

# Scott Pelley Quotes

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If I do an interview with [Holocaust survivor] Elie Wiesel, am I required as a journalist to find a Holocaust denier?

~Scott Pelley

There is no democracy without journalism.

~Scott Pelley

Most people don't realize that two-thirds of the federal budget is Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Pentagon. The U.S. government is an insurance company with an Army.

~Scott Pelley

Science doesn't care, by and large, what the answers are. It's only interested in getting the right answer. And journalism should be very much that way.

~Scott Pelley

If you're first, no one will ever remember. If you're wrong, no one will ever forget.

~Scott Pelley

Never before in human history has more bad information been available to more people.

~Scott Pelley

Twitter, Facebook and Reddit, that's not journalism. That's gossip. Journalism was invented as an antidote to gossip.

~Scott Pelley

In a world where everyone is a publisher, no one is an editor and that is the danger that we face today.

~Scott Pelley

The country is only as strong as its journalism - that's the way

democracies work. The higher the quality of the information, the better informed the electorate is and the better the government runs.

~Scott Pelley

No one ever wanted to hire me. Ever. I've never been recruited anywhere. I have beat my head against every wall, at every place that I worked.

~Scott Pelley

Journalists are getting big stories wrong, over and over again.

~Scott Pelley

I'm always trying to get those interviews that are impossible to get, because they are the ones that are most interesting to the audience.

~Scott Pelley

The American people can always be trusted with the information.

~Scott Pelley

Not a lot of people watch cable news, they just don't.

~Scott Pelley

The problem the cable channels have is they have to fill 24 hours. That's a terrible thing. We only do that on the biggest stories. The thing is there has happened to be a lot o

~Scott Pelley

You have to be a political leader, willing to lose an election if you want to do what's right.

~Scott Pelley

Democracies succeed or fail based on their journalism.

~Scott Pelley

I wonder at what point do you stop doing what you think is right and you start doing what the majority of the American people want?

~Scott Pelley

No one wanted to hire me. No newspaper, television station, television network that I worked for ever wanted to hire me.

~Scott Pelley

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