

Ron Suskind Quotes

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Every person has their pantheon - the Bible, Hollywood, Shakespeare - their way of understanding the world.

~Ron Suskind

It is one thing to rouse the passion of a people, and quite another to lead them.

~Ron Suskind

The substance of faith is a hope in the unseen.

~Ron Suskind

I absolutely reject that idea that the press is liberal and what it does is liberal. In my view, it's like accusing a doctor of malpractice or a lawyer of malfeasance.

~Ron Suskind

Message matters. Message matters almost as much as actions.

~Ron Suskind

If you write something the White House doesn't like, they take you in and say, 'If you ever write something like you did today, nobody from the White House will ever talk to you again

~Ron Suskind

Who besides guys like me are part of the reality-based community?

~Ron Suskind

These were lobbyistsâ€”many of them compensated quite handsomely not to react as human beings.

~Ron Suskind

[Barack Obama] says at one point, "[Jimmy] Carter, [Bill] Clinton and I suffer from," what he called, "the policy wonk's disease."

~Ron Suskind

Younger colleagues tended to draw untested self-confidence from their bonuses and prestigious degrees.

~Ron Suskind

It's exciting to work with the kids so devoid of irony, so unguarded. And also terrifying

~Ron Suskind

For any thinking person, it (perpetual happiness) is untenable. If you're a thinking person, your upbeat sometimes, said sometimes.

~Ron Suskind

A little known area often defines the fortunes of leaders -- management skills.

~Ron Suskind

Reaching out to any fellow ghetto kids is an act he puts in the same category as doing drugs: the initial rush of warmth and euphoria puts you on a path to ruin.

~Ron Suskind

Rapid change, accommodating it can be one of the great human capacities. But living through it can be the stuff of stress and often suffering.

~Ron Suskind

The media has become more forceful, has begun to recognize its traditional historic role and act on it, and truth is infectious.

~Ron Suskind

Wars tend to be very public things, they are visible. There are correspondents traveling with the troops and you get daily dispatches.

~Ron Suskind

All of the leading terrorism experts are clear on one thing: that in terms of protecting America, we are almost never going to know a place or a time of an attack.

~Ron Suskind

If you happened to be born on third base, you didn't rub it in the face of the guy who wasn't even born in the stadium. Self-interest was generally checked at the door with your coat and hat.

~Ron Suskind

The fact is that in a way, journalists become a kind of default in the system when you don't have substantive two-party back-and-forth inside of the government.

~Ron Suskind

When you get people standing up saying, 'I'm going to just tell the truth; what do we have to fear?,' it encourages others, and it creates a counterresponse.

~Ron Suskind

The informed, unmanaged question. That's the most dangerous thing at a press conference anywhere.

~Ron Suskind

The fact is, most journalists I know are not particularly political. They move around a lot.

~Ron Suskind

Civilizations rise and fall on confidence. America had figured out a way to borrow money to manufacture it.

~Ron Suskind

Choose your words meticulously and then let them rumble up from some deep furnace of conviction.

~Ron Suskind

Al-Qaeda has a kind of loose, almost entrepreneurial structure with lots of cells in various countries that are semi-independent.

~Ron Suskind

I don't have to deal with the issues of the daily news cycle.

~Ron Suskind

I've been a reporter for 20 years, and I don't ever get things wrong. That's important in terms of my professional status.

~Ron Suskind

I think that there's a lot of anxiety out there in people wanting their children to be part of the mainstream, to achieve based on the well-worn yardsticks.

~Ron Suskind

The fact is, I can vote for anybody; independents, Republicans, Democrats. But I'm a registered Democrat in the District of Columbia.

~Ron Suskind

You try to hold on to some notions you might have had before, that this will somehow work out, this is a spell that will lift or be broken.

~Ron Suskind

Many years later, a psychiatrist friend of mine said something to us. He said, "Respect denial." It's a powerful force.

~Ron Suskind

The idea that our son would be like Raymond Babbitt was a shocking reordering of everything. And something we couldn't quite fathom, really.

~Ron Suskind

[Barack Obama] says that he thinks America felt better, more confident, because Washington was not simply in a gridlock, in stasis, where nothing was being done. And he talks about that as a positive.

~Ron Suskind

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