

# Rick Perry Quotes

*Jobs, Government, Thinking, Texas, Country, America, People, Believe, Men,  
Education, School, Mean, Running, President, Children, Ideas, Law, Heart,  
Giving, Moving*

The foundation for future prosperity is built on the bedrock of good jobs and great schools. We are building a strong foundation one job at a time and one educated Texan at a time.

~Rick Perry

In the myopic world of the liberals, guns are responsible for evil instead of the perpetrator of evil. But criminals are not bound by our laws. That's what makes them criminals.

~Rick Perry

Running for the presidency's not an IQ test.

~Rick Perry

I may have the genetic coding that I'm inclined to be an alcoholic, but I have the desire not to do that, and I look at the homosexual issue the same way.

~Rick Perry

I hope I am the Tim Tebow of the Iowa caucuses.

~Rick Perry

Every life is precious.

~Rick Perry

Dark economic clouds are dissipating into an emerging blue sky of opportunity.

~Rick Perry

Every barrel of oil that comes out of those sands in Canada is a barrel of oil that we don't have to buy from a foreign source.

~Rick Perry

Armed and law-abiding citizens are a greater deterrent to violent crime than 1,000 laws passed by Congress.

~Rick Perry

According to a study by Achieve Incorporated, Texas is the first state to make a college-prep curriculum the standard coursework in high school, starting with this year's ninth grade class.

~Rick Perry

America needs jobs, smaller government, less spending and a president with the courage to offer more than yet another speech.

~Rick Perry

The air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we inhabit are not only critical elements in the quality of life we enjoy - they are a reflection of the majesty of our Creator.

~Rick Perry

We will reverse course on the heavy hand of regulation, discarding Dodd-Frank and any other regulations that advance a political agenda at the expense of jobs and investment on Main Street.

~Rick Perry

You can always follow me on Tweeter.

~Rick Perry

Religious freedom does not mean freedom from religion.

~Rick Perry

From time to time there are going to be things that occur that are acts of God that cannot be prevented.

~Rick Perry

I'm actually for gun control -- use both hands.

~Rick Perry

I want you to answer this question: Why should you settle for anything less than an authentic conservative who will fight for your views and values without an apology? Think about that.

~Rick Perry

The fact is there is forgiveness for those who seek God. And I believe in the power of redemption.

~Rick Perry

Eliminate agencies that perform redundant functions... Get rid of the Department of Commerce, the Department of Education, the Department of Energy.

~Rick Perry

As Americans, we don't see the role of government as guaranteeing outcomes, but allowing free men and women to flourish based on their own vision, their hard work and their personal responsibility.

~Rick Perry

I happily cling to my guns and my God, even if President Obama thinks that that is a simpleminded thing in his elitist heart.

~Rick Perry

George W. Bush did an incredible job in the presidency, defending us from freedom.

~Rick Perry

Those of you that will be 21 by November the 12th, I ask for your support and your vote.

~Rick Perry

We're at the end of an era of failed leadership. We have been led by a divider [Barack Obama] who has sliced and diced the electorate, pitting American against American for political purposes.

~Rick Perry

I'm more Jewish than you think I am...I read the part of the Bible that said the Jews are God's chosen people.

~Rick Perry

Juarez is reported to be the most dangerous city in America.

~Rick Perry

We want taxpayers, not tax wasters.

~Rick Perry

We don't have to apologize for American exceptionalism or western values.

~Rick Perry

The most important thing for us is to save lives.

~Rick Perry

Democracy functions best when we have an active citizenry.

~Rick Perry

The people who illegally cross into the country are from countries that have very close ties to al Qaeda, whether it's Yemen or Afghanistan, Pakistan, China. It is an absolute national disgrace.

~Rick Perry

Our goal is to displace the entrenched powers in Washington, restore the rightful balance between the state and federal government.

~Rick Perry

I'll work every day to try to make Washington, D.C., as inconsequential in your life as I can.

