

Todd Gitlin

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The moguls are driven by their respective desires for profit - period.

~Todd Gitlin

Mills insisted that a sociologist's proper subject was the intersection of biography and history.

~Todd Gitlin

My business is the analytical framework.

~Todd Gitlin

Navigation is power of a limited sort - it enables us to manage the immensity of the media torrent.

~Todd Gitlin

A century of convulsive change leaves huge demographic gouge marks.

~Todd Gitlin

We may repeat the awful revolutionary history of the 20th century because of the vulnerability of social movements to demagoguery.

~Todd Gitlin

It's an old anarchist dream that people can take care of their own lives.

~Todd Gitlin

American movies and music deliver themes of freedom, innocence, and power that appeal to others - partly because America itself was put together out of a multiplicity of national traditions.

~Todd Gitlin

Americas are, for a variety of reasons, the most adept at producing the kind of entertainment that delivers easy satisfactions.

~Todd Gitlin

Human inertia makes the everyday environment, the furniture, as it were, appear to be a given.

~Todd Gitlin

Like Americans, people outside America want fun, want an emotional compensation for the utilitarianism and calculation that mark the rest of their lives.

~Todd Gitlin

I am concerned about how to reverse the process by which a fundamentalist right and a corporate elite were able to seize power in the United States.

~Todd Gitlin

Today's global justice movement may be the biggest, most diverse and energetic in history.

~Todd Gitlin

So American culture is itself a hybrid and lends itself to use in other people's hybrids.

~Todd Gitlin

To win power anywhere you have to convince people that you can do something for them.

~Todd Gitlin

Some fine day, Democrats may figure out how to get on the right side of the value divide - how to define America as a place of the common good and not a playground of the strong.

~Todd Gitlin

The mobilisation which Bush has been able to perform since 11 September 2001 has to be fought - at least by Americans - in the name of a wise, honourable and democratic patriotism.

~Todd Gitlin

Collectively, we are in thrall to media - because they deliver to us many of the psychic goods we crave, and we know no other way to live.

~Todd Gitlin

Sure, I've often been misrepresented - anyone frequently quoted has this experience.

~Todd Gitlin

Right now, we have no possibility of politics because we have a one-party state.

~Todd Gitlin

America is not just 'a nation with the soul of a church,' as G.K. Chesterton wrote in 1992: it is a nation with the mind of a crusade

~Todd Gitlin

If the Bible is a creation myth, it is an amorphous confusing one

~Todd Gitlin

Some versions of patriotism come close to the tribal, which we all want to surpass, and some don't.

~Todd Gitlin

I don't think anyone in the media thinks strategically about society.

~Todd Gitlin

All I will say is that there are particular features of the American constitutional system that renders a third party futile - at best.

~Todd Gitlin

My position is not that John Kerry is either Jesus Christ or the prophet Mohammad. My position is that John Kerry is the possibility of

restarting politics.

~Todd Gitlin

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