

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Quotes

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Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Anger, resentment, envy, and self-pity are wasteful reactions. They greatly drain one's time. They sap energy better devoted to productive endeavors.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

We should learn ... to do our best for the sake of our communities and for the sake of those for whom we pave the way.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

My mother told me to be a lady. And for her, that meant be your own person, be independent.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Women's rights are an essential part of the overall human rights agenda, trained on the equal dignity and ability to live in freedom all people should enjoy.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

If there was one decision I would overrule, it would be Citizens United. I think the notion that we have all the democracy that money can buy strays so far from what our democracy is supposed to be.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Sometimes people say unkind or thoughtless things, and when they do, it is best to be a little hard of hearing â€” to tune out and not snap back

in anger or impatience.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

The emphasis must be not on the right to abortion but on the right to privacy and reproductive control.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Frankly I had thought that at the time Roe was decided, there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don't want to have too many of.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I would not look to the United States Constitution if I were drafting a constitution in the year 2012.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Every constitution written since the end of World War II includes a provision that men and women are citizens of equal stature. Ours does not.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

If we gave up our freedom as the price of security, we would no longer be the great nation that we are.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

There is a Constitutional right to prostitution.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I said on the equality side of it, that it is essential to a woman's equality with man that she be the decision-maker, that her choice be controlling.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Work for the things that you care about.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

The state controlling a woman would mean denying her full autonomy and full equality.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Women will only have true equality when men share with them the responsibility of bringing up the next generation.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I didn't change the Constitution; the equality principle was there from the start. I just was an advocate for seeing its full realization.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

A constitution, as important as it is, will mean nothing unless the people are yearning for liberty and freedom.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

It is not women's liberation, it is women's and men's liberation.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

A prime part of the history of our Constitution is the story of the extension of constitutional rights to people once ignored or excluded.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

So that's the dissenter's hope: that they are writing not for today but for tomorrow.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

If I had any talent God could give me, I would be a great diva.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

The written argument endures. The oral argument is fleeting.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

People who are well represented at trial do not get the death penalty.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I would not like to be the only woman on the court.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I do hope that some of my dissents will one day be the law.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Congress could always stop the President if Congress thinks that what the President has done exceeds the President's authority or is just wrong for the United States.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I became a lawyer for selfish reasons. I thought I could do a lawyer's job better than any other.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

The Second Amendment is outdated in the sense that its function has become obsolete.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

When police or prosecutors conceal significant exculpatory or impeaching material, we hold, it is ordinarily incumbent on the state to set the record straight.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I do think that being the second [female Supreme Court Justice] is

wonderful, because it is a sign that being a woman in a place of importance is no longer extraordinary.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

It is not like I have gone crazy, I just don't want to take any chances. You never know what could happen.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Dissents speak to a future age.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Prisons should be co-ed because separate quarters are discriminatory.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Who will take responsibility for raising the next generation?

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

When contemplated in its extreme, almost any power looks dangerous.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

It's great to be in the position of asking questions and not having to answer questions.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

You're saying, no, state said two kinds of marriage; the full marriage, and then this sort of skim-milk marriage.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

When I graduated from law school in 1959, there wasn't a single woman on any federal bench. It wouldn't be a realistic ambition for a woman to want to become a federal judge.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I think our system is being polluted by money.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

You would have a huge statelessness problem if you don't consider a child born abroad a U.S. citizen.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Adult women are able to make decisions about their own lives' course no less than men are.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Members of the legislature, people who have run for office, know the connection between money and influence on what laws get passed

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

One aspect of appellate judging is we have to give reasons for all of our decisions. And when you sit down and try to write it out, sometimes you find that your first judgment wasn't the right one.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

In most civil law systems there are no dissents. There is a single opinion for the court: it is unanimous; it is highly stylized; you can't tell which judge wrote it.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Arizona presents no specific reason for excepting capital defendants from the constitutional protections extended to defendants generally, and none is readily apparent.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

The Second Amendment has a preamble about the need for a militia. Because there is a need for a militia to be at the ready, therefore the right to keep and bear arms must be secured.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Depriving a parent of parental status is as devastating as a criminal conviction.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

There are some singers that know exactly when to go, and others hang on much too long and that is the same, that is the same with judges.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

As De Tocqueville said, sooner or later in the United States, every controversy ends up in court. I think that's a great - says great things about our judicial system.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

My dissenting opinions, like my briefs, are intended to persuade. And sometimes one must be forceful about saying how wrong the Court's decision is.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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No one who is in business for profit can foist his or her beliefs on a workforce that includes many people who do not share those beliefs.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Legislators know much more about elections than the Court does.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Every gal and every boy that's born alive is either a little liberal or else a little conservative.

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know the connection between money and influence on what laws get passed.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

I'm not very good at promotion.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

My rule was I will not answer a question that attempts to project how I will rule in a case that might come before the court.

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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