

# Ron Paul Quotes

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Rights, Real, Law, Military, Political, Years, Freedom, Money, Running, Ideas,  
Giving*

Truth is treason in the empire of lies.

~Ron Paul

Foreign aid is taking money from the poor people of a rich country and giving it to the rich people of a poor country.

~Ron Paul

One thing is clear: The Founding Fathers never intended a nation where citizens would pay nearly half of everything they earn to the government.

~Ron Paul

During the last campaign I knew what was happening. You know, they mocked me for my foreign policy and they laughed at my monetary policy. No more. No more.

~Ron Paul

I lean toward a flat tax. But I want to make it real flat, like ZERO.

~Ron Paul

I am convinced that there are more threats to American liberty within the 10-mile radius of my office on Capitol Hill than there are on the rest of the globe.

~Ron Paul

Our Constitution, which was intended to limit government power and abuse, has failed.

~Ron Paul

It is no coincidence that the century of total war coincided with the century of central banking.

~Ron Paul

We don't have the freedom of speech to talk about the weather. We

have the first amendment so we can say some very controversial things.

~Ron Paul

In a free society, we are supposed to know the truth. In a society where truth becomes treason, we are in big trouble.

~Ron Paul

The Founders warned that a free society depends on a virtuous and moral people. The current crisis reflects that their concerns were justified.

~Ron Paul

Setting a good example is a far better way to spread ideals than through force of arms.

~Ron Paul

Speak up, speak often and don't worry about those that at this point cannot understand as they can never un-hear what we tell them.

~Ron Paul

When the goal of political action is no longer the defense of liberty, no word other than demagoguery can describe the despicable nature of politics.

~Ron Paul

Racism is simply an ugly form of collectivism, the mindset that views humans strictly as members of groups rather than individuals.

~Ron Paul

Capitalism should not be condemned, since we haven't had capitalism.

~Ron Paul

I want to just obey the Constitution. The Constitution says only gold and

silver can be legal tender.

~Ron Paul

Legitimate use of violence can only be that which is required in self-defense.

~Ron Paul

Libertarians are incapable of being a racist, because racism is a collectivist idea.

~Ron Paul

Governments, whether they're dictatorships or democracies, reflect the people. When the people get fed up, they throw them out.

~Ron Paul

What if the American people woke up and understood that the official reasons for going to war are almost always based on lies and promoted by war propaganda in order to serve special interests?

~Ron Paul

Freedom is living without government coercion. So when a politician talks about freedom for this group or that, ask yourself whether he is advocating more government action or less.

~Ron Paul

Republican control of the Senate = expanded neocon wars in Syria and Iraq. Boots on the ground are coming!

~Ron Paul

There is no such thing as a hate crime.

~Ron Paul

Why does the U.S. care which flag will be hoisted on a small piece of land thousands of miles away?

~Ron Paul

There is only one kind of freedom and that's individual liberty. Our lives come from our creator and our liberty comes from our creator. It has nothing to do with government granting it.

~Ron Paul

You can't have a healthy economy without sound money, which is why we're on the verge of very serious economic problem.

~Ron Paul

I am just absolutely convinced that the best formula for giving us peace and preserving the American way of life is freedom, limited government, and minding our own business overseas.

~Ron Paul

Deficits mean future tax increases, pure and simple. Deficit spending should be viewed as a tax on future generations, and politicians who create deficits should be exposed as tax hikers.

~Ron Paul

1913 wasn't a very good year. 1913 gave us the income tax, the 16th amendment and the IRS.

~Ron Paul

If you sacrifice liberty for security, you will lose both.

~Ron Paul

It is a dangerous notion that we need a government to protect us from ourselves.

~Ron Paul

The problem is that democracy is not freedom. Democracy is simply majoritarianism, which is inherently incompatible with real freedom. Our

founding fathers clearly understood this.

~Ron Paul

Believe me, the intellectual revolution is going on, and that has to come first before you see the political changes. That's where I'm very optimistic.

~Ron Paul

The constant refrain that bringing our troops home would demonstrate a lack of support for them must be one of the most amazing distortions ever foisted on the American public.

~Ron Paul

When one gets in bed with government, one must expect the diseases it spreads.

~Ron Paul

Unskilled and inexperienced workers are the ones most often deprived of employment opportunities by increases in the minimum wage.

~Ron Paul

You don't have a right to a house, you don't have a right to a job, you don't have a right to medical care.

~Ron Paul

Don't steal - the government hates competition!

~Ron Paul

There is but one special interest that we should be working for, and that would solve just about all of our problems, and that is our liberty.

~Ron Paul

I'm an imperfect messenger, but the message is perfect.

~Ron Paul

People should not be able to vote to take away the rights of others.

~Ron Paul

As long as we live beyond our means, we are destined to live beneath our means.

~Ron Paul

When we give government the power to make medical decisions for us, we, in essence, accept that the state owns our bodies.

~Ron Paul

We need to make sure that people can save all the money they spend on medical care by getting it back from their taxes, by reducing their tax burden.

~Ron Paul

What we need to do is not only live within our means, but start paying down the deficit, and offer an opportunity at least for the next generation to get out.

~Ron Paul

Could America exist without an income tax? The idea seems radical, yet in truth America did just fine without a federal income tax for the first 126 years of her history.

~Ron Paul

The federal government cannot maintain a budget surplus any more than an alcoholic can leave a fresh bottle of whiskey untouched in the cupboard.

~Ron Paul

War is never economically beneficial except for those in position to profit from war expenditures.

~Ron Paul

If you ever can bring about revolutionary changes, two things would be required: young people would have to be involved and you would need music.

