

# Thomas de Maiziere

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Confidentiality and transparency are not mutually exclusive, but rather two sides of the same coin.

~Thomas de Maiziere

You cannot protect something without intervening on some level.

~Thomas de Maiziere

Everyone learns in a crisis.

~Thomas de Maiziere

The Americans are and remain our best friends, but this is absolutely not right. We can't simply return to business as usual.

~Thomas de Maiziere

I am sympathetic to the fact that Turkey is doing everything it can to prevent the civil war in Syria from spilling over into its own country.

~Thomas de Maiziere

Political leaders have to withstand headwinds.

~Thomas de Maiziere

Showing strength is different than showing muscle.

~Thomas de Maiziere

Security matters should not be entrusted to people who make decisions without weighing things up.

~Thomas de Maiziere

I don't want anybody to accuse me of taking advantage of the situation to pursue a particular political agenda.

~Thomas de Maiziere

One should never send soldiers on a mission based on just good will and good intent. Unfortunately, that can mean one has to stand by and

watch human rights abuses take place.

~Thomas de Maiziere

From my perspective, the state has to assume responsibility for the integrity of international communications.

~Thomas de Maiziere

I am a big advocate of what is known as net neutrality. This means that providers are compelled to transmit content without political or commercial pre-selection.

~Thomas de Maiziere

I am a politician, but I am also a Christian.

~Thomas de Maiziere

There is a connection between the issue of refugees and the battle against the so-called Islamic State.

~Thomas de Maiziere

Each government minister views the circumstances of each issue differently. An interior minister has a different view of visa liberalization than does a foreign minister.

~Thomas de Maiziere

I see no constitutional problems with the identification, staving off and defusing of outside threats.

~Thomas de Maiziere

WikiLeaks is irritating and annoying for Germany, but not a threat. From an international perspective, I see their actions as totally irresponsible.

~Thomas de Maiziere

I stand for a strong state that safeguards freedom. I don't need to show muscle for that.

~Thomas de Maiziere

The Internet is a modern infrastructure that plays a key role in the future of the state.

~Thomas de Maiziere

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