. Nixon

Italy hasn't had a government since Mussolini.

~Richard M. Nixon

Clean air, clean water, open spaces - these should once again be the birthright of every American.

~Richard M. Nixon

The Jews are irreligious, atheistic, immoral bunch of bastards.

~Richard M. Nixon

I really believe life is simple. It's all the other people that make things complicated.

~Richard M. Nixon

Baseball without fans is like Jayne Mansfield without a sweater. Hang on, that can be taken two ways.

~Richard M. Nixon

There is no such thing as a nonpolitical speech by a politician.

~Richard M. Nixon

Extremists on the left tend to be just as critical of pragmatism as extremists on the right.

~Richard M. Nixon

Those who hate you don't win unless you hate them back.

~Richard M. Nixon

Yet we can maintain a free society only if we recognize that in a free society no one can win all the time. No one can have his own way all the time, and no one is right all the time.

~Richard M. Nixon

The successful leader does not talk down to people. He lifts them up.

~Richard M. Nixon

But more than anything else, we have learned that legal assistance for the poor, when properly provided, is one of the most constructive ways to help them help themselves.

~Richard M. Nixon

The Cold War isn't thawing; it is burning with a deadly heat. Communism isn't sleeping; it is, as always, plotting, scheming, working, fighting.

~Richard M. Nixon

Castro couldn't even go to the bathroom unless the Soviet Union put the nickel in the toilet.

~Richard M. Nixon

I learned that the people who have the cards are usually the ones who talk the least and the softest; those who are bluffing tend to talk loudly and give themselves away.

~Richard M. Nixon

The sky is no longer the limit.

~Richard M. Nixon

While might certainly does not make right, neither does right by itself make might.

~Richard M. Nixon

I have impeached myself by resigning.

~Richard M. Nixon

If you are ever going to lie, you go to jail for the lie rather than the crime. So believe me, don't ever lie.

~Richard M. Nixon

You don't know how to lie. If you can't lie, you'll never go anywhere.

~Richard M. Nixon

The three most difficult words to speak are, "I was wrong."

~Richard M. Nixon

Well, I'm not a crook.

~Richard M. Nixon

In the long term we can hope that religion will change the nature of man and reduce conflict. But history is not encouraging in this respect. The bloodiest wars in history have been religious wars.

~Richard M. Nixon

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