

Tony Blair Quotes

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The kaleidoscope has been shaken. The pieces are in flux. Soon they will settle again. Before they do, let us re-order this world around us.

~Tony Blair

The art of leadership is saying no, not saying yes. It is very easy to say yes.

~Tony Blair

I want my son to grow up in a place where the people are more powerful than the government and not the other way around.

~Tony Blair

There is no meeting of minds, no point of understanding with such terror. Just a choice: Defeat it or be defeated by it. And defeat it we must.

~Tony Blair

Global warming is too serious for the world any longer to ignore its danger or split into opposing factions on it.

~Tony Blair

A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in.. And how many want out.

~Tony Blair

Politics is about listening and it's about leading.

~Tony Blair

One of the paradoxes of globalization is that, in the developing world, we've seen massive reductions in property.

~Tony Blair

I didn't come into politics to change the Labour Party. I came into politics to change the country.

~Tony Blair

The emphasis placed by more and more companies on corporate social responsibility, symbolises the recognition that prosperity is best achieved in an inclusive society.

~Tony Blair

If there are further steps to European integration, the people should have their say at a general election or in a referendum.

~Tony Blair

I can only go one way. I've not got a reverse gear.

~Tony Blair

Anywhere, anytime ordinary people are given the chance to choose, the choice is the same: freedom, not tyranny; democracy, not dictatorship; the rule of law, not the rule of the secret police.

~Tony Blair

If you are trying to take a difficult decision and you're weighing up the pros and cons, you have frank conversations. Everybody knows this in their walk of life.

~Tony Blair

You know, one of the things I've learnt since coming out of office is how much easier it is to give the advice than take the decision. I mean, you know, it's tough.

~Tony Blair

My teachers used to call me a failure

~Tony Blair

...we must support and protect individuals and companies engaged in life saving medical research

~Tony Blair

Education is the best economic policy there is.

~Tony Blair

This is not a battle between the United States of America and terrorism, but between the free and democratic world and terrorism.

~Tony Blair

It is not an arrogant government that chooses priorities, it's an irresponsible government that fails to choose.

~Tony Blair

I want to see a publicly-owned railway, publicly accountable.

~Tony Blair

Power without principle is barren, but principle without power is futile. This is a party of government, and I will lead it as a party of government.

~Tony Blair

Mine is the first generation able to contemplate the possibility that we may live our entire lives without going to war or sending our children to war.

~Tony Blair

Of particular importance to us is the recognition... that what we want is a Europe of nations, not a federal super-state.

~Tony Blair

Real progress cannot be measured by money alone. We must ensure that economic growth contributes to our quality of life, rather than degrading it

~Tony Blair

The intelligence is clear: (Saddam) continues to believe his WMD programme is essential both for internal repression and for external aggression.

~Tony Blair

Our tolerance is part of what makes Britain, Britain. Conform to it; or don't come here.

~Tony Blair

As I have said throughout, I have no doubt that they will find the clearest possible evidence of Saddam's weapons of mass destruction.

~Tony Blair

We are going to expand enormously -- our economy, our consumption, over the years to come ... But the consequences of that on emissions are going to be severe unless we change direction.

~Tony Blair

So actually I only got a mobile phone the day after I left being Prime Minister.

~Tony Blair

Those who wish to cause religious conflict are small in number but often manage to dominate the headline.

~Tony Blair

Stirring is OK. It just depends what happens in the end.

~Tony Blair

The blunt truth about the politics of climate change is that no country will want to sacrifice its economy in order to meet this challenge.

~Tony Blair

I believe Mrs. Thatcher's emphasis on enterprise was right.

~Tony Blair

We know the problems, and we know the solution: sustainable development. The issue is the political will.

~Tony Blair

This mass terrorism is the new evil in our world today

~Tony Blair

Labour is the party of law and order in Britain today. Tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime.

~Tony Blair

But as I always say to people I'm essentially a public service person.

~Tony Blair

The free enterprise system has not failed; the financial system has failed.

~Tony Blair

I feel like everyone else in this country today. I am utterly devastated.

~Tony Blair

Their barbarism will stand as their shame for all eternity.

~Tony Blair

I will do what it takes to help Ed Miliband win general election.

~Tony Blair

Society works by putting opportunity and responsibility together.

~Tony Blair

I think it's important for people like me to evaluate and reevaluate.

~Tony Blair

One thing, change, is what everyone says. The question is, what type of change? What's the right change to produce a different outcome for the people left behind by globalization?

~Tony Blair

We can debate this or that aspect of climate change, but the reality is that most people now accept our climate is indeed subject to change as a result of greenhouse gas emissions.

~Tony Blair

The threat from Saddam Hussein and weapons of mass destruction - chemical, biological, potentially nuclear weapons capability - that threat is real.

~Tony Blair

Sometimes it is better to lose and do the right thing than to win and do the wrong thing.

~Tony Blair

Whatever the dangers of the action we take, the dangers of inaction are far, far greater.

~Tony Blair

We, therefore, here in Britain stand shoulder to shoulder with our American friends in this hour of tragedy, and we, like them, will not rest until this evil is driven from our world.

~Tony Blair

In Downing Street they called me 'Boss'. Civil servants would always call me 'Prime Minister'.

~Tony Blair

Our task is not to fight old battles, but to show that there is a third way, a way of marrying together an open competitive society and successful

economy with a just and decent society.

