

# Susan Rice

## Quotes

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The kids are Job One. So, to be quite candid, if they need me, I do my utmost to make sure I'm there.

~Susan Rice

Progress is the product of human agency. Things get better because we make them better. Things go wrong when we get too comfortable, when we fail to take risks or seize opportunities.

~Susan Rice

The larger picture here is that a North Korea with nuclear weapons adds to the larger proliferation risk.

~Susan Rice

I have been to Libya and walked the streets of Benghazi myself.

~Susan Rice

I would rather be alone and a loud voice for action than be silent.

~Susan Rice

If you want change, you have to make it. If we want progress we have to drive it.

~Susan Rice

Once you've learned to study in a bathing suit on the grass with muscled men throwing frisbees over your head, you can accomplish almost anything.

~Susan Rice

Focus on something that stirs your soul, it's hard to excel at anything that you don't love.

~Susan Rice

I have no regrets whatsoever that I have acted in a way to advance my country's interests

~Susan Rice

One can't erase the tremendous burden of apartheid in 10 years, 20 years, I believe, even 30 years.

~Susan Rice

I was very happy in my job at the United Nations.

~Susan Rice

We have to know who we are and know what we believe.

~Susan Rice

The notion that I had become a political lightning rod was painful for me to experience.

~Susan Rice

Americans understand that our security is enhanced when the United States is trusted and respected in the world.

~Susan Rice

We are safer if there are not nuclear arsenals around the planet that can be utilized, stolen, sold to terrorists and others who would do harm.

~Susan Rice

Change doesn't happen with people sitting on their behinds, getting lazy.

~Susan Rice

I spend every day up at the United Nations where I have to interact with 192 other countries. I know how well the United States is viewed.

~Susan Rice

We must be honest in acknowledging that neither Germany nor the US

has the luxury of assuming that we can skate by on half-measures in Afghanistan and Pakistan and not risk suffering the consequences.

~Susan Rice

People are consuming the news that is comfortable for them, not necessarily the news that is real or that they need to know.

~Susan Rice

President Obama is perhaps the smartest person I've ever worked with.

~Susan Rice

We can't let others judge information for us.

~Susan Rice

I have great ambitions for when I get out of government. I will watch a broader range of stuff.

~Susan Rice

Legislation that would withhold funding for the United Nations is fundamentally flawed in concept and practice, sets us back, is self-defeating, and doesn't work.

~Susan Rice

I am very aware of being black and female because that's what I am.

~Susan Rice

I don't have time to think about the false controversy.

~Susan Rice

Bashar al-Assad and those who still stand by him are now responsible for the deaths of more than 20,000 in Syria.

~Susan Rice

Americans are hungry for change both at home and in our relations with the rest of the world.

~Susan Rice

In this day and age, the U.S. and Europe do not have the luxury of focusing solely on a single region.

~Susan Rice

What I learned is that policymakers have to force consideration of actions that may not have occurred to them at the time.

~Susan Rice

The United States share of the African market it's very small, it's only about 8 percent.

~Susan Rice

Iran's economy is now shrinking by 1 percent a year. Its oil production is down 40 percent.

~Susan Rice

I think most Americans understand that we went through a period in which American leadership was judged quite critically internationally.

~Susan Rice

There is not an inherent contradiction between a Ukraine that has longstanding historic and cultural ties to Russia, and a modern Ukraine that wants to integrate more closely with Europe.

~Susan Rice

The U.S. cannot go it alone simply when it is convenient.

~Susan Rice

Iran's arms exports to the murderous Assad regime in Syria are of particular concern. As the Panel of Experts has concluded, Syria is now

the central party to illicit Iranian arms transfers.

~Susan Rice

Like democracy itself, jazz has structure, but within it you can say almost anything.

~Susan Rice

South Africa's increasingly, for example, the largest foreign investor in various other parts of Africa.

~Susan Rice

I was conscious of the fact that it could be to my disadvantage to marry a white guy - that some folks would hold that against me.

~Susan Rice

President Obama is an extraordinary person to work with and for.

~Susan Rice

I'm sort of in this rhythm where we want to make the most of the time we have, but when it's done it will be time for it to be done.

~Susan Rice

It's in our interest to continue with the Paris Agreement and to deal with climate change as the real threat it actually is.

~Susan Rice

I think people have confidence that I will fairly and accurately represent their point of view to the President, and that I'm not going to put a spin on it, even if I may disagree with it.

~Susan Rice

What I would say about me is: What you see is what I get.

~Susan Rice

President Obama has got the most moderate temperament.

~Susan Rice

I am blunt sometimes; I am diplomatic sometimes; I am all things in between. Abrasive, you know, I guess it's in the eye of the beholder.

~Susan Rice

I am blunt when I want to be.

~Susan Rice

President Obama is funny, he's thoughtful, he's challenging, he's fun to work with - and it's been an extraordinary privilege.

~Susan Rice

Governing is different than campaigning, and that comes with a whole different level of responsibility.

~Susan Rice

We are patriots in my family, we are believers in America, we're believers in democracy.

~Susan Rice

You have to make change.

~Susan Rice

Nobody's tried to touch my hair in like, in decades.

~Susan Rice

Can I be blunt? Yes. Can I be diplomatic? Yes. Can I concoct a mixture of vinegar and honey when the circumstances warrant? Yes.

~Susan Rice

I have a range, and I'd much rather do things the nice way than the hard way, but sometimes you have to use all the tools at your disposal.

~Susan Rice

I've been very lucky to have had a supportive family, a great education, enormous opportunity and challenge.

~Susan Rice

I've taken my knocks here and there, but I believe my intentions are good. Doesn't mean everything I do is perfectly executed or I don't make mistakes. Of course I do.

~Susan Rice

All of us as citizens have to be consumers and judges.

~Susan Rice

I may not be able to work for anybody else again. I may just have to work for myself.

~Susan Rice

The United States of America is the leading power in the world. Our friends and our adversaries respect us in large measure because they know that we are steady. We are fact-based. We are serious.

~Susan Rice

Peace, prosperity, and democracy cannot endure if imposed from the outside. We should cease to make false distinctions between peacekeeping and prevention; they are in fact inextricably linked.

~Susan Rice

What we have done is when the threat has been directed at the United States, i.e., the terrorist threat from ISIL or Al-Qaeda in Syria, is to go after them.

~Susan Rice

Be who you are. If you spend all of your time worrying about how



people view you, you will not be either faithful to yourself or effective in what you're trying to do.

~Susan Rice

It may not be what you would've chosen, but we all have a responsibility to be active citizens and shape our system and our future.

~Susan Rice

You can't sit on the sidelines and read your iPhone and be on social media and expect everything to be cool. You have to be part of this.

~Susan Rice

I'm not watching any TV shows, frankly.

~Susan Rice

Since I've had a career, my hair has been more or less professional.

~Susan Rice

We should learn to tolerate nuclear weapons of North Korea just like we did the Soviet Union.

~Susan Rice

I don't get drunk, I get a little happy on rare occasion, and I'm probably dancing if I'm that happy.

~Susan Rice

I don't worry about how folks want to characterize me.

~Susan Rice

The problem is, Hamas is using force to try to extort progress on its political objectives.

~Susan Rice

I like to think that with me, what you see is what you get, and you can like or dislike it, it's up to you, but it's straight. That's something that I pride myself on.

~Susan Rice

I have to separate my personal concerns from my professional responsibilities.

~Susan Rice

I read a ton of paper every day. I read the newspapers, I read my intelligence materials, I read all the briefing materials. I read the newspaper in hard copy.

~Susan Rice

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