

William Kristol

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Yuppies don't have loyalty. They have useful relationships and meaningful encounters.

~William Kristol

Barack Obama is not going to beat Hillary Clinton in a single Democratic primary. I'll predict that right now.

~William Kristol

White women are a problem, that's, you know - we all live with that.

~William Kristol

If we free the people of Iraq, we will be respected in the Arab world... and I think we will be respected around the world.

~William Kristol

[the war in Iraq] "could have terrifically good effects throughout the Middle East

~William Kristol

Whenever I hear anything described as a heartless assault on our children, I tend to think it's a good idea.

~William Kristol

Having defeated and then occupied Iraq, democratizing the country should not be too tall an order for the world's sole superpower.

~William Kristol

American power should be used not just in the defense of American interests but for the promotion of American principles.

~William Kristol

If the American people really come to a settled belief that Bush lied us into war, his presidency will be over.

~William Kristol

I've always rebelled a little when people say, 'My Jewish values lead me to really care about the poor.' I know some Christians who care about the poor, too.

~William Kristol

Bush is no conservative.

~William Kristol

Republicans can also point to an alternate path. They can draw upon genuine experts to explain what should be done.

~William Kristol

I personally - if I were designing the tax code - would have a tax code in which Mitt Romney paid more than 13 percent, given what I know about the kind of investments he made money from.

~William Kristol

Patriotism is an indispensable weapon in the defense of civilization against barbarism.

~William Kristol

These soldiers deserve a better defense secretary than the one we have.

~William Kristol

We can remove Saddam because that could start a chain reaction in the Arab world that would be very healthy.

~William Kristol

All defense secretaries in wartime have, needless to say, made misjudgments.

~William Kristol

Shouldn't Democrats insist that Sen. Durbin step down as their whip,

the number two man in their leadership?

~William Kristol

The liberal media were never that powerful, and the whole thing was often used as an excuse by conservatives for conservative failures.

~William Kristol

Lest conservatives be too proud, it's worth recalling that conservatism's rise was decisively enabled by liberalism's weakness.

~William Kristol

In any case, decisions on troop levels in the American system of government are not made by any general or set of generals but by the civilian leadership of the war effort.

~William Kristol

Political parties are complicated coalitions and aren't excessively theoretical.

~William Kristol

That's always been the case in America; there's been a big spectrum in how much people are interested in American politics.

~William Kristol

If you look at the polls, for all the talk about immigration and even trade, ObamaCare was an extremely important issue for Trump voters in 2016.

~William Kristol

I think [Donald Trump] will do something on immigration.

~William Kristol

[Donald Trump] will try to renegotiate the trade deals a little bit.

~William Kristol

There are a few things [Donald Trump] has been pretty clear he'll do. A big infrastructure program that he'll get bipartisan support for.

~William Kristol

It's been an unusual election [2016].

~William Kristol

I was "Never Trump." But it turned out never republican was really the theme of this election.

~William Kristol

Donald Trump beat Jeb Bush and beat Hillary Clinton. And when everyone thinks of Donald Trump that's pretty impressive.

~William Kristol

If you look at the polls - the conservatives are fine. I think there will be a fair amount of enthusiasm, or at least motivation. They very much want to remove President [Barack] Obama.

~William Kristol

I don't really believe that people read just the stuff they agree with.

~William Kristol

I still would say generally that more people have access [to] and take advantage of more diversity of opinion than was once .

~William Kristol

I am on the whole a defender of the current, despite being a conservative. I mean, I think things are better than when I was younger.

~William Kristol

Going from three TV channels to broadcast TV to cable to talk radio; obviously the online explosion has changed things.

~William Kristol

I don't think you want political parties that are entirely driven by some extremely doctrinal ideology.

~William Kristol

The media claimed to be non-partisan, centrist. It's not been that way for a lot of history.

~William Kristol

[Donald] Trump is more important than all of us. He's more important than the media.

~William Kristol

The ObamaCare premiums, the numbers started moving away from Hillary Clinton he moment there was a problem with.

~William Kristol

Look, at actual Republican and conservative think-tank proposals to replace ObamaCare all have the pre-existing condition provision in, done somewhat differently from [Barack] President Obama's.

~William Kristol

First of all, legally, it's hard to do these things[get rid of ObamaCare]. Donald Trump needs a lot of competent people.

~William Kristol

He has a competent person, I think who will be confirmed as HHS secretary, Congressman Tom Price.

~William Kristol

Conservatism as an "ism" is always going to be somewhat in tension with a political party.

~William Kristol

Obviously I think politics is interesting and important and educational.

~William Kristol

You all would be really shocked, if you were dropped back down into when I went to college, by the narrowness of the opinions you could get just by reading newspapers and magazines and watching TV.

~William Kristol

Tax credits instead of a huge bureaucracy. This is the question for me.

~William Kristol

There's a sort of romanticizing of the past. When you actually think about the past, you know it's a little different.

~William Kristol

Iraq's always been very secular.

~William Kristol

I don't think [Mitt] Romney can sit there and wait to win because perhaps people are disappointed with President [Barack] Obama.

~William Kristol

Leo Strauss's discoveries in the history of political philosophy had the effect of liberating his students from the yoke of contemporary thought.

~William Kristol

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