

# Richard Perle

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In time, all of Korea will be united in liberty.

~Richard Perle

Dictatorships start wars because they need external enemies to exert internal control over their own people.

~Richard Perle

National sovereignty is an obligation as well as an entitlement. A government that will not perform the role of a government forfeits the rights of a government.

~Richard Perle

Right now, American law bars the admission of aliens suspected of terrorist activity - but not of terrorist sympathies.

~Richard Perle

Dictators must have enemies. They must have internal enemies to justify their secret police and external enemies to justify their military forces.

~Richard Perle

Law-abiding citizens value privacy. Terrorists require invisibility. The two are not the same, and they should not be confused.

~Richard Perle

No operational commander should have to assign a soldier a task that could be done as well by a computer, a remote sensor, or an unmanned airplane.

~Richard Perle

We may be so eager to protect the right to dissent that we lose sight of the difference between dissent and subversion.

~Richard Perle

Non-citizen terrorist suspects are not members of the American national community, and they have no proper claim on the rights Americans accord one another.

~Richard Perle

Acknowledge that a more closely integrated Europe is no longer an unqualified American interest.

~Richard Perle

George Tenet has been the director of central intelligence since 1997, time enough to have changed the Agency's culture. He has failed. He should go.

~Richard Perle

In any event, the problem in Iran is much bigger than weapons. The problem is the terrorist regime that seeks the weapons. The regime must go.

~Richard Perle

There is no doubt that, with the exception of a very small number of people close to a vicious regime, the people of Iraq have been liberated and they understand that they've been liberated.

~Richard Perle

The lax multiculturalism that urges Americans to accept the unacceptable from their fellow citizens is one of this nation's greatest vulnerabilities in the war on terror.

~Richard Perle

The jealousy and resentment that animate the terrorists also affect many of our former cold war allies.

~Richard Perle

Few governments in the world, for example, praise human rights more

ardently than does the government of France, and few have a worse record of supporting tyrants and killers.

~Richard Perle

For us, terrorism remains the great evil of our time, and the war against this evil, our generation's great cause â€” There is no middle way for Americans: it is victory or holocaust.

~Richard Perle

Support for Saddam, including within his military organization, will collapse after the first whiff of gunpowder.

~Richard Perle

These are lies, there is not a word of truth in them.

~Richard Perle

No one is talking about occupying Iraq for five to ten years.

~Richard Perle

When you gaze into souls, it's something you should update periodically, because souls can change.

~Richard Perle

Sometimes the things we have to do are objectionable in the eyes of others.

~Richard Perle

Even now, the irony that so non-intellectual a man should choose to engage the Soviet Union on the battlefield of ideas has eluded most commentators and historians.

~Richard Perle

Iraq is a very wealthy country. Enormous oil reserves. They can finance, largely finance the reconstruction of their own country. And I

have no doubt that they will.

~Richard Perle

We should force European governments to choose between Paris and Washington.

~Richard Perle

The same European governments that hesitated to confront terrorists were more than prepared to oppose us.

~Richard Perle

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