

Samuel P. Huntington Quotes

*Country, Thinking, People, Civilization, America, War, Identity, Europe, Play,
World, Democracy, Half, Government, Roles, Differences, Military, Practice,
Different, Culture, Trying*

Expectations should not always be taken as reality; because you never know when you will be disappointed.

~Samuel P. Huntington

But then I came to the conclusion that no, while there may be an immigration problem, it isn't really a serious problem. The really serious problem is assimilation.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Partial truths or half-truths are often more insidious than total falsehoods.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Power remains strong when it remains in the dark; exposed to the sunlight it begins to evaporate.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Many more people in the world are concerned about sports than human rights.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Some Westerners [â€¦] have argued that the West does not have problems with Islam but only with violent Islamist extremists. Fourteen hundred years of history demonstrate otherwise.

~Samuel P. Huntington

It will take a long time, and certainly the West will remain the dominant civilization well into the next century, but the decline is occurring.

~Samuel P. Huntington

The relations between countries in the coming decade are most likely to reflect their cultural commitments, their cultural ties and antagonism with other countries.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Nationalism is a central ideology for people who are trying to establish their own states in which they can play a dominant role.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Global politics remains extremely complex and countries have different interests, which will also lead them to make what might seem as rather bizarre friends and allies.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I think fundamentalism is this radical attitude toward one's own identity and civilization as compared to other people's identities and cultures.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Hispanics speak Spanish or Portuguese, which are languages we Americans are familiar with, so it doesn't seem to pose the same types of problems as Arabic-speaking Muslims do in Europe.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Every civilization sees itself as the center of the world and writes its history as the central drama of human history.

~Samuel P. Huntington

In the emerging world of ethnic conflict and civilizational clash, Western belief in the universality of Western culture suffers three problems: it is false; it is immoral; and it is dangerous.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Two significant developments in the past several decades have been the collapse of communism as an ideology and the general acceptance, in rhetoric, if not practice, of liberal democracy.

~Samuel P. Huntington

We really only came around to accepting and integrating the propositional dimension of identity into a concept of ourselves at the

time of the American Revolution.

~Samuel P. Huntington

In the coming decades, questions of identity, meaning cultural heritage, language, and religion will play a central role in politics.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Cultural America is under siege. And as the Soviet experience illustrates, ideology is a weak glue to hold together people otherwise lacking racial, ethnic, and cultural sources of community.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Thus, biologically speaking the American people are literally only half an immigrant people.

~Samuel P. Huntington

There will be associations and partnerships between some Muslim countries and some Christian countries. Those already exist. And they may shift as different regimes come and go and interests change.

~Samuel P. Huntington

And the big question for the West, of course, and to the Europeans is, what other countries, which were formerly part of the Soviet bloc, should be incorporated into western institutions?

~Samuel P. Huntington

A lot of people tend to think I'm a dogmatic ideologue, which I'm not.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I am doubtful that there will be any sort of real coherence of Muslim societies into a single political system run by an elected or non-elected group of leaders.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I think we've seen at least the beginnings of rather significant social and economic change in the Muslim world, which I think will in due course lead to more political change.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Collective will supplants individual whim

~Samuel P. Huntington

Both sides are divided and Western countries collaborate with Muslim countries and vice versa.

~Samuel P. Huntington

People have multiple identities.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I think it's hard to talk about the Muslim world and Christian world as blocks.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Maybe Iraq will come back and become the dominant power among Arab countries. That seems to me as conceivable.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Also, of course, for most of this time most Americans thought of America as a white country with, at best, only a very segregated and subordinate role for blacks.

~Samuel P. Huntington

In 1920, the West ruled huge amounts of the world.

~Samuel P. Huntington

America doesn't border on Muslim countries. European countries do and that seems to be a fundamental difference.

~Samuel P. Huntington

U.S. foreign policy is in every area impacted by ethnic groups of one sort or another as well as economic groups and regional groups.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Since the revolution of the 18th century, America has basically had an ideology of liberal democracy and constitutionalism.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I don't know what will happen 100 years from now.

~Samuel P. Huntington

As far as ideology or political beliefs are concerned, countries are very different.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I've been to Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait for brief visits at conferences, and they are very interesting countries.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Quite obviously power will continue to play a central role in global politics as it always does. But usually there is something else.

~Samuel P. Huntington

There are lots of conflicts going on in the Middle East. It is unclear as to which country will emerge, if any, as the dominant or hegemonic power in the Middle East.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I think we can expect leaders of Muslim societies to cooperate with each other on many issues just as Western societies cooperate with each other.

~Samuel P. Huntington

The basis of association and antagonism among countries has

changed over time.

~Samuel P. Huntington

The biggest difference as far as Muslims in Europe and America are concerned is that the number of Muslims in America is small compared to the number in Europe.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Certainly there are various trans-Islamic political movements, which try to appeal to Muslims in all societies.

~Samuel P. Huntington

When you have increased migration of peoples and ethnic and religious minorities, you develop a set of rules and language the larger society can accept and the minority community can accept.

~Samuel P. Huntington

There has been an Irish lobby that has impacted U.S. foreign policy for a century and a half, and at times made our relations with Great Britain very difficult. Other comparable lobbies exist.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Fascism and communism have not entirely disappeared but have been sidelined certainly, and liberal democracy has come to be accepted, in theory at least, around the world, if not always in practice.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Well, I think the United States first of all has to recognize the world for what it is.

~Samuel P. Huntington

The larger society has to recognize some degree of autonomy for the minority: the right to practice their own religion and way of life and to some extent their language.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Many of the most difficult questions concerning the role of ethnic minorities centers on language.

~Samuel P. Huntington

I don't say that the West is united, I don't suggest that.

~Samuel P. Huntington

The core of the American set of beliefs has remained pretty constant.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Except under rare circumstances, I don't write responses to criticism.

~Samuel P. Huntington

Fundamentalist tendencies and movements existed, so far as I know, in all societies and civilizations.

~Samuel P. Huntington

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