

# Walter E. Williams

## Quotes

*Government, People, Liberty, Men, Rights, Law, Giving, School, Political, Mean,  
War, Thinking, Children, Gun, Believe, Politician, Powerful, Country,  
Democracy, Achievement*

But let me offer you my definition of social justice: I keep what I earn and you keep what you earn. Do you disagree? Well then tell me how much of what I earn belongs to you - and why?

~Walter E. Williams

Prior to capitalism, the way people amassed great wealth was by looting, plundering and enslaving their fellow man. Capitalism made it possible to become wealthy by serving your fellow man.

~Walter E. Williams

(F)or 50 years, the well-meaning leftist agenda has been able to do to blacks what Jim Crow and harsh discrimination could never have done: family breakdown, illegitimacy and low academic achievement.

~Walter E. Williams

No matter how worthy the cause, it is robbery, theft, and injustice to confiscate the property of one person and give it to another to whom it does not belong.

~Walter E. Williams

If one person has a right to something he did not earn, of necessity it requires that another person not have a right to something that he did earn.

~Walter E. Williams

Democracy and liberty are not the same. Democracy is little more than mob rule, while liberty refers to the sovereignty of the individual.

~Walter E. Williams

The Founders knew that a democracy would lead to some kind of tyranny. The term democracy appears in none of our Founding documents. Their vision for us was a Republic and limited government.

~Walter E. Williams

In a free society, government has the responsibility of protecting us from others, but not from ourselves.

~Walter E. Williams

Always be suspicious of those who pretend to know it all, claim their way is the best way and are willing to force their way on the rest of us.

~Walter E. Williams

I prefer a thief to a Congressman. A thief will take your money and be on his way, but a Congressman will stand there and bore you with the reasons why he took it.

~Walter E. Williams

Most of the great problems we face are caused by politicians creating solutions to problems they created in the first place.

~Walter E. Williams

The prospects are dim for a society that makes mascots out of the unproductive and condemns the productive.

~Walter E. Williams

Saying the Constitution is a living document is the same as saying we don't have a Constitution.

~Walter E. Williams

Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed

~Walter E. Williams

Multiculturalists argue that different cultural values are morally equivalent. That's nonsense.

~Walter E. Williams

We should view our government the way we should a friendly, cuddly

lion. Just because he's friendly and cuddly shouldn't blind us to the fact that he's still got teeth and claws.

~Walter E. Williams

More important than anything else is for Americans to wise up to class warfare demagoguery and reject the politics of envy.

~Walter E. Williams

If the States do not have the right to secede, then they have no rights at all.

~Walter E. Williams

Preaching doom and gloom has been beneficial to the political class. They use it to gain more power and control.

~Walter E. Williams

Wealth comes from successful individual efforts to please one's fellow man ... that's what competition is all about: "outpleasing" your competitors to win over the consumers.

~Walter E. Williams

The crucial question for any policy is not what, are its intentions, but what are its effects?

~Walter E. Williams

Increases in money supply are what constitute inflation, and a general rise in prices is the symptom.

~Walter E. Williams

The public good is promoted best by people pursuing their own private interests. This bothers some people because they're more concerned with motives than with results.

~Walter E. Williams

The framers gave us the Second Amendment not so we could go deer or duck hunting but to give us a modicum of protection against congressional tyranny.

~Walter E. Williams

Politicians exploit economic illiteracy.

~Walter E. Williams

Vote for me. I'll use my office to take another American's money and give it to you.

~Walter E. Williams

The idea that even the brightest person or group of bright people, much less the U.S. Congress, can wisely manage an economy has to be the height of arrogance and conceit.

~Walter E. Williams

Once Congress establishes that one person can live at the expense of another, it pays for everyone to try to do so.

~Walter E. Williams

Politicians have immense power to do harm to the economy. But they have very little power to do good.

~Walter E. Williams

A caged canary is safe but not free.

~Walter E. Williams

Tyrants always condemn and seek to replace the market process with government coercion because tyrants do not trust that people behaving voluntarily will do what the tyrants think they should do.

