

Ruth Simmons

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When ownership is local and national, and various stakeholders work together, program innovations have a greater chance to take root and survive.

~Ruth Simmons

I came to understand the value of education, not just to enable me to make a good living, but to enable me to make a worthwhile life.

~Ruth Simmons

There's nothing worse than a leader who lacks ambition.

~Ruth Simmons

Fear of failure is the fuel of achievement. If you weren't afraid to fail, you probably wouldn't be highly motivated to work at the level that most of us have to work at to do well.

~Ruth Simmons

The humanities don't belong to some elitist group... knowledge as a whole should be embraced.

~Ruth Simmons

the most important thing one can do for children is not accept the limitations they are so willing to impose on themselves.

~Ruth Simmons

Strategies for research and policy development must simultaneously address people's needs, the capacity of programs to provide good quality of care, and the range of technological options available.

~Ruth Simmons

There is strong mentoring of women in the academy. Corporations appear more willing to resist affirmative action to advance women, and boards and shareholders are more tolerant of this approach.

~Ruth Simmons

It's very important in a leadership role not to place your ego at the foreground and not to judge everything in relationship to how your ego is fed.

~Ruth Simmons

A longer time perspective is needed because we face a daunting task both in an intellectual and practical sense.

~Ruth Simmons

If I can give a very substantial injection of humanistic thinking into corporations, boy, that would change things a lot.

~Ruth Simmons

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One of the things we have learned in the first year is that if you want to scale-up, the first thing you have to do is to expand your own team.

~Ruth Simmons

In fact it is essential that we strengthen efforts to learn from each other, and stop considering public health in the third world and in the U.S. as separate intellectual and practical endeavors.

~Ruth Simmons

I would like to make it possible for many women and men in Latin America to win the lottery and receive the type of reproductive health services they so urgently need.

~Ruth Simmons

It is not enough to give money for demonstration projects. From the very beginning plans should be made for the scaling-up of successful innovations.

~Ruth Simmons

Governments have a legitimate concern with slowing population growth. But often this has been attempted with little concern for the individuals most affected.

~Ruth Simmons

We felt that the Gates Foundation looked at our track record and our publications and decided that "this is persuasive; this needs to be done. Let's see what they can do."

~Ruth Simmons

We are trying to discover where this approach could have the greatest possibility of large-scale impact. We have to choose wisely and see where there is greatest interest and need.

~Ruth Simmons

I often say that shareholders should feel very responsible for how responsive corporations are to the public trust.

~Ruth Simmons

Probably the first time I was a boss was when I was associate dean of the graduate school at the University of Southern California. I was in my early 30s.

~Ruth Simmons

I'm the youngest of 12 children. And although I was the youngest, I tried to organize things in my family. When there were disputes, I tried to mediate.

~Ruth Simmons

It really pains me greatly to hear from graduate students that graduate education is a lower priority here.

~Ruth Simmons

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