

Latest quotes added: Sir Walter Scott, J.R. Pope, John Dalberg-Acton, Lucius Cary (Lord Falkland), Bruce Thornton, Raymond Aron, Alain Finkielkraut, Andrei S. Markovits, H.L. Mencken, Louis Brandeis, Russell Kirk, Recep Erdogan, Roger Scruton, Margaret Thatcher, James Woods, John Bolton, Daniel Greenfield, Edmund Burke, Mattie Brinkerhoff, Victoria Woodhull, Susan B. Anthony, William Blake, Woodrow Wilson, David Hume, Milton Friedman, Mark Twain, Benjamin Jowett, Michael Walsh, Michael Novak, Andrew Jackson, Robert Conquest, Bella Dodd, John O'Sullivan, Mary McCarthy, Learned Hand, Thomas Sowell, James Burnham, Paul Johnson, Don John, Grover Cleveland, John Adams, Ronald Reagan, William Howard Taft, Calvin Coolidge, Chris Patten, Nigel Biggar, Bill McKibben, Harvey Mansfield, Barack Obama, Frank Capra, Abraham Lincoln, The Talmud, John F. Kennedy, Francis George, Aldous Huxley, Paul Krugman, Ann Coulter, Eric Voegelin, Declaration of Arbroath, Jeff Lipkes, Benjamin Netanyahu, Stephen Hicks, Gaius Cornelius Tacitus, Lawrence Auster, John Harlan, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King, Hilaire Belloc.

Quotes from conservatives:

- "They had solved with astonishing ease and unduplicated success two problems which had heretofore baffled the capacity of the most enlightened nations. They had contrived a system of federal government which prodigiously increased national power and yet respected local liberties and authorities, and they had founded it on a principle of equality without surrendering the securities of property or freedom." John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton, 1st Baron Acton, KCVO (1834-1902) speaking of America's founding fathers.
- "Federalism: It is coordination instead of subordination; association instead of hierarchical order; independent forces curbing each other; balance, therefore, liberty." John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton, 1st Baron Acton, KCVO (1834-1902) speaking of America's founding.
- "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men." John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton, letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton, 5 Apr 1887
- "What do we mean by the American Revolution? The war? That was no part of the Revolution; it was only an effect and consequence of it. The Revolution was in the minds of the people...a change in their religious sentiments." John Adams
- "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the law of God and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence."** John Adams
- "[I]f the people never, jointly nor severally, think of usurping the rights of others, what occasion can there be for any government at all? Are there no robberies, burglaries, murders, adulteries, thefts, nor cheats.... **Is not a great part, I will not say the greatest part, of men detected every day in some disposition or other, stronger or weaker, more or less, to usurp over other men's rights?"** John Adams
- "Suppose a nation, rich and poor, high and low, ten millions in number, all assembled together; not more than one or two millions will have lands, houses, or any personal property... Would Mr. Nedham be responsible that, if all were to be decided by a vote of the majority, the eight or nine millions who have no property, would not think of usurping over the rights of the one or two millions who have? Property is surely a right of mankind as really as liberty." John Adams
- "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide." John Adams
- "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." John Adams
- "I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had John Adams (to F. A. Van der Kemp, 27 Dec 1816)

ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations. If I were an atheist of the other sect, who believe or pretend to believe that all is ordered by chance, I should believe that chance had ordered the Jews to preserve and propagate to all mankind the doctrine of a supreme, intelligent, wise, almighty, sovereign of the universe, which I believe to be a great essential principle of all morality, and consequently of all civilization."

"Without religion, this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company. . . . The most abandoned scoundrel that ever existed, never yet wholly extinguished his Conscience and while Conscience remains, there is some religion."

John Adams (to Thomas Jefferson, 19 Apr 1817)

"There are really two different types of hate speech: 1) Speech that is too dumb to merit an intelligent response, and 2) Speech for which the listener is too dumb to offer an intelligent response."

Mike S. Adams (UNC-Wilmington criminology professor), 22 Oct 2007

"It does not take a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brush fires of freedom in the minds of men."

Samuel Adams (1722-1803)

"He who has strength to chain down the wolf is a madman if he let him loose without drawing his teeth and paring his nails."

Samuel Adams (1722-1803)

"What liberty can there be when property is taken without consent?"

Samuel Adams (1722-1803)

"In the shadow of American power, ordinary men and women who had known nothing but the caprice of rulers and the charlatanism of intellectual classes have gone out to proclaim that tyranny is neither fated, nor 'written.'"

Fouad Ajami in WSJ, 7 Feb 2006

"Radical Islamism has come to mock the very principle of nationality and citizenship."

Fouad Ajami

"Courage is the virtue that makes all other virtues possible."

Aristotle

"That which is common to the greatest number has the least care bestowed upon it. Every one thinks chiefly of his own, hardly at all of the common interest; and only when he is himself concerned as an individual."

