

# Wanda Sykes Quotes

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When life gives you lemons don't make lemonade, make pink lemonade. Be unique.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm a black, gay woman. I think the only way to make the GOP hate me more is if I sent them a video of me rolling around on a pile of welfare checks.

~Wanda Sykes

I noticed recently, in the last few shows I did, that I'm starting to get people - not a large group, but quite a few people - who come to see me because they love Curb Your Enthusiasm.

~Wanda Sykes

If you feel like there's something out there that you're supposed to be doing, if you have a passion for it, then stop wishing and just do it.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm here today because I refused to be unhappy. I took a chance.

~Wanda Sykes

If you don't believe in same-sex marriage, then don't marry somebody of the same sex.

~Wanda Sykes

And then also I think it's harder for women because comedy is so opposite of being ladylike.

~Wanda Sykes

Don't bother me while I'm eating, or when I'm coming out of the crackhouse or something. Just let me get going.

~Wanda Sykes

Some government workers are dedicated and work hard, but most of

them are just waiting to retire.

~Wanda Sykes

If you're passionate about your work, it makes the people around you want to be involved too.

~Wanda Sykes

I don't like the saying keep your friends close and enemies closer. I want my enemy on a different planet.

~Wanda Sykes

I don't understand why people really get upset about something that doesn't affect them at all.

~Wanda Sykes

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~Wanda Sykes

I work hard. The staff and crew see how much energy I put into this project, and it makes them step up.

~Wanda Sykes

With a black president, I can relax... I can dance in public... I can buy a whole watermelon now.

~Wanda Sykes

I felt like I was being attacked, personally attacked - our community was attacked. Now, I gotta get in their face. I'm proud to be a woman. I'm proud to be a black woman. And I'm proud to be gay.

~Wanda Sykes

You can't make a woman happy. That's like trying to cure a fatal disease. The goal is to treat the symptoms so you can comfortably live with the illness.

~Wanda Sykes

If something stinks, I say it stinks. But I try to massage it a little and not be as cutting, come behind it with a joke: Hey, I cut you deep, but now let me put a couple of stitches in you.

~Wanda Sykes

L.A. is nothing but a bunch of driving, and I hate all that damn driving 'cause it interferes with my drinking.

~Wanda Sykes

Mostly everything gets worse before it gets better.

~Wanda Sykes

I hate when women compare men to dogs. Men are not dogs. Dogs are loyal. I've never found any strange panties in my dog's house.

~Wanda Sykes

It's hard to get fired from the government. You have to, like, kill people.

~Wanda Sykes

But I think funny and talent will always win out; I mean, of course there are hurdles, but I think if you're funny you will get over all of that.

~Wanda Sykes

It seems like when I first started, people got into comedy because they wanted to be good comedians.

~Wanda Sykes

Actually, I majored in marketing and I have a bachelor of science.

~Wanda Sykes

It's not until you develop your own voice, your own persona onstage that you become your own comic, who you really are.

~Wanda Sykes

Yeah, I had top-secret clearance and everything.

~Wanda Sykes

I enjoy stand-up because it has the biggest reward: instant gratification. You can hear the people laughing.

~Wanda Sykes

What gets me is when celebrities aren't allowed to have an opinion on anything political. There's the whole 'Shut up and sing' thing.

~Wanda Sykes

Then you had people who wanted to get into comedy just to get a TV deal.

~Wanda Sykes

When my parents send me emails the first 3 are blank.

~Wanda Sykes

Lot Of Strip Clubs in Florida... Good grief... Florida has so many strip clubs, they need to change their state flag to a brass pole.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm a comedian so I'm not waiting around for someone to write a part for me. I don't have to wait for somebody else to create my next job; I have the ability to basically write my own ticket.

~Wanda Sykes

We never hid anything from the kids. I feel whole again, I really do. I've told them, 'Mommy's boo-boo is much better now.'

~Wanda Sykes

Since when did I become the spokesperson for nappy-headed hos?

~Wanda Sykes

It's easier to rip somebody to shreds while you're making them laugh.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm proud to be a woman. I'm proud to be a black woman, and I'm proud to be gay.

~Wanda Sykes

I hope his kidneys fail, how about that? He needs a waterboarding, that's what he needs.

~Wanda Sykes

I like doing a bunch of different things, being all over the place.

~Wanda Sykes

I always had one goal, and that was to be a real funny stand-up comic, and that's pretty much what I'm doing. And everything else is kind of like gravy - TV, movies.

~Wanda Sykes

We got to stop doing that, ladies. You know, men are dogs. Men are dogs. We got to stop it. Men are not dogs. Uh-uh. Dogs are loyal.

~Wanda Sykes

I knew something was wrong with the economy when the shampoo girl at my salon closed on a six bedroom house.

~Wanda Sykes

Once you start making money, you can be an ass. But I am not an ass. I'm too lazy, that takes a lot of energy.