~Walter E. Williams

Discrimination is simply the act of choice. Scarcity requires us to

choose; scarcity is the cause of discrimination!

~Walter E. Williams

If you hate my guts and have designs to hurt me, and I see you building a cannon aimed at my house, I am not going to wait for you to finish construction.

~Walter E. Williams

The essence of government is force, and most often that force is used to accomplish evil ends.

~Walter E. Williams

I have nothing against rich people. In fact, I've been struggling most of my life to join them.

~Walter E. Williams

Most of what Congress does fits the description of forcing one American to serve the purposes of another American. That description differs only in degree, but not in kind, from slavery.

~Walter E. Williams

The difference between a thief and a congressman: When a thief steals your money, he doesn't expect you to thank him.

~Walter E. Williams

I don't know about you, but if you hear that Williams guns have been taken, you'll know Williams is dead.

~Walter E. Williams

If grade inflation continues, a college bachelor's degree will have just as much credibility as a high school diploma.

~Walter E. Williams

If our country is to survive and prosper, we must summon the courage

to condemn and reject the liberal agenda, and we had better do it soon.

~Walter E. Williams

Trying to get government to be as efficient as business is as hopeless as trying to teach cats to bark and dogs to meow.

~Walter E. Williams

Nothing in our Constitution suggests that government is a grantor of rights. Instead, government is a protector of rights.

~Walter E. Williams

If the Constitution framers would come back today, they would have contempt for most of us.

~Walter E. Williams

Socialism is just another form of tyranny.

~Walter E. Williams

The only organized political party with a Christian vision of morality is the Libertarian Party.

~Walter E. Williams

I learned that you have to evaluate the effects of public policy as opposed to intentions.

~Walter E. Williams

Democracy gives the aura of legitimacy to acts that would otherwise be considered tyranny.

~Walter E. Williams

Legislators aren't known for being rocket scientists.

~Walter E. Williams

The belief that society benefits from destruction is lunacy.

~Walter E. Williams

As American education and intelligence becomes replaced by feelings and emotion, not seeing the forest for the trees has become a major problem.

~Walter E. Williams

All we have to do now is to inform the public that the payment of social security taxes is voluntary and watch the mass exodus.

~Walter E. Williams

Economic planning is nothing more than the forcible superseding of other people's plans by the powerful elite backed up by the brute force of government.

~Walter E. Williams

An increasing amount of climate research suggests a possibility of global cooling.

~Walter E. Williams

Minimum-wage laws are one of the most powerful tools in the arsenal of racists.

~Walter E. Williams

Reaching into one's own pocket to assist his fellow man is noble and worthy of praise. Reaching into another person's pocket to assist one's fellow man is despicable and worthy of condemnation.

~Walter E. Williams

The founders of our nation feared paper currency because it gave government the means to steal from its citizens.

~Walter E. Williams



It was Thomas Jefferson who said that we should not allow the courts to have a monopoly on the interpretation of what is constitutional and what is not.

~Walter E. Williams

According to the Institute for International Economics, trade barriers cost American consumers \$80 billion a year or more than \$1,200 per family.

~Walter E. Williams

Most Americans, who think Congress has a right to do anything for which they can get a majority vote, ignore the clearly written constitutional restraints on Congress.

~Walter E. Williams

It's people seeking more for themselves that has produced a better life for all Americans.

~Walter E. Williams

Reaching into someone else's pocket to assist one's fellow man hardly qualifies as charity.

~Walter E. Williams

Most of our country's serious problems can be laid at the feet of Congress and the White House and not at capitalism.

~Walter E. Williams

If we buy into the notion that somehow property rights are less important, or are in conflict with, human or civil rights, we give the socialists a freer hand to attack our property.

~Walter E. Williams

Politicians have always coveted the liberties we hold.

~Walter E. Williams

If there's a distinct group of Americans who harbor open contempt for constitutional principles and rule of law, it's lawyers, judges and members of Congress.

~Walter E. Williams

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