Aristotle

"Politics is free people deliberating the question, How ought we to order our life together?"

Aristotle

"This kind of legislation may appear to wear an attractive face and to demonstrate benevolence. The hearer receives it gladly, thinking that everybody will feel towards everybody else some marvelous sense of friendship—all the more as the evils now existing under ordinary forms of government (lawsuits about contracts, convictions for perjury, and obsequious flatteries of the rich) are denounced as due to the absence of a system of common property. None of these, however is due to property not being held in common. They all arise from wickedness."

Aristotle

"When everyone has his own sphere of interest, there will not be the same ground for quarrels; and they will make more effort, because each man will feel that he is applying himself to what is his own."

Aristotle

"The question of ownership will give a world of trouble. If they do not share equally in enjoyments and toils, those who labor much and get little will necessarily complain of those who labor little and receive or consume much. There is always a difficulty in men living together and having things in common, but especially in their having common property."

Aristotle

"Leftist and socialist European elites hate the U.S. for achieving widely distributed wealth and unprecedented economic development without following the Marxist libretto, or indulging in the orgies of violence and oppression that characterize Marxist regimes."

Raymond Aron, 2018

"Americans are great people, better than anyone else. Americans are polite and friendly when you speak to them. They are not rude like Afghans. If I could be anywhere, I would

Asadullah, an Afghan teenager released from Gitmo, after returning home in

be in America. I would like to be a doctor, an engineer—or an American soldier."	2006
"We will revere and obey the city's laws... We will strive unceasingly to quicken the public sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only not less, but far greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."	Athenian Oath of Fealty
"The worse any designated minority or alien group behaves in a liberal society, the bigger become the lies of Political Correctness in covering up for that group. The more egregiously any non-Western or non-white group behaves, the more evil <i>whites</i> are made to appear for noticing and drawing rational conclusions about that group's bad behavior."	Lawrence Auster
"History is strewn with the wrecks of nations which have gained a little progressiveness at the cost of a great deal of hard manliness, and have thus prepared themselves for destruction as soon as the movements of the world gave a chance for it."	Walter Bagehot, <i>Physics and Politics</i> (1872)
"Knee-jerk sentimentality in the face of deliberately-inflicted mass slaughter is evidence of a deep mental dysfunction at the collective level."	Baron Bodissey, 3 Dec 2011
"Socialists look upon people as raw material to be formed into social combinations. To them... the relationship between persons and the legislator appears to be the same as the relationship between the clay and the potter."	Frédéric Bastiat
"Ah, you miserable creatures! You who think you are so great! You who judge humanity to be so small! You who wish to reform everything! Why don't you reform yourselves? That task would be sufficient enough."	Frédéric Bastiat
"Government is the great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else."	Frédéric Bastiat
"What is saved by one, profits all. It is very important for us to understand that savings never take place at the expense of labour and wares."	Frédéric Bastiat, 1850
"In every public expense, behind the apparent benefit, there is an evil which it is not so easy to discern."	Frédéric Bastiat, 1850
"Human history has demonstrated repeatedly that you're safer if your enemies know you'll stand up for yourself than if you're proudly outspoken about your defenselessness or your unwillingness to fight."	Bruce Bawer, 2 Sept 2007
"Walking into the U.N. evidently means checking your moral compass at the door."	Anne Bayefsky, 28 Sept 2007
"Let's roll!"	Todd Beamer, 11 Sept 2001
"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes...Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."	Cesare Beccaria, founder of criminology
"The control of the production of wealth is the control of human life itself."	Hilaire Belloc, <i>The Servile State</i>
"Pale Ebenezer thought it wrong to fight. But Roaring Bill (who killed him) thought it right."	Hilaire Belloc, "The Pacifist"
"Show me the Proust of the Papuans, the Tolstoy of the Zulus, and I will read him."	Saul Bellow
"Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."	Pope Benedict, Sept 2006, quoting a medieval Byzantine emperor
"Democracy, immigration, multiculturalism. Pick any two."	James C. Bennett
"Multiculturalism, in practice, appears to involve permitting alien cultures to	James C. Bennett

remain intact in immigration while requiring that the host culture adapt its culture to not just one, but effectively all immigrant cultures."

"A wise man is one who savors all things as they really are."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

"He who would do good to another must do it in minute particulars. General good is the plea of the scoundrel, hypocrite and flatterer."

William Blake

"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich."

William J. H. Boetcker (often misattributed to Abraham Lincoln)

"In a larger sense, the United Nations must confront a more significant question, that of its relevance and utility in confronting the challenges of the 21st century. We believe that the United Nations is ill served when its members seek to transform the organization into a forum that is a little more than a self-serving and a polemical attack against Israel or the United States."

John Bolton, 17 Nov 2006 (at the UN)

"The Secretariat building in New York has 38 stories. If you lost ten stories today, it wouldn't make a bit of difference."

