

Stephen Harper Quotes

*Government, Thinking, Country, Canada, People, Believe, Party, Economy,
Law, World, Responsibility, Support, Past, Nature, Home, Bilingualism, Needs,
Trying, Facts, Two*

As a religion, bilingualism is the god that failed. It has led to no fairness, produced no unity, and cost Canadian taxpayers untold millions.

~Stephen Harper

There's going to be a new code on Parliament Hill: bend the rules, you will be punished; break the law, you will be charged; abuse the public trust, you will go to prison.

~Stephen Harper

Carbon dioxide does not cause or contribute to smog, and the Kyoto treaty would do nothing to reduce or prevent smog.

~Stephen Harper

I think people should elect a cat person. If you elect a dog person, you elect someone who wants to be loved. If you elect a cat person, you elect someone who wants to serve.

~Stephen Harper

My own views on abortion, I'm not on either pole of that and neither of the interest groups on either end of this issue would probably be comfortable with my views.

~Stephen Harper

But I'm very libertarian in the sense that I believe in small government and, as a general rule, I don't believe in imposing values upon people.

~Stephen Harper

America, and particularly your conservative movement, is a light and an inspiration to people in this country and across the world.

~Stephen Harper

You don't defend national sovereignty with flags, cheap election rhetoric, and advertising campaigns.

~Stephen Harper

There is no greater fraud than a promise not kept.

~Stephen Harper

It's past time the feds scrapped the Canada Health Act.

~Stephen Harper

I do not intend to dispute in any way the need for defence cuts and the need for government spending cuts in general. I do not share a not in my backyard approach to government spending reductions.

~Stephen Harper

Everybody makes money when times are good. It's when times are not so good that the groundwork is laid for the next generation.

~Stephen Harper

Whether Canada ends up as one national government or two national governments or several national governments, or some other kind of arrangement is, quite frankly, secondary in my opinion...

~Stephen Harper

After all, enforced national bilingualism in this country isn't mere policy. It has attained the status of a religion. It's a dogma which one is supposed to accept without question...

~Stephen Harper

Canada is a Northern European welfare state in the worst sense of the term, and very proud of it.

~Stephen Harper

Corruption is not a Canadian value!

~Stephen Harper

It's all part of the pattern. This is a story of scandal and corruption, investigations, refusals to take responsibility. If this government

continues in office, this will continue.

~Stephen Harper

Canada is big enough to make a difference but not big enough to threaten anybody. And that is a huge asset if it's properly used.

~Stephen Harper

Canada appears content to become a second-tier socialistic country, boasting ever more loudly about its economy and social services to mask its second-rate status.

~Stephen Harper

I think because we're such a trading nation, I think Canadians understand that first and foremost we're part of the global economy.

~Stephen Harper

I believe that all taxes are bad.

~Stephen Harper

Make no mistake. Canada is not a bilingual country. In fact it is less bilingual today than it has ever been...

~Stephen Harper

Having hit a wall, the next logical step is not to bang our heads against it.

~Stephen Harper

I think in Atlantic Canada, because of what happened in the decades following Confederation, there is a culture of defeat that we have to overcome.

~Stephen Harper

I have no difficulty with the recognition of civil unions for non-traditional relationships but I believe in law we should protect the traditional

definition of marriage.

~Stephen Harper

What the government has to do, if it wants to govern for any length of time, is it must appeal primarily to the third parties in the House of Commons to get them to support it.

~Stephen Harper

We should have been there shoulder to shoulder with our allies. Our concern is the instability of our government as an ally. We are playing again with national and global security matters.

~Stephen Harper

Canada remains alienated from its allies, shut out of the reconstruction process to some degree, unable to influence events. There is no upside to the position Canada took.

~Stephen Harper

First of all, I can't forget my first responsibility - which is to be the Leader of the Opposition and that's to provide an alternative government.

~Stephen Harper

I don't get into that second guessing of myself publicly.

~Stephen Harper

There is a Canadian culture that is in some ways unique to Canada, but I don't think Canadian culture coincides neatly with borders.

~Stephen Harper

The Leader of the Opposition's constitutional obligation - the obligation to Parliament - it's the reason we did the merger! - is to make sure Canadians have an alternative for government.