~Rick Perry

But it wasn't until I graduated from Texas A & M University and joined the United States Air Force, flying C-130's all around the globe, that I truly appreciated the blessings of freedom.

~Rick Perry

It is time to change our policy of appeasement toward the Palestinians, to strengthen our ties with the nation of Israel.

~Rick Perry

I grew up in a house with no running water, 16 miles from the closest place that had a post office. I had a very parochial view of the world.

~Rick Perry

There is evil prowling in the world - it shows up in our movies, video games and online fascinations, and finds its way into vulnerable hearts and minds.

~Rick Perry

I don't think we've ever had a president who has more disdain for Washington than Barack Obama does, and he does things with executive orders or rules that you don't even see.

~Rick Perry

Americans want government that is leaner, more efficient, and less intrusive into their personal lives.

~Rick Perry

Washington's insatiable desire to spend our children's inheritance on failed stimulus plans and other misguided economic theories have given record debt and left us with far too many unemployed.

~Rick Perry

Texas has long been known as the nation's largest energy producer, but we are equally proud of our distinction as the nation's leading

energy innovator.

~Rick Perry

The Obama administration is an affront to every freedom-loving American, and a threat to every private sector job in this country.

~Rick Perry

We cannot afford four more years of these misguided socialist policies from President Obama and his administration.

~Rick Perry

And I have a message for the liberals and the defenders of the status quo: we're just getting started.

~Rick Perry

Government that is open and honest will always be able to withstand the light of day.

~Rick Perry

It takes balls to execute an innocent man.

~Rick Perry

Debates are set up for nothing more than to tear down the candidates. It's pretty hard to be able to sit and lay out your ideas and your concepts with a one-minute response.

~Rick Perry

The great lesson of history for us is that strength and resolve bring peace and order, and weakness and vacillation invite chaos and conflict.

~Rick Perry

What I learned growing up on the farm was a way of life that was centered on hard work, and on faith and on thrift. Those values have

stuck with me my whole life.

~Rick Perry

We believe in government involvement that leads to independence: good schools, quality roads and the best health care.

~Rick Perry

We need to stop apologizing for celebrating life. We need to stop apologizing for wanting to protect an individual's right to build a business.

~Rick Perry

Four semesters of organic chemistry made a pilot out of me.

~Rick Perry

My quarrel is not with the legitimate role of government but with the unlimited role of government.

~Rick Perry

I'm all about job creation. That's what I've done for ten years as the governor of Texas, and that's what I'm focused on.

~Rick Perry

I am a firm believer in intelligent design as a matter of faith and intellect, and I believe it should be presented in schools alongside the theories of evolution.

~Rick Perry

I got a feeling that after six years of disappointment, of mediocrity and decline, a slow course correction is not what voters are going to be looking for in 2016.

~Rick Perry

We must do right and risk the consequences.



~Rick Perry

If you rent a U-Haul to move your company, it costs twice as much to go from San Francisco to Austin than the other way around, because you can't find enough trucks to leave the Golden State.

~Rick Perry

When the good lord calls you home, the government ought not come get your home.

~Rick Perry

Obama is a president, who I think is anti-jobs.

~Rick Perry

Admit it America - 2008 was our national 'oops' moment!

~Rick Perry

That the Texas Legislature, that the Texas school boards, the Texas teachers, we collectively know best how to educate our children, rather than some bureaucrat in Washington.

~Rick Perry

Either faith in Christ can cleanse all people of their sin, or none, but not some... The truth of Christ's death, resurrection and power over sin is absolute.

~Rick Perry

Yeah, that's a cool name, but it's a monstrous intrusion into our affairs.

~Rick Perry

When a criminal breaks into your home I'll let the liberals call the lawyer. I'm going to call Smith & Wesson.

~Rick Perry

In America, the people are not subjects of government, the government is subject to the people.

