

Robert Higgs Quotes

*Government, War, Political, Exercise, Peace, Income, People, Groups,
Guarantees That, Fire, Men, States, Littles, Mean, Real, Historical, Rights,
Country, Children, Class*

The beginning of political wisdom is the realization that despite everything you've always been taught, the government is not really on your side; indeed, it is out to get you.

~Robert Higgs

Intervene globally, lose freedom locally.

~Robert Higgs

Without popular fear, no government would endure more than twenty-four hours.

~Robert Higgs

If I had to use a single word to describe what is fundamentally wrong with government today, I would use the word fraud.

~Robert Higgs

...History shows that ... (people) can be deflected from their natural tendencies by artful propaganda, bogus crises, or other political trickery.

~Robert Higgs

By adopting programs to distribute substantial amounts of income, a nation guarantees that its government will become more powerful and invasive in other ways.

~Robert Higgs

Since the end of the nineteenth century, if not earlier, presidents have misled the public about their motives and their intentions in going to war.

~Robert Higgs

True counselors of despair are those who hope against hope and historical experience that the government can and will act constructively.

~Robert Higgs

Abetted by misguided or co-opted intellectuals, the rulers weave a cloak of legitimacy to disguise their theft and hence to ease their extraction of wealth from the rightful owners.

~Robert Higgs

Inflation is not a benign element in the economy's operation. It is, as it has always been, the most dangerous and destructive form of taxation.

~Robert Higgs

Many anti-energy groups display little appreciation of the extent to which modern economies depend pervasively on the use of fossil fuels and petrochemical products.

~Robert Higgs

When American presidents prepare for foreign wars, they lie.

~Robert Higgs

Ironically, in the full-fledged transfer society, where governments busy themselves redistributing income by means of hundreds of distinct programs, hardly anyone is better off as a result.

~Robert Higgs

Once a bureau is created, its staff becomes a tenacious political interest group, well placed to defend its budget and to make a case for expanding its activities.

~Robert Higgs

Nothing has done more to render modern economic theory a sterile and irrelevant exercise in autoeroticism than its practitioners' obsession with mathematical, general-equilibrium models.

~Robert Higgs

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