~Tony Blair

The first big choice: a government with the strength to deliver stability, or a government that takes the country back to boom and bust.

~Tony Blair

What people should understand is that I adore the Labour party.

~Tony Blair

I shall not rest until, once again, the destinies of our people and our party are joined together again in victory at the next general election Labour in its rightful place in government again.

~Tony Blair

My dad was a militant atheist, or is a militant atheist. My mum was sort of brought up in a religious family because she was a Protestant from Ireland but wasn't especially religious.

~Tony Blair

If we are going to carry on growing, and we will, because no country is going to forfeit its right to economic growth, we have to find a way of doing it sustainably.

~Tony Blair

No one is to blame for the breakdown in trust between politics, media and the public.

~Tony Blair

I'm not asking you to agree with me, but at least open your mind.

~Tony Blair

The British are special. The world knows it. In our innermost thoughts we know it. This is the greatest nation on earth.

~Tony Blair

Personally, I have already turned down the Downing St thermostat by 1 degree

~Tony Blair

In April 1991, after the Gulf war, Iraq was given 15 days to provide a full and final declaration of all its WMD.

~Tony Blair

I may find Saddam Hussein's regime abhorrent - any normal person would - but the survival of it is in his hands.

~Tony Blair

A challenge so far-reaching in its impact and irreversible in its destructive power, that it alters radically human existence... There is no doubt that the time to act is now.

~Tony Blair

The purpose of terrorism lies not just in the violent act itself. It is in producing terror. It sets out to inflame, to divide, to produce consequences which they then use to justify further terror.

~Tony Blair

As for those that carried out these attacks there are no adequate words of condemnation. Their barbarism will stand as their shame for all eternity.

~Tony Blair

Conflict is not inevitable, but disarmament is... everyone now accepts that if there is a default by Saddam the international community must act to enforce its will.

~Tony Blair

If there is one thing Britain should learn from the last 50 years, it is this: Europe can only get more important for us.

~Tony Blair

However much I dislike the idea of abortion, you should not criminalize a woman who, in very difficult circumstances, makes that choice.

~Tony Blair

I'm not prepared to have someone tell me there is only one view of what Europe is. Europe isn't owned by any of them, Europe is owned by all of us.

~Tony Blair

People know where I stand in the Labour party and what I believe in.

~Tony Blair

Once his wife goes to sleep it takes a minor nuclear explosion to wake her.

~Tony Blair

Nothing is more important to England's arrangements for the World Cup than the state of David Beckham's foot.

~Tony Blair

The 21st century will not be about the battle between capitalism and socialism but between the forces of progress and the forces of conservatism.

~Tony Blair

One of the things that I've been doing over the past few years is reevaluating my own powers of political analysis.

~Tony Blair

If you don't see the Internet as an opportunity, it will become a threat. In

two or three year's time, the Internet will become as commonplace in the office as the telephone.

~Tony Blair

We expected, I expected to find actual usable, chemical or biological weapons after we entered Iraq.

~Tony Blair

Terrorism brings the reprisal; the reprisal brings the additional hatred; the additional hatred breeds the additional terrorism, and so on.

~Tony Blair

I can stand here today, leader of the Labour Party, Prime Minister, and say to the British people: you have never had it so ... prudent.

~Tony Blair

You only require two things in life: your sanity and your wife.

~Tony Blair

I have long believed this interdependence defines the new world we live in.

~Tony Blair

Human progress has never been shaped by commentators, complainers or cynics.

~Tony Blair

My view is that we're entering into a situation of enormous instability, insecurity, fragility.

~Tony Blair

Be a doer and not a critic.

~Tony Blair

I don't concede it at all that the intelligence at the time was wrong.

~Tony Blair

I have absolutely no doubt at all that we will find evidence of weapons of mass destruction programmes.

~Tony Blair

I would've loved to have been in a band, but sadly I just wasn't good enough.

~Tony Blair

I don't think there is a way politically to beat "Insurgent Movement Of Populism".

~Tony Blair

King Fahd was a man of great vision and leadership who inspired his countrymen for a quarter of a century as king. He led Saudi Arabia through a period of unparalleled progress and development.

~Tony Blair

We have no plans to increase tax at all.

~Tony Blair

We can only protect liberty by making it relevant to the modern world.

~Tony Blair

Whatever the short term clashes between protecting the environment and eradicating poverty, medium term and long term it is clear. Unless we grow sustainably, at some point we face catastrophe

~Tony Blair

The jolt that Tony Blair received 35,000ft above the Pacific Ocean was not normal turbulence.

~Tony Blair

I think, there is a possibility - I would say it's more than that - that we will come to a view of foreign policy going forward that learns from the past but doesn't get captured by it.

~Tony Blair

The class war is over.

~Tony Blair

When I started out as Prime Minister I wanted to please all the people all the time. By the end I was wondering if I pleased any of the people any of the time.

~Tony Blair

Ah yes, liberal democrats unified as ever in opportunism and in error.

~Tony Blair

People should go about their daily lives, to work, to live, to travel, to shop, to do the things people did in the same way as they did them before 11 September.

~Tony Blair

I've never ruled out the possibility of going back into public service.

~Tony Blair

I am a pretty straight sort of guy.

~Tony Blair

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