

# Zbigniew Brzezinski

## Quotes

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Shortly, the public will be unable to reason or think for themselves. They'll only be able to parrot the information they've been given on the previous night's news.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

We have a large public that is very ignorant about public affairs and very susceptible to simplistic slogans by candidates who appear out of nowhere, have no track record, but mouth appealing slogans

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

People, governments and economies of all nations must serve the needs of multinational banks and corporations.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Bipartisanship helps to avoid extremes and imbalances. It causes compromises and accommodations. So let's cooperate.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Soon it will be possible to assert almost continuous surveillance over every citizen and maintain up-to-date complete files containing even the most personal information about the citizen.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Today it is infinitely easier to kill one million people than to control one million people.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The key point to bear in mind is that Russia cannot be in Europe without Ukraine also being in Europe, whereas Ukraine can be in Europe without Russia being in Europe.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The scope of America's global hegemony is admittedly great, but its depth is shallow, limited by both domestic and external restraints.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

According to the official version of history, CIA aid to the Mujahadeen began during 1980, that is to say, after the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan, 24 Dec 1979.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The mistakes of the Iraq war are not only tactical and strategic, but historical. It is essentially a war of colonialism, attempted in the post-colonial age.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

One has to understand what the enemy is all about: the enemy's history, the enemy's culture, the enemy's aspirations. If you understand these well, you can perhaps move towards peace.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

It is conceivable that at some point a truly united and powerful European Union could become a global political rival to the United States.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Hegemony is as old as mankind.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

American power worldwide is at its historic zenith.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Benchmarks are targets that have to be fulfilled. They cannot be fulfilled in an indefinite period of time, so there are timetables in benchmarks.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Russia's only real geostrategic option - the option that would give Russia a realistic international role and also maximize the opportunity

of transforming and socially modernizing itself - is Europe.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

In Iraq we must succeed. Failure is not an option.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Nonsense! It is said that the West had a global policy in regard to Islam. That is stupid. There isn't a global Islam.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

In early times, it was easier to control a million people than to kill a million. Today, it is infinitely easier to to kill a million people than to control a million.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Look at Islam in a rational manner and without demagoguery or emotion. It is the leading religion of the world with 1.5 billion followers.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I cite these events because I think they underline two very disturbing phenomena - the loss of U.S. international credibility, the growing U.S. international isolation.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

What is most important to the history of the world? The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet empire? Some stirred-up Moslems or the liberation of Central Europe and the end of the cold war?

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

We have to make a really cold judgement. Would the consequence of civil war be more devastating than the consequences of staying the course?.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

With its declining population, with people moving out of the Far East, with an enormously powerful China in the east, I think the real destiny of Russia is to become closer to the West.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Yes, ISIS is a threat. It's more than a nuisance. It's also in many respects criminal violence. But it isn't, in my view, a central strategic issue facing humanity.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The Technetronic era involves the gradual appearance of a more CONTROLLED society. Such a society would be dominated by ELITE, unrestrained by traditional values.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I can't believe that the Russians really think they're more insecure because Estonia is in NATO. And we don't have forces poised in Estonia to attack Russia.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

History is much more the product of chaos than of conspiracy

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The Ukrainian opposition should adopt democratic unity as its main principle, and it also must have one leader.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I think if NATO haven't expanded, we would have a no-man's zone between the E.U. and NATO and Russia, and that would be very dangerous.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Henceforth, the United States may have to determine how to cope with regional coalitions that seek to push America out of Eurasia, thereby

threatening America's status as a global power.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

A great deal of world politics is a fundamental struggle, but it is also a struggle that has to be waged intelligently.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I don't feel I was "born American," but my homeland was denied to me after the end of World War II and I craved something I could identify with.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The language of the internet is English, and an overwhelming proportion of the global computer chatter also originates from America, influencing the content of global conversation.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Because you can't intervene everywhere, you don't conclude you can't intervene anywhere.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The day that the Soviets officially crossed the border of Afghanistan, I wrote to President Jimmy Carter: We now have the opportunity of giving to the USSR its Vietnam war.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

There is an element of paranoia in this inclination to view any serious attempt at a compromised peace as somehow directed against Israel.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

We didn't push the Russians to intervene, but we knowingly increased the probability that they would.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Without Ukraine, Russia's imperial aspirations are essentially nostalgia, but it's not a real policy.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

It certainly would be possible for America to redefine its role in the world, especially if, in the short run, America is able to cope effectively with the ongoing dilemma in the Middle East.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I was confident about America and the idea that in America people can become American without masking their ethnic identity.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Let's face it: The Jewish community is the most active political community in American society.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Sovereignty is a word that is used often but it has really no specific meaning. Sovereignty today is nominal. Any number of countries that are sovereign are sovereign only nominally and relatively.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

There is an element of delusional obsession in the French political elite's preoccupation with the notion that France is still a global power.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The Israelis have a lot of influence with Congress, and in some cases they are able to buy influence.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

One has to be willing to face the fact that what has transpired in Iraq is not exactly a very successful exercise.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

One has to define very clearly what one's objectives are, determine in advance how much one is prepared to pay to achieve that objective and then act accordingly.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I have no patience for those in the American Jewish community who just go around slandering people as anti-Semites without realizing that what they're doing is really trivializing anti-Semitism.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I think President George W. Bush contributed very directly to the fact that the status of America as the world's only superpower lasted for 20 years at most.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The legitimacy of the leadership depends on what that country thinks of its leaders.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Not to mention the fact that of course terrorists hate freedom. I think they do hate. But believe me, I don't think they sit there abstractly hating freedom.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Foreign policy should not be justified through making oneself feel good, but through results that have tangible consequences.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Acting alone in a world that's alive in political stirring is to condemn oneself to isolation and probably protracted warfare of the kind that can be dissipating.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

We have actually experienced in recent months a dramatic



demonstration of an unprecedented intelligence failure, perhaps the most significant intelligence failure in the history of the United States.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

It's perfectly natural to desire more troops when engaged in a military operation facing serious obstacles, and the more troops you have, probably, the [lower the] risk of casualties.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

For people of different faiths to coexist, it's going to take maturity, wisdom, and patience. All of which come, eventually, with tolerance. And it's a process of time.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I never exploited my father's role in helping Jews avoid the concentration camps...

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

The United States wants to be part of the solution to its problems and not, in part, the maker of their problems.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

America is the number one superpower today in the world.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

I think it is essential that America does not stumble into a stupid war with Iran.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

We cannot have that relationship if we only dictate or threaten and condemn those who disagree.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

Global stability - economic as well as political - is at risk.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

As in all things, it is terribly important to have a sense of priorities in what you do. And to make certain that priorities do not clash.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

There is crisis in Europe, where Russia is the principle intriguer and player, which affects a major source of international business and flow of capital.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

To resolve conflicts, excessive ambitions and one's own fears and aspirations must be sacrificed.

~Zbigniew Brzezinski

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