

# Tom Coburn Quotes

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All change starts with a distant rumble at the grassroots level.

~Tom Coburn

The vast amount of waste and sheer stupidity in government - from the Pentagon to the Food and Drug Administration - could fill committee agendas for years.

~Tom Coburn

An easily accessible and transparent database of contract information will bring sunshine into the confusing and sometimes shadowy practice of government contracting.

~Tom Coburn

One poll showed that Americans have a higher opinion of witches, the IRS and hemorrhoids than Congress

~Tom Coburn

The longer a politician bears power, the more he is controlled by that power.

~Tom Coburn

When I came to Washington, I was troubled to observe so many similarities between the behaviors of drug-addicted patients and my political colleagues. In Washington power is like morphine.

~Tom Coburn

Careerism: the self-centered philosophy of governing to win the next election above all else.

~Tom Coburn

The earmark favor factory needs to be boarded up and demolished, not turned over to new management that may or may not have a better eye for earmarks with 'merit.'

~Tom Coburn

Everybody is gonna die from something. And so the deal is how to use each day to move things forward for both you and the people you love and the country you love.

~Tom Coburn

I believe keeping our promises should be our highest priority and that means saving Social Security and Medicare while preserving the American dream for our children and grandchildren.

~Tom Coburn

Social Security and Medicare represent promises made and we must keep these commitments.

~Tom Coburn

Everybody in America is going to have to sacrifice to help us rebuild the Gulf Coast. Every government program, every individual, we are all going to have to sacrifice

~Tom Coburn

Charity requires sacrifice, and members of Congress could set a good example of charity by giving up their pay increase.

~Tom Coburn

You're going to die sooner.

~Tom Coburn

The danger of what's happening right now in terms of using reconciliation is, the purpose of the Senate is going to be defeated. And that is to bring consensus to big issues in this country.

~Tom Coburn

What makes this mentality dangerous is that when the team is held together by careerism and mindless partisanship, individual members are punished for thinking for themselves.

~Tom Coburn

It is easy to see how after receiving this adoration for a term or two most members become convinced they are indispensable.

~Tom Coburn

Career politicians do not have the courage to prioritize spending and say no to demanding special interest groups who do not reflect the best interests of the country.

~Tom Coburn

I firmly believe that the court should take another direction on many of these moral issues that face us.

~Tom Coburn

The voting records of virtually every member of Congress reveal that the oath of office is more a ceremonial gesture than a sacred commitment.

~Tom Coburn

We can achieve much greater representation through term-limited members.

~Tom Coburn

I can't see the country electing another Bush, i love Jeb Bush - I think he's a nice guy. I just can't see it.

~Tom Coburn

My relationship with Barack Obama isn't based on my political philosophy or his.

~Tom Coburn

There will be no insurance industry left in three years.

~Tom Coburn

You have to be courageous to not spend money, ... and we don't have many people who have that courage.

~Tom Coburn

The American people will be appalled to learn the health care bill exempts (congressional) leadership and committee staff.

~Tom Coburn

Silicone breast implants make you healthier.

~Tom Coburn

Expose widespread waste and duplication in federal spending.

~Tom Coburn

People that had the guts to put their loyalty to the Constitution ahead of their loyalty to their political party were citizen legislators.

~Tom Coburn

The career politicians in Washington had transformed a government "for the people" into a government for themselves and for special interests.

~Tom Coburn

Senator [Sam] Brownback talked about those with disabilities that are destroyed in the womb because of a genetic test that is sometimes wrong. I would put forward that we all have disabilities.

~Tom Coburn

The founding fathers never once rationalized getting in power and having control so they could stay in power.

~Tom Coburn

Careerism in Washington "goes to the heart of what's wrong in America right now."

~Tom Coburn

The traits in career politicians the public detests most are produced when ego triumphs over principle.

~Tom Coburn

We must have government that spends less and does less.

~Tom Coburn

I still believe that term limits is the best way to ensure that the next generation, not the next election, is the central concern in our elected bodies.

~Tom Coburn

How is it that we have sodomy protected under that due process but prostitution unprotected? It's schizophrenic.

~Tom Coburn

The ripping and tearing of an unborn child from his mother's womb through the hands of another, and we say, "That's fine; you have a constitutional right to do that."

~Tom Coburn

It is a real issue, a measurement of our society, when we say it's fine to destroy unborn life who has a heartbeat at 16 days post-conception.

~Tom Coburn

Matter of fact, the interesting friendships are the ones that are divergent.

~Tom Coburn

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