John Bolton on the UN

"International law does not trump the U.S. Constitution."

John Bolton, January 2010

"One mosque in Europe is worse than nuclear."

Father Samuel Boniface

"Once the rhetoric of rights takes hold, the law is applied reflexively, according to semantics, and without regard to the reason that defines and limits the right."

Robert Bork

"Those who made and endorsed our Constitution knew man's nature, and it is to their ideas, rather than to the temptations of utopia, that we must ask that our judges adhere."

Robert Bork

"A 'racist' is a conservative who is winning an argument with a liberal."

Peter Brimelow

"Our Constitution and laws exist to protect this nation—they do not grant rights and privileges to enemies in wartime. In dealing with terrorists, our tax dollars should pay for weapons to stop them, not lawyers to defend them."

Scott Brown, 19 Jan 2010

"It's not Ted Kennedy's seat, it's not the Democrats' seat, it's the people's seat."

Scott Brown, 11 Jan 2010

National Review "stands athwart history, yelling Stop, at a time when no one is inclined to do so, or to have much patience with those who so urge it."

William F. Buckley, 19 Nov 1955

Liberalism has a penchant for turning "the skies black with criss-crossing dollars."

William F. Buckley, 1960

"[Hefner's] key insight...is that 'a man's morality, like his religion, is a personal affair best left to his own conscience.' The phrase sounds harmless enough...The trouble with Hefner's law is that society is composed of nothing more than a great number of individuals, and **if each man's morality is defined merely to suit himself, then everyone will endure the consequences of the individual's autonomously defined ethics.**"

William F. Buckley, 1966

"Now listen, you queer, stop calling me a crypto-Nazi or I'll sock you in the goddam face and you'll stay plastered." (to Gore Vidal, live on ABC television)

William F. Buckley, 1968

"It is extraordinary to me that you can, in fact, engage in public education beginning at the age of six **and never, ever meet a teacher who feels any responsibility to encourage you to distinguish between right and wrong.** That is the conclusive victory of epistemological pessimism."

William F. Buckley, 2000

"I am obliged to confess I should sooner live in a society governed by the first two thousand names in the Boston telephone directory than in a society governed by the two thousand faculty members of Harvard University."

William F. Buckley

"The possession of arms is the distinction between a freeman and a slave, it being the

James Burgh (1714-1775)

ultimate means by which freedom was to be preserved."

"By gnawing through a dike, even a rat may drown a nation."

Edmund Burke

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

"Those who don't know History are destined to repeat it."

Edmund Burke

N.B.: It was George Santayana who wrote (in 1906) "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." And Winston Churchill later said "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

"Manners are of more importance than law, which touches us but here and there and now and then... manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by a constant, steady, uniform, and insensible operation like that of the air we breathe in."

Edmund Burke, "Letters on a Regicide Peace"

"The moment government appears at market, all the principles of market will be subverted. . . . I am sure that, in the first place, the trading government will speedily become a bankrupt, and the consumer will in the end suffer."

Edmund Burke, "Thoughts and Details on Scarcity"

"To provide for us in our necessities is not in the power of government. It would be a vain presumption in statesmen to think they can do it. The people maintain them, and not they the people."

Edmund Burke, "Thoughts and Details on Scarcity"

"The consideration of this ought to bind us all, rich and poor together, against those **wicked writers of the newspapers**, who would inflame the poor against their friends, guardians, patrons, and protectors."

Edmund Burke, "Thoughts and Details on Scarcity" (1795)

"Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere, and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

Edmund Burke, "Letter to a Member of the National Assembly" (1791)

[Society] is a partnership in all science, a partnership in all art, a partnership in every virtue and in all perfection. As the ends of such a partnership cannot be obtained in many generations, it becomes a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who are dead, and those who are to be born.

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

"I cannot stand forward, and give praise or blame to any thing which relates to human actions, and human concerns, on a simple view of the object, as it stands, stripped of every relation, in all the nakedness and solitude of metaphysical abstraction."

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

"I must be tolerably sure, before I venture publicly to congratulate men upon a blessing, that they have really received one."

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

"The effect of liberty to individuals is that they may do what they please: We ought to see what it will please them to do, before we risque congratulations, which may be soon turned into complaints."

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

"We do not draw the moral lessons we might from history. On the contrary, without care it may be used to vitiate our minds and to destroy our happiness."

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

"You would not cure the evil by resolving that there should be no more monarchs, nor ministers of state, nor of the gospel; no interpreters of law; no general officers; no public councils. You might change the names. The things in some shape must remain. A certain quantum of power must always exist in the community, in some hands, and under some appellation."

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

"Seldom have two ages the same fashion in their pretexes and the same modes of mischief. Wickedness is a little more inventive. Whilst you are discussing fashion, the fashion is gone by. The very same vice assumes a new body."

