

Vladimir Lenin

Quotes

*Class, People, Political, War, Democracy, Men, Socialism, Freedom, Country,
Struggle, Revolution, World, Mean, Years, Real, Giving, Bourgeoisie,
Revolutionary, Crush, Atheism*

Three keys to success: read, read, read.

~Vladimir Lenin

Give me just one generation of youth, and I'll transform the whole world.

~Vladimir Lenin

The goal of socialism is communism.

~Vladimir Lenin

When it comes to hang the capitalists they will compete with each other to sell us the rope at a lower price.

~Vladimir Lenin

You must have your heart on fire and your brain on ice.

~Vladimir Lenin

People always have been and they always will be stupid victims of deceit and self-deception in politics.

~Vladimir Lenin

Fascism is capitalism in decay.

~Vladimir Lenin

We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn toward those who disagree with us.

~Vladimir Lenin

The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses.

~Vladimir Lenin

There are decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks where decades happen.

~Vladimir Lenin

Learning is never done without errors and defeat.

~Vladimir Lenin

The way to crush the bourgeoisie is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation.

~Vladimir Lenin

The only one who doesn't make mistakes is the one who doesn't do anything.

~Vladimir Lenin

One man with a gun can control 100 without one.

~Vladimir Lenin

The oppressed are allowed once every few years to decide which particular representatives of the oppressing class are to represent and repress them in parliament.

~Vladimir Lenin

It is, of course, much easier to shout, abuse, and howl than to attempt to relate, to explain.

~Vladimir Lenin

We are not shooting enough professors.

~Vladimir Lenin

Freedom in capitalist society always remains about the same as it was in ancient Greek republics: Freedom for slave owners.

~Vladimir Lenin

The best way to destroy the capitalist system is to debauch the currency.

~Vladimir Lenin

Germany will militarize herself out of existence, England will expand herself out of existence, and America will spend herself out of existence.

~Vladimir Lenin

Trust is good, but control is better.

~Vladimir Lenin

It is true that liberty is precious; so precious that it must be carefully rationed.

~Vladimir Lenin

Only an armed people can be the real bulwark of popular liberty.

~Vladimir Lenin

Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted.

~Vladimir Lenin

You must act with all energy. Mass searches. Execution for concealing arms.

~Vladimir Lenin

Democracy for an insignificant minority, democracy for the rich -- that is the democracy of capitalist society.

~Vladimir Lenin

Give me a child for the first 5 years of his life and he will be mine forever.

~Vladimir Lenin

Honesty in politics is the result of strength; hypocrisy is the result of

weakness.

~Vladimir Lenin

One of the chief symptoms of every revolution is the sharp and sudden increase in the number of ordinary people who take an active, independent and forceful interest in politics.

~Vladimir Lenin

You can become a Communist only when you enrich your mind with a knowledge of all the treasures created by mankind.

~Vladimir Lenin

Free speech is a bourgeois prejudice.

~Vladimir Lenin

Without revolutionary theory there can be no revolutionary movement.

~Vladimir Lenin

Medicine is the keystone of the arch of socialism.

~Vladimir Lenin

But I can't listen to music too often. It affects your nerves, makes you want to say stupid, nice things, and stroke the heads of people who could create such beauty while living in this vile hell.

~Vladimir Lenin

There can be nothing more abominable than religion.

~Vladimir Lenin

Give us the child for eight years and it will be a Bolshevik forever.

~Vladimir Lenin

Can a nation be free if it oppresses other nations? It cannot.

~Vladimir Lenin

Capitalists will sell us the rope we will hang them with.

~Vladimir Lenin

I am a bad, wicked man, but I am practicing moral self-purification; I don't eat meat any more, I now eat rice cutlets.

~Vladimir Lenin

I don't care what becomes of Russia. To hell with it. All this is only the road to a World Revolution.

~Vladimir Lenin

Give me your four year olds, and in a generation I will build a socialist state.

~Vladimir Lenin

As an ultimate objective, "peace" simply means communist world control.

~Vladimir Lenin

One fool can ask more questions in a minute than 12 wise men can answer in an hour.

~Vladimir Lenin

One cannot live in society and be free from society.

~Vladimir Lenin

He who does not work shall not eat

~Vladimir Lenin

The best way to control the opposition is to lead it ourselves.

~Vladimir Lenin

Atheism is a natural and inseparable part of Marxism, of the theory and practice of scientific socialism. Our program necessarily includes the

propaganda of atheism.

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A revolution is impossible without a revolutionary situation; furthermore, not every revolutionary situation leads to revolution.

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Only struggle educates the exploited class. Only struggle discloses to it the magnitude of its own power, widens its horizon, enhances its abilities, clarifies its mind, forges its will.

~Vladimir Lenin

War cannot be abolished unless classes are abolished.

~Vladimir Lenin

How can you make a revolution without executions?

~Vladimir Lenin

No Marxist can deny that the interests of socialism are higher than the interests of the right of nations to self-determination.

~Vladimir Lenin

The establishment of a central bank is 90% of communizing a nation.

~Vladimir Lenin

Truth is the most precious thing. That's why we should ration it.