~Rick Perry

It is through states that the American people get the job done every day, often in spite of a deeply flawed bureaucratic federal government.

~Rick Perry

It's time to believe again in the potential of private enterprise set free from the shackles of over-bearing federal government.

~Rick Perry

I think every program needs to stand the sunshine of righteous scrutiny. Whether it's Social Security, whether it's Medicaid, whether it's Medicare.

~Rick Perry

I supported Arizona's immigration law by joining in that lawsuit to defend it. Every day I have Texans on that border that are doing their job.

~Rick Perry

I come by my conservatism authentically, not by convenience. And I offer the American people a new direction.

~Rick Perry

Guns require a finger to pull the trigger.

~Rick Perry

As Americans, we realize that there is no taxpayer money that wasn't first earned through the sweat and toil of one of our citizens.

~Rick Perry

We should also give students more flexibility in the courses they take in

high school to prepare them for whatever their goals may be, without sacrificing our rigorous academic standards.

~Rick Perry

It's... time to introduce scholarship programs that give students a choice, especially those who are locked into low-performing schools.

~Rick Perry

In Michigan, a liberal democrat raised taxes and kept their government programs at the same level. And guess what? Their economy continued into the toilet, it continued down.

~Rick Perry

I don't think Obama understands basic economics. Not economics that work. He may understand some theory that someone in Princeton sat and dreamed up, but it's not working.

~Rick Perry

Above all, let us pray for our children.

~Rick Perry

I would do away with Education, Commerce, and let's see - the third one I can't. I can't. Oops.

~Rick Perry

It is time to let America be America again. To return freedom to the people. To stand on our founding principles and reject the cynical politics of the Nanny State.

~Rick Perry

Those jobs flee other states because of factors like excessive taxation, punitive regulation and frivolous lawsuits.

~Rick Perry

ISIS represents the worst threat to freedom since Communism!

~Rick Perry

Audie Murphy remains a shining example for anyone who believes in the importance of service, for generations now and into the future.

~Rick Perry

Who knew, when you were watching the Verizon ad and the guy said, 'Can you hear me now,' that was really just a mic check for the Obama administration.

~Rick Perry

Aggies have a really interesting way of admitting defeat. We've never been outscored. We just ran out of time.

~Rick Perry

Beautiful, luscious and flowing. Atop the governor's head.

~Rick Perry

How does the richest country in the history of the world fail to pay its bills?

~Rick Perry

I think you need to have a tax system that basically is flat, fair and simple. And - that you can put on a post card. I mean, even Timothy Geithner could do this one and get it on time.

~Rick Perry

I believe in America. I believe in her purpose and her promise. I believe her best days have not yet been lived. I believe her greatest deeds are reserved for the generations to come.

~Rick Perry

I disagree with the concept that somehow or another we're going to

pack up 10, to 12, to 15 million people and ship them back to the country of origin. That's not going to happen.

~Rick Perry

I don't want to look like Connecticut, no offense, I don't want to look like Oklahoma, I don't want to look like California. I want to be uniquely Texas. And that's not to diss anybody else.

~Rick Perry

One of the reasons that I'm running for president is I want to make sure that every young man and woman who puts on the uniform of the United States respects highly the president of the United States.

~Rick Perry

Page one of any economic plan to get America working is to give a pink slip to the current resident in the White House.

~Rick Perry

I have no question that Newt Gingrich has the heart of a conservative reformer, the ability to rally and captivate the conservative movement.

~Rick Perry

My hope is that that person will come forward that can win the presidency that we can all get behind.

~Rick Perry

Conservatives are winning offices, and champions of big government are cleaning out their desks right now.

~Rick Perry

I don't believe man-made global warming is settled in science enough.

~Rick Perry

The God we serve does not seek out the perfect, but instead uses our

imperfections and our shortcomings for his greater good. I am humbled by my own limitations. But where I am weak, He is strong.

~Rick Perry

I've always believed the mission is greater than the man.

~Rick Perry

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