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

"Civilizations die, in truth, only by suicide."	James Burnham
"What Americans call 'liberalism' is the ideology of Western suicide."	James Burnham, <i>Suicide of the West</i>
"Everything is what it is, and not another thing."	Bishop Joseph Butler (1692-1752)
"No sane framer of a constitution would ever have written a document that required bicameralism and the president's signature to pass ordinary laws, while leaving the most sensitive issues of morality and religion up to an unelected, unaccountable, life-tenured, elite group of judges."	Steven G. Calabresi, 7 Oct 2007
"It is never untimely to yank the rope of freedom's bell."	Frank Capra, on his decision to make <i>Mr. Smith Goes to Washington</i>
"When it is not necessary to change, it is necessary not to change."	Lucius Cary, 2d Viscount Falkland (1610?-1643)
"Justice Breyer's concurrence says that Congress didn't give the President a blank check to fight the war on terror. But the Constitution also doesn't give the justices a blank check to write the law. It especially doesn't give them a check drawn on a foreign bank." http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2006/06/common_sense_at_war_in_hamdan.html	Ronald Cass, 30 June 2006
"I am not worried about the windows, only about the safety of Israel. Let Israel be safe and I will make you lovelier windows." (when one of his stained-glass windows in the Hadassah Medical Center's synagogue was damaged in the Six-Day War)	Marc Chagall, 1967
"This is the central error of the left, that everyone wants to get out in the evening for a nice political meeting."	Christopher Chantrill, 6 Jan 2011
"Americans are anti-intellectual because the intellectuals are anti-American."	Christopher Chantrill, 15 Aug 2012
"Liberals want us to be victims so they can have a job and they can pimp us."	Ben Chavis (to Laura Ingraham), 2 June 2009
"Paganism is better than pantheism, for paganism is free to imagine divinities, while pantheism is forced to pretend, in a priggish way, that all things are equally divine."	G.K. Chesterton, <i>The Catholic Church and Conversion</i> , 1926
"What is now called free thought is valued, not because it is free thought, but because it is freedom from thought; because it is free thoughtlessness."	G.K. Chesterton, <i>The Catholic Church and Conversion</i> , 1926
"We know that the higher mathematics is trying to deny that two and two make four and the higher mysticism to imagine something that is beyond good and evil."	G.K. Chesterton, <i>The Catholic Church and Conversion</i> , 1926
"The nineteenth-century neglect of tradition and mania for mere documents were altogether nonsensical. They amounted to saying that men always tell lies to children but men never make mistakes in books."	G.K. Chesterton, <i>The Catholic Church and Conversion</i> , 1926
"The modern man says, 'Let us leave all these arbitrary standards and embrace liberty... He says, 'Away with your old moral formulae; I am for progress.' This, logically stated, means, 'Let us not settle what is good; but let us settle whether we are getting more of it.'"	G.K. Chesterton
"The business of Progressives is to go on making mistakes. The business of the Conservatives is to prevent the mistakes from being corrected."	G.K. Chesterton
"The madness of tomorrow is not in Moscow, much more in Manhattan."	G.K. Chesterton
It has been left to the very latest Modernists to proclaim an erotic religion which at once exalts lust and forbids fertility. The next great heresy is going to be simply an attack on morality, and especially on sexual morality."	G.K. Chesterton, <i>The Well and the Shallows</i>
"The free man owns himself. He can damage himself with either eating or drinking; he can ruin himself with gambling. If he does he is certainly a damn fool, and he might possibly be a damned soul; but if he may not, he is not a free man any more	G.K. Chesterton, 1935 radio talk

than a dog."

"The left can only take power through deception."

Whittaker Chambers

"Other ages have had their individual traitors — men who from faintheartedness or hope of gain sold out their causes. But in the 20th century, for the first time, men banded together by millions, in movements like fascism and communism, dedicated to the purpose of betraying the institutions they lived under. In the 20th century, treason became a vocation whose modern form was specifically the treason of ideas."

Whittaker Chambers, Dec 1947

"The crisis of the Western world exists to the degree in which the West is indifferent to God, the degree to which it collaborates in Communism's attempt to make man stand alone without God."

Whittaker Chambers

"Religion and freedom are indivisible. Without freedom the soul dies. Without the soul there is no justification for freedom."

Whittaker Chambers

"Marxism-Leninism is actually the second-oldest faith, first proclaimed in the Garden of Eden with the words of temptation, 'Ye shall be as gods.'"

Whittaker Chambers

"Ayn Rand has, with vast effort, contrived a simple materialist system, one, intellectually, at about the stage of the oxcart, though without mastering the principle of the wheel."

Whittaker Chambers, 28 Dec 1957

"If Man's 'heroism' (some will prefer to say: 'human dignity') no longer derives from God, or is not a function of that godless integrity which was a root of Nietzsche's anguish, then Man becomes merely the most consuming of animals, with glut as the condition of his happiness and its replenishment his foremost activity."

