

Samuel Alito

Quotes

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Country, Mother, Hard Work, Mean, Opportunity, Together, Government,
Religious, Rights, Parent*

I think that Congress's ability to reason is fully equal to that of the judiciary.

~Samuel Alito

The First Amendment, I think, is the jewel of our Constitution.

~Samuel Alito

The most important quality for a judge is open- mindedness to the arguments.

~Samuel Alito

I think that the legitimacy of the court would be undermined in any case if the court made a decision based on its perception of public opinion.

~Samuel Alito

Good judges develop certain habits of mind. One of those habits of mind is the habit of delaying reaching conclusions until everything has been considered.

~Samuel Alito

If you want know what sort of a justice I would make, then look at what sort of a judge I have been.

~Samuel Alito

In order to have a society in which public issues can be openly and vigorously debated, it is not necessary to allow the brutalization of innocent victims.

~Samuel Alito

Private religious speech can't be discriminated against. It has to be treated equally with secular speech.

~Samuel Alito

I think that what my parents taught me about hard work, optimism and

education still holds true.

~Samuel Alito

When I was growing up, we always had a big family dinner at around noon on Sunday. I still love that whenever it is possible to gather the family together.

~Samuel Alito

I have been committed to carrying out my duties... in accordance with both the letter and spirit of all applicable rules of ethics and canons of conduct.

~Samuel Alito

I have been a judge for 15 years and I've made up my own mind during all that time.

~Samuel Alito

I want to commend the [Federalist] Society for bringing together the best minds from right, left, and center to debate the most pressing legal issues of the day.

~Samuel Alito

A judge can't have any preferred outcome in any particular case. The judge's only obligation - and it's a solemn obligation - is to the rule of law.

~Samuel Alito

After law school, I had the opportunity to clerk for a tremendous judge, Leonard I. Garth, on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, the court to which I was appointed in 1990.

~Samuel Alito

If settled means that it cant be re-examined, thats one thing. If settled means that it is a precedent that is entitled to respect then it is a

precedent that is protected.

~Samuel Alito

You want us to step in and render a decision based on an assessment of the effects of this institution which is newer than cellphones or the Internet?

~Samuel Alito

This was a time of great intellectual excitement for me. Both college and law school opened up new worlds of ideas.

~Samuel Alito

I attended the public schools. And I have happy memories and strong memories of those days and good memories of the good sense and the decency of my friends and my neighbors.

~Samuel Alito

My mother is a first generation American. Her father worked in the Roebling Steel Mill in Trenton, New Jersey. And yet my mother became the first person in her family to get a college degree.

~Samuel Alito

I am especially indebted to a 10th grade English teacher who encouraged me to read great works of literature.

~Samuel Alito

Part of me wanted to get a graduate degree in political science. Had I done that, I suppose I would have become a college professor.

~Samuel Alito

It's been a great honor for me to spend my career in public service.

~Samuel Alito

I learned that hard work and self-discipline can overcome many

obstacles.

~Samuel Alito

When I entered college, I thought that I wanted to be a lawyer, but by the time I was set to graduate, I was not too sure of that.

~Samuel Alito

I'm not any kind of a bigot, I'm not...

~Samuel Alito

I am deeply honored to have been nominated for a position on the Supreme Court. And I am humbled to have been nominated for the seat that is now held by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

~Samuel Alito

If I'm confirmed I'll be myself.

~Samuel Alito

My grandparents came worked hard, and I believe they never regretted their decision to come here and make a new start.

~Samuel Alito

As I mentioned, things were particularly hard during the Depression. My paternal grandfather was frequently out of work, and the family was evicted from their home.

~Samuel Alito

Many people have been positive influences in my life. My parents, whom I mentioned, were the most important, but many of my teachers were also a big help to me.

~Samuel Alito

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