

# Stokely Carmichael Quotes

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If a white man wants to lynch me, that's his problem. If he's got the power to lynch me, that's my problem. Racism is not a question of attitude; it's a question of power.

~Stokely Carmichael

Our grandfathers had to run, run, run. My generation's out of breath. We ain't running no more.

~Stokely Carmichael

There is a higher law than the law of government. That's the law of conscience.

~Stokely Carmichael

The secret of life is to have no fear; it's the only way to function.

~Stokely Carmichael

Our noses are broad, our lips are thick, our hair is nappy-we are black and beautiful!

~Stokely Carmichael

What a liberal really wants is to bring about change that will not in any way endanger his position.

~Stokely Carmichael

An organization which claims to speak for the needs of a community must speak in the tone of that community.

~Stokely Carmichael

Now, then, in order to understand white supremacy we must dismiss the fallacious notion that white people can give anybody their freedom.

~Stokely Carmichael

Go home and tell your daughters they are beautiful.

~Stokely Carmichael

One does not fight to influence change and then leave the change to someone else to bring about.

~Stokely Carmichael

The time for running has come to an end. You tell them white folk in Mississippi that all the scared niggers are dead!

~Stokely Carmichael

One of the tragedies of the struggle against racism is that up to now there has been no national organization which could speak to the growing militancy of young black people in the urban ghetto.

~Stokely Carmichael

I ain't going to jail no more. The only way we gonna stop them white men from whuppin' us is to take over. What we gonna start sayin' now is Black Power!

~Stokely Carmichael

The first need of a free people is to define their own terms.

~Stokely Carmichael

We were aware of the fact that death walks hand in hand with struggle.

~Stokely Carmichael

I place my own hope for the United States in the growth of belief among the unqualified that they are in fact qualified: they can articulate and be responsible and hold power

~Stokely Carmichael

Seems to me that the institutions that function in this country are clearly racist, and that they're built upon racism.

~Stokely Carmichael

The masses don't shed their blood for the benefit of a few individuals.

~Stokely Carmichael

There has been only a civil rights movement, whose tone of voice was adapted to an audience of liberal whites.

~Stokely Carmichael

No man can give anybody his freedom.

~Stokely Carmichael

I also know that while I am black I am a human being, and therefore I have the right to go into any public place. White people didn't know that. Every time I tried to go into a place they stopped me

~Stokely Carmichael

Black Power can be clearly defined for those who do not attach the fears of white America to their questions about it.

~Stokely Carmichael

I maintain that every civil rights bill in this country was passed for white people, not for black people.

~Stokely Carmichael

Capitalism is a stupid system, a backward system

~Stokely Carmichael

We had no more courage than Harriet Tubman or Marcus Garvey had in their times. We just had a more vulnerable enemy.

~Stokely Carmichael

Before a group can enter the open society, it must first close ranks.

~Stokely Carmichael

The only position for women in SNCC is prone.

~Stokely Carmichael

Leaders in Africa are so corrupt that we are certain if we put dogs in uniforms and put guns on their shoulders, we'd be hard put to distinguish them.

~Stokely Carmichael

I knew that I could vote and that that wasn't a privilege; it was my right. Every time I tried I was shot, killed or jailed, beaten or economically deprived.

~Stokely Carmichael

I usually say I did the best I could with what I had. I have no major regrets.

~Stokely Carmichael

The philosophers Camus and Sartre raise the question whether or not a man can condemn himself.

~Stokely Carmichael

Now you know where I got my name.

~Stokely Carmichael

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