Whittaker Chambers, 28 Dec 1957

"In the degree to which problems of complexity and instability are most bewildering to masses of men, a temptation sets in to let some species of Big Brother solve and supervise them."

Whittaker Chambers, 28 Dec 1957

"In the modern world, the pre-conditions for aristocracy, an organic growth, no longer exist, so that impulse toward aristocracy always emerges now in the form of dictatorship."

Whittaker Chambers, 28 Dec 1957

"English laws and institutions, adapted to the circumstances of the country, have been adopted here . . . The tendency of things is to mold the whole into one people, whose leading characteristics are English, formed on American soil."

Jesse Chickering, 1848

"Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. No stronger retrograde force exists in the World."

Winston Churchill, *The River War* (1899)

"Islam is as dangerous in a man as rabies in a dog."

Winston Churchill

"The disposition to hunt down rich men as if they were noxious beasts is a very attractive sport."

Winston Churchill, *Great Contemporaries* (1939)

"The millionaire or multi-millionaire is a highly economic animal. He sucks up with sponge-like efficiency from all quarters. In this process, far from depriving ordinary people of their earnings, he launches enterprise and carries it through, raises values, and he expands that credit without which on a vast scale no fuller economic life can be opened to the millions. To hunt wealth is not to capture commonwealth."

Winston Churchill, *Great Contemporaries* (1939)

"... we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender..."

Winston Churchill, 4 June 1940

"Any man who is under 30, and is not a liberal, has not heart; and any man who is over 30, and is not a conservative, has no brains." [alternate version: "has no heart."]

Winston Churchill

"Courage is the first of all human qualities, because it is the quality that guarantees all others."	Winston Churchill
"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."	Winston Churchill
"When I am abroad I always make it a rule never to criticize or attack the Government of my country. I make up for lost time when I am at home."	Winston Churchill, 1947
"Law, language, literature—these are considerable factors. Common conceptions of what is right and decent, a marked regard for fair play, especially to the weak and poor, a stern sentiment of impartial justice, and above all a love of personal freedom . . . these are the common conceptions on both sides of the ocean among the English-speaking peoples."	Winston Churchill
Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery."	Winston Churchill
"We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm." <i>see similar quotes by Kipling and Orwell.</i>	Winston Churchill
"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to put its pants on." <i>(See similar quote by Mark Twain)</i>	Winston Churchill [13 total]
"I do not believe that the power and duty of the general government ought to be extended to the relief of individual suffering which is in no manner properly related to the public service or benefit. A prevalent tendency to disregard the limited mission of this power and duty should, I think, be steadfastly resisted, to the end that the lesson should be constantly enforced that, though the people support the government, the government should not support the people. The friendliness and charity of our countrymen can always be relied upon to relieve their fellow-citizens in misfortune. This has been repeatedly and quite lately demonstrated. Federal aid in such cases encourages the expectation of paternal care on the part of the government and weakens the sturdiness of our national character, while it prevents the indulgence among our people of that kindly sentiment and conduct which strengthens the bonds of a common brotherhood."	Grover Cleveland, 1887
"I must remind you—Lords, Senators—that extreme patriotism in defense of freedom is no crime, and let me respectfully remind you that pusillanimity in the pursuit of justice is no virtue in a Roman."	Marcus Tullius Cicero, Fourth Oration Against Catiline, 63 BC See Goldwater .
"The national budget must be balanced. The public debt must be reduced; the arrogance of the authorities must be moderated and controlled. Payments to foreign governments must be reduced, if the nation doesn't want to go bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance."	Marcus Tullius Cicero, 55 BC
"To be ignorant of the past is to be forever a child. For what is the time of a man, except it be interwoven with that memory of ancient things of a superior age?"	Marcus Tullius Cicero, "Orator Ad M. Brutum, 46 B.C.
"The more laws, the less justice."	Marcus Tullius Cicero, "De Officiis," 44 BC
"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear. The traitor is the plague."	Marcus Tullius Cicero, 42 BC
"It is lack of confidence, more than anything else, that kills a civilisation. We can destroy ourselves by cynicism and disillusion, just as effectively as by bombs."	Kenneth Clark (1903-1983)

