

Walter Cronkite Quotes

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The profession of journalism ought to be about telling people what they need to know - not what they want to know.

~Walter Cronkite

If that is what makes us liberals, so be it, just as long as in reporting the news we adhere to the first ideals of good journalism - that news reports must be fair, accurate and unbiased.

~Walter Cronkite

Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy, it is democracy.

~Walter Cronkite

The ethic of the journalist is to recognize one's prejudices, biases, and avoid getting them into print.

~Walter Cronkite

America's health care system is neither healthy, caring, nor a system.

~Walter Cronkite

There is no such thing as a little freedom. Either you are all free, or you are not free.

~Walter Cronkite

In seeking truth you have to get both sides of a story.

~Walter Cronkite

Our job is only to hold up the mirror - to tell and show the public what has happened.

~Walter Cronkite

We are on the precipice of being so ignorant that our democracy is threatened.

~Walter Cronkite

Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles.

~Walter Cronkite

We are not educated well enough to perform the necessary act of intelligently selecting our leaders.

~Walter Cronkite

I am dumbfounded that there hasn't been a crackdown with the libel and slander laws on some of these would-be writers and reporters on the Internet.

~Walter Cronkite

The debates are part of the unconscionable fraud that our political campaigns have become a format that defies meaningful discourse. They should be charged with sabotaging the electoral process.

~Walter Cronkite

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.

~Walter Cronkite

It is not the reporter's job to be a patriot or to presume to determine where patriotism lies. His job is to relate the facts.

~Walter Cronkite

Ethics must be reintroduced to public service to restore people's faith in government. Without such faith, democracy cannot flourish. Your ambitious agenda is filling a desperate need.

~Walter Cronkite

We've always known you can gain circulation or viewers by cheapening the product, and now you're finding the bad driving out the good.

~Walter Cronkite

I never had the ambition to be something. I had the ambition to do something.

~Walter Cronkite

And that's the way it is.

~Walter Cronkite

Not only do we have a right to know, we have a duty to know what our Government is doing in our name.

~Walter Cronkite

Leaving San Francisco is like saying goodbye to an old sweetheart. You want to linger as long as possible.

~Walter Cronkite

It is a seldom proffered argument as to the advantages of a free press that it has a major function in keeping the government itself informed as to what the government is doing.

~Walter Cronkite

Objective journalism and an opinion column are about as similar as the Bible and Playboy magazine.

~Walter Cronkite

I think it is absolutely essential in a democracy to have competition in the media, a lot of competition, and we seem to be moving away from that.

~Walter Cronkite

It seems now more certain than ever that the bloody experience of Vietnam is to end in a stalemate.

~Walter Cronkite

I asked [my doctors] if I'd be able to play singles tennis and they said I

could. That made me very happy since I haven't played in five years.

~Walter Cronkite

I am a news presenter, a news broadcaster, an anchorman, a managing editor - not a commentator or analyst. I feel no compulsion to be a pundit.

~Walter Cronkite

Our task is not to tell the truth; we are opinion molders.

~Walter Cronkite

To say that we are closer to victory today is to believe, in the face of the evidence, the optimists who have been wrong in the past.

~Walter Cronkite

In all my years as a news commentator I was never once, able to tell the truth, about anything.

~Walter Cronkite

The ruling class is the rich. . . . And those people are so able to manipulate our democracy that they really control the democracy.

~Walter Cronkite

The invasion of Iraq was illegal from the start.

~Walter Cronkite

Interviewing friends is a tough one. Your duty to the interview must transcend your friendship. Occasionally you'll lose a friend.

~Walter Cronkite

The perils of duck hunting are great- especially for the duck.

~Walter Cronkite

When you're bringing in a fairly unknown candidate challenging a sitting

president, the population needs a lot more information than reduced coverage provides.

~Walter Cronkite

Never before probably has the need for interfaith commitment been nearly as great as it is at this very moment.

~Walter Cronkite

We know that no one should tell a woman she has to bear an unwanted child. We know that religious beliefs cannot define patriotism.

~Walter Cronkite

Our country today is at a stage in our foreign policy similar to that crucial point in our nation's early history when our Constitution was produced in Philadelphia.

~Walter Cronkite

The battle for the airwaves cannot be limited to only those who have the bank accounts to pay for the battle and win it.

~Walter Cronkite

The daily coverage of the Vietnamese battlefield helped convince the American public that the carnage was not worth the candle.

~Walter Cronkite

Justice was born outside the home and a long way from it; and it has never been adopted there

~Walter Cronkite

The sweet smell of the South, of Camellias and Azaleas, clings to Beaufort's ancient and historic buildings.

~Walter Cronkite

Be kind to an old man.

~Walter Cronkite

Everything is being compressed into tiny tablets. You take a little pill of news every day-23 minutes-and that's supposed to be enough.

~Walter Cronkite

This opens the door on another chapter of history.

~Walter Cronkite

Television... is not a substitute for print.

~Walter Cronkite

People who understand music hear sounds that no one else makes when Frank Sinatra sings.

~Walter Cronkite

I think somebody ought to do a survey as to how many great, important men have quit to spend time with their families who spent any more time with their family. Probably less.

~Walter Cronkite

The first priority of humankind in this era is to establish an effective system of world law that will assure peace with justice among the peoples of the world.

~Walter Cronkite

We cannot defer this responsibility to posterity. Time will not wait.

~Walter Cronkite

Dan Rather and I just aren't especially chummy.

~Walter Cronkite

Old anchormen, you see, don't fade away. They just keep coming back for more. And that's the way it is, Friday, March 6, 1981.

~Walter Cronkite

I'd like to be a song and dance man.

~Walter Cronkite

The great sadness of my life is that I never achieved the hour newscast, which would not have been twice as good as the half-hour newscast, but many times as good.

~Walter Cronkite

Probably the most important single element that I found in my own marriage was a sense of humor. My wife had a delicious sense of humor, and I think I have an adequate one.

~Walter Cronkite

Everybody knows that there's a liberal, that there's a heavy liberal persuasion among correspondents.

~Walter Cronkite

I think he [composer Joe Raposo] was the first man who kissed me on the cheek.

~Walter Cronkite

Let us hear the peal of a new international liberty bell that calls us all to the creation of a system of enforceable world law in which the universal desire for peace can place its hope and prayers.

~Walter Cronkite

Putting it as strongly as I can, the failure to give free airtime for our political campaigns endangers our democracy.

~Walter Cronkite

We're living in a state where no one can trust his telephone conversations, nor even his personal conversations in a room, in a bar

or anywhere else.

~Walter Cronkite

I was lucky enough to have one of the first high school classes in the country.

~Walter Cronkite

I've gone from the most trusted man in America to one of the most debated.

~Walter Cronkite

I am not a contemplative type, basically. I am much more of an action person and, as a consequence, I look forward to today and tomorrow and what's breaking.

~Walter Cronkite

News reporters are certainly liberal and left of center.

~Walter Cronkite

I want to say that probably 24 hours after I told CBS that I was stepping down at my 65th birthday, I was already regretting it. And I regretted it every day since.

~Walter Cronkite

The 60s undoubtedly were the most turbulent years of the century.

~Walter Cronkite

I'm still ready to go to the moon, if they'll take me.

~Walter Cronkite

There is a compulsion that is perhaps the heart of life's meanings, this marvelous mystery of blood ties that brings joy whenever a new family member comes on the scene.

~Walter Cronkite

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