~Wanda Sykes

Being gay is harder than being black. I didn't have to come out black. I

didn't have to tell my parents about what its like to be black.

~Wanda Sykes

My neighbor, she invited me to an Elvis party. I told her I couldn't come 'cause I'd be too busy making fun of her from behind my blinds.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm finally just relaxed and comfortable with who I am.

~Wanda Sykes

I sat down and wrote some jokes and went to the talent show, got up on stage, fell in love with it and never turned back.

~Wanda Sykes

In '87, I used to do this awful, awful James Brown impression.

~Wanda Sykes

I was really gifted at being able to construct a joke, but it's like they weren't even memorable, my first jokes, because they were so about nothing.

~Wanda Sykes

I really can't pinpoint the one moment when I said I want to be a comic.

~Wanda Sykes

My worlds collide. When one things happens, it just starts a domino effect - everything else goes on.

~Wanda Sykes

Seriously, I don't need a gun. I'm easily annoyed. I would shoot people in my house that I invited over.

~Wanda Sykes

To me, political office should be like jury duty. You should just get a

notice in the mail one day and say, 'Aw, sh - , I'm secretary of state next month.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm like, If you do something dumb, I'll write about it. If you put something out there, to me it's like you're kind of asking for it.

~Wanda Sykes

I think it's because my comedy is in your face, and it comes from a place that's real.

~Wanda Sykes

What drives the creative person is that we see it all.

~Wanda Sykes

I had top-secret clearance and everything. I was working on a couple of projects that would keep me involved in Desert Storm. I was in the mix, which is scary.

~Wanda Sykes

All these teenagers tell us how much they want to grow up and then when they do they want to be young again.

~Wanda Sykes

I watch Jay. I watch 'Letterman'. I flip back and forth between 'Conan' and 'Letterman', especially the top of the show for those guys.

~Wanda Sykes

The first time onstage, a light went on. 'OK, this is my thing. I'm comfortable here. This is my thing.'

~Wanda Sykes

When I'm not on T.V. or working on a movie, I'm on the road doing stand-up. That's my roots.



~Wanda Sykes

I watched a lot of comedy growing up.

~Wanda Sykes

Men don't hear women.

~Wanda Sykes

I guess because of my act, people think that I say things they want to say, and that they can just come up and say anything to me.

~Wanda Sykes

I have a well-balanced show. It's 50/50 on men/women, and also African-American/white writers, it's the same thing. I have four African-American writers, and four non-African-American writers.

~Wanda Sykes

Ok so there's no TV shows, no movies going on fine, but I love going on stage and performing stand up so my situation is a little better than someone who's strictly just an actor or actress.

~Wanda Sykes

There are just so many more laws and rules that apply with marriage that do not come with domestic partnership and also to me it's the commitment.

~Wanda Sykes

But I understand that relationship; I understand how the mother-in-law, daughter-in-law relationship has so many conflicts because it's so forced.

~Wanda Sykes

A woman would pitch a joke. Nothing. Then a guy would pitch it and everybody would laugh.

~Wanda Sykes

Whether you have a show or not, you can still be somewhere being funny.

~Wanda Sykes

Now, I think the people who are still doing stand-up are doing it because they love stand-up.

~Wanda Sykes

It wasn't until I became more confident with myself and I put myself forward instead of the jokes; at first it was put the jokes out there and I'm just behind the jokes.

~Wanda Sykes

I love Costas. He's knows too much, but he's a good guy.

~Wanda Sykes

Rush Limbaugh was the 20th hijacker. I hope his kidneys fail.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm really funny now.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm going to leave The Wanda Sykes Show and try to get her job because \$5 million ain't too bad!

~Wanda Sykes

I feel today's society is so judgmental.

~Wanda Sykes

I have a funny family, but none of them are remotely in show business.

~Wanda Sykes

You know the economy is bad when illegals start complaining that Americans are taking their jobs.

~Wanda Sykes

How can you stop people from loving each other? How can you get upset about loving?

~Wanda Sykes

I'm here today because I hated everything else.

~Wanda Sykes

That word sassy - it haunts me. I keep getting the sassy thing.

~Wanda Sykes

I'm always thinking of stuff; I just don't sit down and write it. I come up with material more as I go along; if something funny happens, I'll make a note of it on my phone.

~Wanda Sykes

I was funny around my family. My family, they're pretty funny, too.

~Wanda Sykes

Usually, there's nothing being thrown toward the stage or at me. Then I feel pretty good about it.

~Wanda Sykes

I always want to go back and do stand-up; I like the freedom.

~Wanda Sykes

But sometimes the women writers will pitch something and I'll hear it, but the men will keep talking.

~Wanda Sykes

I don't like doing the same material over and over again. It's not fun.

~Wanda Sykes

When I am outside at night by myself every person turns into a pedophile. So I tend to walk a little faster than usual and then I sprint.

~Wanda Sykes

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