"I know what honor is. It has been an honor to protect and serve all of you. I faced death with the secure knowledge that you would not have to. Never falter! Dont hesitate to honor and support those of us who have the honor of protecting that which is worth protecting."	Marine Staff Sgt Dan Clay, shortly before he died in action in Fallujah, December 2005
"Growth is not a cure-all, but the lack of growth is a kill-all."	Paul Collier, <i>The Bottom Billion</i> (2007)
"A man or a nation is not placed upon this earth to do merely what is pleasant and what is profitable. It is often called upon to carry out what is both unpleasant and unprofitable, but if it is obviously right it is mere shirking not to undertake it."	Arthur Conan Doyle, <i>The Tragedy of the Korosko</i>
"They're just journalists, they're not Americans." (of Peter Jennings and Mike Wallace, who said they felt no duty to warn US servicemen of an impending ambush.) http://www.mrc.org/cyberalerts/2006/cyb20060317.asp#5 http://www.mrc.org/Profiles/wallace/welcome.asp	Col. George Connell USMC, 1987
"Any organization not explicitly right-wing sooner or later becomes left-wing."	Robert Conquest
"There is no right to strike against the public safety by anyone, anywhere, any time."	Calvin Coolidge, 1919
"The government of a country never gets ahead of the religion of a country. There is no way by which we can substitute the authority of law for the virtue of man."	Calvin Coolidge, Oct. 1924
"I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people."	Calvin Coolidge
"The collection of any taxes which are not absolutely required, which do not beyond reasonable doubt contribute to the public welfare, is only a species of legalized larceny. Under this Republic the rewards of industry belong to those who earn them. The only constitutional tax is the tax which ministers to public necessity. The property of the country belongs to the people of the country. Their title is absolute."	Calvin Coolidge
"We cannot finance the country, we cannot improve social conditions, through any system of injustice, even if we attempt to inflict it upon the rich. Those who suffer the most harm will be the poor."	Calvin Coolidge
"The wise and correct course is not to destroy those who have already secured success but to create conditions under which everyone will have a better chance to be successful."	Calvin Coolidge
"When government comes unduly under the influence of business, the tendency is to develop an administration which closes the door of opportunity; becomes narrow and selfish in its outlook, and results in an oligarchy. When government enters the field of business with its great resources, it has a tendency to extravagance and inefficiency, but, having the power to crush all competitors, likewise closes the door of opportunity and results in monopoly."	Calvin Coolidge
"If business can be let alone and assured of reasonable freedom from governmental interference and increased taxes, that will do more than all kinds of legislation to relieve depression."	Calvin Coolidge
"I am opposed to extremely high rates, because they produce little or no revenue, because they are bad for the country, and finally, because they are wrong."	Calvin Coolidge
"I want taxes to be less, that the people may have more."	Calvin Coolidge
"It is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones."	Calvin Coolidge
"Don't just do something. Stand there!"	Calvin Coolidge
"It is difficult for men in high office to avoid the malady of self-delusion. They are surrounded by worshippers. They live in an artificial atmosphere of adulation and exaltation, which sooner or later impairs their judgment. They are in grave danger of becoming arrogant or careless."	Calvin Coolidge

"It is a great advantage to a President, and a major source of safety to the country, for him to know that he is not a great man. We draw our Presidents from the people. I came from them. I wish to be one of them again."	Calvin Coolidge
"The business of America is business. And the ideal of America is idealism. "	Calvin Coolidge
"If we had a tax whereby on the first working day the government took five percent, the second day ten percent, the third day thirty, the fourth day forty, the fifth day fifty, the sixth day sixty, how many of you would continue to work on the last days of the week? It is the same with capital."	Calvin Coolidge
"There are countries that apply religious or sharia law: Saudi Arabia and Iran come to mind. If a person wants to live under sharia law these are countries where they might feel at ease. But not Australia."	Peter Costello, Treasurer of Australia 1996-2007
"We should invade their countries, kill their leaders, and convert them to Christianity."	Ann Coulter, 13 Sept 2001
"Muslims feel humiliated now? We'll show them humiliated."	Ann Coulter, "Build Them Back," 7 June 2002
"Maureen Dowd's 'absolute moral authority' column demonstrates, once again, what can happen when liberals start tossing around terms they don't understand, like <i>absolute</i> and <i>moral</i> ."	Ann Coulter, 17 Aug 2005
"Today, Times editors and columnists are doing what liberals always do when they're caught red-handed committing treason: They scream that they're being 'intimidated' before hurling more invective."	Ann Coulter, 12 July 2006: "N.Y. Times: Better Dead Than Read"
"Liberals are always play-acting that they are under some monstrous attack from the right wing as they insouciantly place all Americans in danger. Their default position is umbrage, bordering on high dudgeon."	Ann Coulter, 12 July 2006: "N.Y. Times: Better Dead Than Read"
"We've had to listen to them whine for 50 years about the brute Joe McCarthy, whose name liberals blackened while sheltering Soviet spies."	Ann Coulter, 12 July 2006: "N.Y. Times: Better Dead Than Read"
"America has been under relentless attack from Islamic terrorists for 20 years, culminating in a devastating attack on U.S. soil on 9/11. It's not going to stop unless we fight back, annihilate Muslim fanatics, destroy their bases, eliminate their sponsors, and end all their hope."	Ann Coulter, <i>Godless</i> (p. 127)
"Leave aside the part of this precious constitutional right that involves (1) not allowing Americans to vote on the matter, and (2) suctioning brains out of half-born babies. The right to have sex with men you don't want to have children with is not exactly 'Give me liberty, or give me death.' "	Ann Coulter, 11 Jan 2006, on the critical importance of <i>Roe v Wade</i> to Dianne Feinstein & Co.
"The movie <i>Inherit the Wind</i> portrays the Scopes trial about as accurately as <i>The Flintstones</i> portrays prehistoric man."	Ann Coulter, <i>Godless</i> (p. 261)
"For liberals, as soon as they conclude it's bad to torture animals, they think they should be able to marry them. Why not? If horses and donkeys can have sex with one another, why not Dick Durbin and his German shepherd? What's the difference? Why should Dick and his faithful companion be denied the same basic right to marry the rest of us enjoy?"	Ann Coulter, <i>Godless</i> (p. 277)
"This is liberalism's real strength: it is no longer susceptible to <i>reductio ad absurdum</i> arguments. Before you can come up with a comical take on their worldview, some college professor has already written an article advancing the idea."	Ann Coulter, <i>Godless</i> (p. 280)
"Apparently, even the French prefer Western civilization to clitorectomy-performing, car-burning savages."	Ann Coulter, 9 May 2007
"All peasant cultures exhibit extremely non-progressive views on women and children."	Ann Coulter, 22 July 2015