~Ron Paul

Another term for preventive war is aggressive war - starting wars because someday somebody might do something to us. That is not part of the American tradition.

~Ron Paul

In a free society we're supposed to know the truth. In a society where truth becomes treason, then we're in big trouble. And now, people who are revealing the truth are getting into trouble for it.

~Ron Paul

By the way, when I say cut taxes, I don't mean fiddle with the code. I mean abolish the income tax and the IRS, and replace them with nothing.

~Ron Paul

Well, I don't think we should go to the moon. I think we maybe should send some politicians up there.

~Ron Paul

Banning guns because of their misuse is like banning the First Amendment because one might libel or slander.

~Ron Paul

I wouldn't vote against getting rid of the Jim Crow laws.

~Ron Paul

My message is simple - freedom works a lot better than the authoritarian style of government.

~Ron Paul



Let it not be said that no one cared, that no one objected once it's realized that our liberties and wealth are in jeopardy.

~Ron Paul

We're being taxed to blow up bridges in Iraq and rebuild them, while ours at home are falling down

~Ron Paul

Real patriotism is a willingness to challenge the government when it's wrong.

~Ron Paul

The most important element of a free society, where individual rights are held in the highest esteem, is the rejection of the initiation of violence.

~Ron Paul

You wanna get rid of drug crime in this country? Fine, let's just get rid of all the drug laws.

~Ron Paul

When we finally decide that drug prohibition has been no more successful than alcohol prohibition, the drug dealers will disappear.

~Ron Paul

Sanctions are not diplomacy. They are a precursor to war and an embarrassment to a country that pays lip service to free trade.

~Ron Paul

Having federal officials, whether judges, bureaucrats, or congressmen, impose a new definition of marriage on the people is an act of social engineering profoundly hostile to liberty.

~Ron Paul

Income taxes are responsible for the transformation of the Federal government from one of limited powers into a vast leviathan whose tentacles reach into almost every aspect of American life.

~Ron Paul

America was born of protest, revolution, and mistrust of government. Subservient societies neither maintain nor deserve freedom for long.

~Ron Paul

I think the policy makers like the idea of being the boss. I mean people who like to boss other people around like to go into politics so they can become the boss.

~Ron Paul

I do not have much confidence in the political system and never did. My goal has always been to change people's minds because as long as people demand more government, they will get it.

~Ron Paul

Get rid of IRS; get rid of income tax; get rid of spending.

~Ron Paul

An idea whose time has come cannot be stopped by any army or any force.

~Ron Paul

Do they think if we destroy our freedoms for the terrorists they will no longer have a reason to attack us?

~Ron Paul

I think Israel should be treated as an independent nation and not a puppet of our state.

~Ron Paul

As recent as the year 2000 we won elections by saying we shouldn't be the policemen of the world, and that we should not be nation building. And its time we got those values back into this country.

~Ron Paul

I am absolutely convinced, you never have to give up any of your freedoms in order to be secure.

~Ron Paul

There is no reason, in a free society, that farmers shouldn't be allowed to raise hemp. Hemp is a good product.

~Ron Paul

We should respect each other as rational beings by trying to achieve our goals through reason and persuasion rather than threats and coercion.

~Ron Paul

Our country's founders cherished liberty, not democracy.

~Ron Paul

What is not conservative about saying, 'Don't go to war unless we go to war properly with a full declaration of war and no other way?'

~Ron Paul

Of course I've already taken a very modest position on the monetary system, I do take the position that we should just end the Fed.

~Ron Paul

The ultimate goal of the anti-religious elites is to transform America into a completely secular nation, a nation that is legally and culturally biased against Christianity.

~Ron Paul

We must remember, elections are short-term efforts. Revolutions are long-term projects.

~Ron Paul

I would like to restore your right to drink raw milk anytime you like.

~Ron Paul

I have a personal belief that you never have to give up liberty for security. You can still provide security without sacrificing our Bill of Rights.

~Ron Paul

To me, to be a conservative means to conserve the good parts of America and to conserve our Constitution.

~Ron Paul

The number one responsibility for each of us is to change ourselves with hope that others will follow.

~Ron Paul

When one person can initiate war, by its definition, a republic no longer exists.

~Ron Paul

We should have a strong president. Strong enough to resist the temptation of taking power that a president shouldn't have.

~Ron Paul

Have you noticed the debt is exploding? And it's not all because of Medicare.

~Ron Paul

When things go badly, individuals look for scapegoats. I just do not believe that barbed-wire fences or guns on our border will solve any of

our problems.

~Ron Paul

The Congress should not be creating money out of thin air, which is what Lincoln did when he created greenbacks. But it is a congressional responsibility to maintain gold and silver as a legal tender.

~Ron Paul

Amend Constitution to remove aliens' birthright citizenship.

~Ron Paul

Liberty built civilization. It can rebuild civilization.

~Ron Paul

Terror is a tactic. We can not wage "war" against a tactic.

~Ron Paul

I'd like to think of myself as the flavor of the decade.

~Ron Paul

There's nothing wrong with being a Conservative and coming up with a Conservative believe in foreign policy where we have a strong national defense and we don't go to war so carelessly.

~Ron Paul

Think of what happened after 9/11, the minute before there was any assessment, there was glee in the administration because now we can invade Iraq, and so the war drums beat.

~Ron Paul

If you can't protect life, then how can you protect liberty?

~Ron Paul

I would absolutely never use the federal government to enforce the law

of using marijuana

~Ron Paul

The sad thing is, our foreign policy WILL change eventually, as Rome's did, when all budgetary and monetary tricks to fund it are exhausted.

~Ron Paul

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