

William Greider

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Leaks and whispers are a daily routine of news-gathering in Washington.

~William Greider

A profound political question is suddenly on the table: Must the country continue to give precedence to private financial gain and market determinism over human lives and broad public values?

~William Greider

The regime of globalization promotes an unfettered marketplace as the dynamic instrument organizing international relations.

~William Greider

Folks in the bottom half of the economy are already squeezed hard. They will be bloodied and bankrupt if economic policy inadvertently induces a recession.

~William Greider

The threat to globalization is not the wasted American dollars but Washington's readiness to mix US commercial interests with its self-appointed role as global protector.

~William Greider

Money is power in American politics. It always has been.

~William Greider

Obviously, people with low or even moderate incomes could not afford such savings rates, and even diligent savings from their low wages would not be enough to pay for either retirement or healthcare.

~William Greider

The economy is not governed with the bottom half in mind.

~William Greider

The burnt odor in Washington is from the disintegrating authority of the governing classes.

~William Greider

In the deregulated realm of US banking and finance, crime does occasionally pay for its foul deeds, not in prison time but by making modest rebates to the victims.

~William Greider

The do-it-yourself version of pensions is a flop, as many Americans have painfully learned.

~William Greider

The present struggle seems less about abolishing big government than about who gets to use it.

~William Greider

People know elections, like television commercials, are not real.

~William Greider

Efficiency obliterates identity

~William Greider

If everyone has to be a watchdog in order to make government work, then the foxes will also volunteer to serve.

~William Greider

The problem of modern democracy is rooted in its neglect of unorganized people.

~William Greider

In its present terms, the global system values property over human life.

~William Greider

The quest for homeland security is heading ... toward the quasi-militarization of everyday life ... If danger might lurk anywhere, maybe everything must be protected and policed.

~William Greider

If you think about it, Washington's overwhelming power in the world is founded on death, the awesome arsenal for killing people.

~William Greider

The ways in which people treat animals will be reflected in how people relate to one another.

~William Greider

A newly elected representative quickly discovers that his job in government-aside from making new laws-is to act as a broker, middleman, special pleader and finagler.

~William Greider

Children born today have a fifty-fifty chance of living to 100.

~William Greider

If we have wealth, it will be protected from inflation and possibly even enhanced in value.

~William Greider

In 1900 Americans on average lived for only 49 years and most working people died still on the job.

~William Greider

Americans cannot teach democracy to the world until they restore their own.

~William Greider

Everyone's values are defined by what they will tolerate when it is done

to others.

~William Greider

Democracy is held captive, not just by money, but by ideas - the ideas that money buys.

~William Greider

When self-important people and powerful institutions are governed by illusion, history has a way of biting back.

~William Greider

Maybe the reason some folks lag behind in our free enterprise system is because they depend too much on the free part and not enough on their own enterprise.

~William Greider

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