Mexico just happens to have the peasant culture that lives within walking distance of the United States."

"This extraconstitutional construct has grown tiresome. The First Amendment does not demand a wall of separation between church and state. Our nation's history is replete with governmental acknowledgment and in some cases, accommodation of religion."

6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
20 Dec 2005 (*ACLU v Mercer County*)

"In Britain, such sentiments about working-class people are expressed every day by politicians of all parties. They are the common currency of the patronising Left-wing snobbery that pours out of every orifice of the BBC."

Janet Daley, 21 Apr 2008

"Since the Sixties, when a diluted and incoherent Marxist ideology took hold of higher education, university has become a Left-liberal sheep-dip through which every middle-class professional has to pass."

Janet Daley, 21 Apr 2008

"To assent to obvious lies is to co-operate with evil, and in some small way to become evil oneself. One's standing to resist anything is thus eroded, and even destroyed. A society of emasculated liars is easy to control. I think if you examine political correctness, it has the same effect and is intended to."

Theodore Dalrymple (Anthony Daniels)

"Where two pieties—feminism and multiculturalism—come into conflict, the only way of preserving both is an indecent silence."

Theodore Dalrymple (Anthony Daniels)

"Kahlil Gibran certainly mastered the difficult art of writing entirely in clichés without saying much that is true. He is so greatly loved because he never forces us to think.."

Anthony Daniels, Dec. 2007

"So far all we've done is put this volatile and unacceptable situation in the inept, corrupt, impotent, bungling and American hating hands of the United Nations which means that exactly nothing will happen, not next year, not in the next fifty years and certainly not before the Iranians are holding the planet hostage."

Charlie Daniels, 13 Nov 2006

"Never take a dollar from a free citizen through the coercion of taxation without a very legitimate purpose. We have a solemn duty to spend that dollar as carefully as possible, because when we took it we diminished that person's freedom."

Mitch Daniels, 2009

"It was the love of God I was desperate for but never found in Islam. I lived half my life in Islam and my soul was empty, and in this Church in the U.S. my soul was revived and nourished with love of all of humanity."

[Nonie Darwish, 11 Feb 2003](#)

"In the Arab world we were only taught one meaning for Jihad, and that is: A religious holy war against infidels and armed struggle against anyone who is not a Moslem."

Nonie Darwish, 2006

"I believe in the Constitution of the United States; I believe in the division of powers that it makes. I believe in the right of private property, the sanctity and binding power of contracts; the duty of self-help. I am opposed to confiscatory taxation, wasteful expenditure, socialized industry, and a planned economy controlled and directed by government functionaries. I believe these things to be inimical to human liberty and destructive of American ideals."

John W. Davis (1873-1955)

"Paternalism fastens its grasp upon the country, and, little by little, the practice of local self-government fades away. Baptize a scheme, even the most fantastic, with a high-sounding and attractive title, and it will elicit the public support."

John W. Davis (1873-1955)

"Nothing but mischief, to my way of thinking, can come from any government attempting tasks which lie beyond its power to accomplish."

John W. Davis (1873-1955)

"History furnishes no instance where the right of man to acquire and hold property has been taken away without the complete destruction of liberty in all its forms."

John W. Davis (1873-1955)

"Where faith is absent...man is divorced from reality. He is living in the dark and all his intellectual and political systems become distorted and unreal."

Christopher Dawson (1891-1970)

"We have returned to our holiest of holy places, never to depart again."