~Vladimir Lenin

Man's consciousness not only reflects the objective world, but creates it.

~Vladimir Lenin

Pacifism, the preaching of peace in the abstract, is one of the means of duping the working class.

~Vladimir Lenin

It is impossible to predict the time and progress of revolution. It is governed by its own more or less mysterious laws.

~Vladimir Lenin

If it were necessary to give the briefest possible definition of imperialism, we should have to say that imperialism is the monopoly stage of capitalism.

~Vladimir Lenin

You cannot make a revolution in white gloves.

~Vladimir Lenin

We shall not achieve socialism without a struggle.

~Vladimir Lenin

Capitalists are no more capable of self-sacrifice than a man is capable of lifting himself up by his own bootstraps.

~Vladimir Lenin

No amount of political freedom will satisfy the hungry masses.

~Vladimir Lenin

Be as radical as Reality.

~Vladimir Lenin

Any cook should be able to run the country.

~Vladimir Lenin

Unity must be won, and only the workers, the class-conscious workers themselves can win it - by stubborn and persistent effort.

~Vladimir Lenin

Those who are opposed to armed uprising ... must be ruthlessly kicked out as enemies, traitors and cowards.

~Vladimir Lenin

There are no morals in politics; there is only expedience. A scoundrel may be of use to us just because he is a scoundrel.

~Vladimir Lenin

Human reason has discovered many amazing things in nature and will discover still more, and will thereby increase its power over nature.

~Vladimir Lenin

Face the truth squarely. In politics that is always the best and the only correct attitude.

~Vladimir Lenin

The aim of socialism is not only to abolish the present division of mankind into smaller states and all-national isolation, not only to bring the nations closer to each other, but also to merge them.

~Vladimir Lenin

A party is the vanguard of a class, and its duty is to lead the masses and not merely to reflect the average political level of the masses.

~Vladimir Lenin

Capitalism has triumphed all over the world, but this triumph is only the prelude to the triumph of labour over capital.

~Vladimir Lenin

The leaders of the petty bourgeoisie must teach the people to trust the bourgeoisie. The proletarians must teach the people to distrust the bourgeoisie.

~Vladimir Lenin

Under socialism all will govern in turn and will soon become accustomed to no one governing.

~Vladimir Lenin

In the end, one or the other will triumph - a funeral dirge will be sung over the Soviet republic or over world capitalism.

~Vladimir Lenin

Don't be afraid to admit defeat. Learn from defeat. Do over again more thoroughly, more carefully, and more systematically what you have done badly.

~Vladimir Lenin

We need the real, nation-wide terror which reinvigorates the country and through which the Great French Revolution achieved glory.

~Vladimir Lenin

Atheism is the natural and inseparable part of Communism.

~Vladimir Lenin

Capital, created by the labour of the worker, crushes the worker, ruining small proprietors and creating an army of unemployed.

~Vladimir Lenin

Whenever the cause of the people is entrusted to professors, it is lost.

~Vladimir Lenin

If democracy, in essence, means the abolition of class domination, then why should not a socialist minister charm the whole bourgeois world by orations on class collaboration?

~Vladimir Lenin

The most important thing in illness is never to lose heart.

~Vladimir Lenin

One of the basic conditions for the victory of socialism is the arming of the workers Communist and the disarming of the bourgeoisie the middle class.

~Vladimir Lenin

No revolution is worth anything unless it can defend itself.

~Vladimir Lenin

Communism is Soviet power plus the electrification of the whole country.

~Vladimir Lenin

Comrade Stalin, having become Secretary-General, has unlimited authority concentrated in his hands, and I am not sure whether he will always be capable of using that authority with sufficient caution.

~Vladimir Lenin

But democracy is by no means a limit one may not overstep; it is only one of the stages in the course of development from feudalism to capitalism, and from capitalism to Communism.

~Vladimir Lenin

Democracy is indispensable to socialism.

~Vladimir Lenin

It is more pleasant and useful to go through the 'experience of the revolution' than to write about it.

~Vladimir Lenin

The most important thing when ill is to never lose heart.

~Vladimir Lenin

False rhetoric and false boastfulness spell moral ruin and lead unfailingly to political extinction.

~Vladimir Lenin

But every little difference may become a big one if it is insisted on.

~Vladimir Lenin

The most important thing is to know how to awaken in the still undeveloped masses an intelligent attitude towards religious questions and an intelligent criticism of religions.

~Vladimir Lenin

Victory will belong only to those who have faith in the people, those who are immersed in the life-giving spring of popular creativity.

~Vladimir Lenin

Bah, tombstones are only good for pigeons to sit on

~Vladimir Lenin

Socialists cannot achieve their great aim without fighting against all oppression of nations.

~Vladimir Lenin

For the complete extinction of the state, complete Communism is necessary.

~Vladimir Lenin

Imperialism, in a sense, is the transition stage from capitalism to Socialism. . . . It is capitalism dying, not dead.

~Vladimir Lenin

I must say that the tasks of the youth in general, and of the Young Communist Leagues and all other organisations in particular, might be summed up in a single word: learn.

~Vladimir Lenin

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