~Stephen Harper

I don't believe an Alliance government should sponsor legislation on abortion or a referendum on abortion.

~Stephen Harper

Don't indulge your theories, think of your children and listen to the experts.

~Stephen Harper

As I constantly remind Canadians, there isn't really a Canadian economy anymore. It is a global economy.

~Stephen Harper

If you want to be a government in a minority Parliament, you have to work with other people.

~Stephen Harper

On the justification for the war, it wasn't related to finding any particular weapon of mass destruction.

~Stephen Harper

It's the government's obligation to look really to the third parties to get the support to govern.

~Stephen Harper

Universality has been severely reduced: it is virtually dead as a concept in most areas of public policy.

~Stephen Harper

But I've been very clear in this campaign - I don't believe the party should have a position on abortion.

~Stephen Harper

I think the way to change it is to handle issues individually when it's essential to do so.

~Stephen Harper

I've always been clear, I support the traditional definition of marriage.

~Stephen Harper

The world is now unipolar and contains only one superpower. Canada shares a continent with that superpower.

~Stephen Harper

Canada receives the news of the death of Osama Bin Laden with sober satisfaction. Sadly, others will take his place.

~Stephen Harper

I believe very strongly that in this world you have to have values and you have to stand up for your interests and if you don't do those things you're not going to get anywhere.

~Stephen Harper

We got into a recession because the global economy went into the recession and we're a big exporting nation.

~Stephen Harper

Part of the reason we're all committed to coordinated stimulus is we want to stimulate the global economy. We're in a global economy, not just our national economies.

~Stephen Harper

It's the idea that we just have to go along, we can't change it, things won't change. I think that's the sad part, the sad reality traditional parties have bred in parts of Atlantic Canada.

~Stephen Harper

We've got to see a state where the Afghan government can handle its own day-to-day security.

~Stephen Harper

I don't know all the facts on Iraq, but I think we should work closely with the Americans.

~Stephen Harper

If Ottawa giveth, then Ottawa can taketh away.

~Stephen Harper

Those of different faiths and no faith should seek areas of common agreement based on their different perspectives.

~Stephen Harper

It was the removing of a regime that was hostile, that clearly had the intention of constructing weapons systems.

~Stephen Harper

Mr. Speaker, I am sure the picture of the hon. member of the NDP [Svend Robinson] is posted in much more wonderful places than just police stations.

~Stephen Harper

I don't know if for sure in absolute terms if Jim Flaherty is the best Finance Minister in the world, but I am sure that he is the best Finance Minister per inch in the world.

~Stephen Harper

If you want to diminish the number of abortions, you've got to change hearts and not laws.

~Stephen Harper

I think what everybody believes and agrees with, and to be frank myself, is that the current approach [to the drug trade] is not working, but it is not clear what we should do.

~Stephen Harper

I intend to lead my party, which is the only party that has a serious policy on the No. 1 priority of the people and that is the economy.

~Stephen Harper

A transition is taking place in Egypt. In my judgement, there is no going back. I think the old expression, "They're not going to put the toothpaste back in the tube on this one.

~Stephen Harper

Redirect federal spending aimed at fulfilling the terms of the increasingly irrelevant Kyoto Protocol.

~Stephen Harper

Even if people are suspicious of the motives I think that learning and speaking two languages can only be a good thing for people.

~Stephen Harper

Buying pollution credits is folly; it doesn't help the environment. Instead of using tax dollars to buy credits overseas, we'll use them at home.

~Stephen Harper

The government can only be brought down because it alienates several parties in the House.

~Stephen Harper

Canada is a vast and empty country.

~Stephen Harper

There is a dependence in the region that breeds a culture of defeatism.

~Stephen Harper

Our relationship with nature is more one of being than having. We are

nature: we do not have nature.

~Stephen Harper

I will strive to make this not the highest-spending country in the world, but instead the lowest taxing one.

~Stephen Harper

The fact of the matter is, we have the strongest banking system in the world.

~Stephen Harper

If we are willing to be still and open enough to listen, wilderness itself will teach us.

~Stephen Harper

What we clearly need is experimentation with market reforms and private delivery options [in health care].

~Stephen Harper

The jackasses at Elections Canada are out of control.

~Stephen Harper

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