

# Roone Arledge Quotes

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Mean Girls, Debt, Organization, Locals, Two Sides, Winning, Sensitive, Hands,  
Eye, Stars*

I don't think people realize the extent to which TV networks are hurt when they carry public broadcasting. I think the estimate is that they lose a half-million dollars for a half day's programming.

~Roone Arledge

You can only make so much money in life and only enjoy so many creature comforts. The important thing is to do something meaningful-to leave something behind.

~Roone Arledge

I want everybody in the news business to think of ABC before they go any place else. If it costs us an extra few thousand dollars to do that, what does it mean?

~Roone Arledge

In the past ABC has made half-hearted efforts or, worse, cosmetic efforts, to do something about news and I wasn't certain about what their real aim was - nor am I now.

~Roone Arledge

But unlike the setup in most organizations, where there's an administrator on top and creative people or doers underneath, I'm basically a doer and I like to have administrative people underneath me.

~Roone Arledge

People also don't care about the daily comings and goings of diplomats and yet we must report it.

~Roone Arledge

Most of what we report from Congress they don't care about unless it affects them directly.

~Roone Arledge

The current wisdom now is that if the three networks are covering the news the same way the difference is the anchor people. I think that won't be true in the future.

~Roone Arledge

I think we have erred on the side of being too conservative so far, to tell you the truth.

~Roone Arledge

I don't think any industry was ever as closely scrutinized and written about and constantly in the public eye as television.

~Roone Arledge

People essentially like local news better than network news.

~Roone Arledge

I don't expect to win every battle but I think Fred Pierce has enough respect for me that I can go fight my battles and win my share.

~Roone Arledge

I don't think the news department will have to lie down and play dead like it has in the past. By and large the network has been understanding, but then so have I.

~Roone Arledge

I respect the game that goes on of putting this against that, but I don't respect, nor do I enjoy, an awful lot of the actual programs that go on the air.

~Roone Arledge

I'm sensitive about my image of being hard to reach.

~Roone Arledge

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