Moshe Dayan, June 1967

"Everybody fought for something that is a combination of love, belief, and country. If I may say so, we felt we were fighting to prevent the fall of the Third Temple."	Moshe Dayan, June 1967
"Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong." (Toast given at Norfolk VA, April 1816)	Stephen Decatur
"The climate-change legions are recruited mainly from the Western Left-intelligentsia, their kitbags stuffed with all the sub-Marxist and ethno-masochist flapdoodle of the modern academy. They hate capitalism, they hate Western civilization, and they hate their own ancestors."	John Derbyshire, 30 Nov 2009
"For casualties to be acceptable on the battlefield, people need collective ideals and values that transform their society into a sacred entity."	Leon De Winter, 7 March 2006
"As soon as we let people from the Third World come here to work in our rich country, we...somehow saw them as sacred victims."	Leon De Winter (speaking of Holland)
"It's a parent's job, including these parents who are protesting, to teach their children the difference between two thugs who murder their classmates and a soldier who died fighting for their freedom."	Patsy Dietz, widow of Petty Officer Danny Dietz (Afghanistan, 2005)
"A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money."	Everett Dirksen (1896-1969)
"In a progressive country, change is constant; and the great question is not whether you should resist change, which is inevitable, but whether that change should be carried out in deference to the manners, the customs, the laws and traditions of a people, or whether it should be carried out in deference to abstract principles, and arbitrary and general doctrines."	Benjamin Disraeli
"I was in the real crossfire. It wasn't on television. It was over in Italy somewhere, a long time ago."	Bob Dole, referring to Pat Buchanan's role as host of CNN's <i>Crossfire</i>
"I figured it up the other day: If we added up the killed and wounded in Democrat wars in this century, it would be about 1.6 million Americans — enough to fill the city of Detroit."	Bob Dole, in 1976 VP debate
"Will we choose to subject ourselves — this great country — to the despotism of bureaucracy, controlling our every act, destroying what equality we have attained, reducing us eventually to the condition of impoverished slaves of the state? Or will we cling to the liberties for which man has struggled for more than a thousand years?"	Lewis W. Douglas, at Harvard in May 1935 (FDR's budget director, 1933-34)
"Find out what people will submit to, and you have found out the exact amount of injustice which will be imposed upon them."	Frederick Douglass
"So far from being a sin to accumulate property, it is the plain duty of every man to lay up something for the future."	Frederick Douglass
"I have no sympathy for the narrow, selfish notion of economy which assumes that every crumb of bread which goes into the mouth of one class is so much taken from the mouths of another class."	Frederick Douglass
"The non-producers now receive the larger share of what those who labor produce. The result is natural. Discontent culminates in exactly the same ratio that intelligence sustains aspiration."	Frederick Douglass
"What I ask for the negro is not benevolence, not pity, not sympathy, but simply <i>justice</i> . The American people have always been anxious to know what they shall do with us... I have had but one answer from the beginning. Do nothing with us! Your doing with us has already played the mischief with us. Do nothing with us! If the apples will not remain on the tree of their own strength, if they are worm-eaten at the core, if they are early ripe and disposed to fall, let them fall! ... And if the negro cannot stand on his own legs, let him	Frederick Douglass "What the Black Man Wants," address delivered in Boston, January 26, 1865

fall also. All I ask is, give him a chance to stand on his own legs! Let him alone! ...
[Y]our interference is doing him positive injury."

"Freedom, Open Borders, and a Welfare State. Pick any two."

Don John (with thanks to Milton Friedman and James C. Bennett)

"Multilateralism is a synonym for an ineffective and unfocused policy involving internationalism of the lowest common denominator."

Alexander Downer, Australian Foreign Minister 1996-2007.

"To say that morals are relative is to say they don't exist."

Selwyn Duke, 29 Apr 2011

"The reason why the West no longer knows what to fund or fight for—or fear—is that it wallows in a relativistic morass of moral confusion."

Selwyn Duke, 29 Apr 2011

"If you want total security, go to prison. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing lacking... is freedom."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

"A heretic is a person who seizes upon a truth and pushes it to a point where it becomes a falsehood."

T.S. Eliot

"There are no lost causes, because there are no won causes."

T.S. Eliot

"To us there is only the trying. The rest is not our business."

T.S. Eliot

"I hate war as the pacifists in bad or good faith never will. I loathe it. Every book I have written overflows with that loathing, and I cannot bear the sight of guns... **When peace stands for surrender, fear, loss of dignity and freedom, it is no longer peace. It's suicide.**"

Oriana Fallaci, 13 March 2003 WSJ column "The Rage, the Pride, and the Doubt"

"If a pope and an atheist say the same thing, in that thing there must be something tremendously true."

Oriana Fallaci, 28 Nov 2005 address on *The Force of Reason*

"I don't believe in the Dialogue with Islam...such dialogue is a monologue, a soliloquy nourished by our naivete or unconfessed despair."

Oriana Fallaci, 28 Nov 2005 address on *The Force of Reason*

"The Koran is the *Mein Kampf* of a religion which has always aimed to eliminate the others."

Oriana Fallaci, 28 Nov 2005 address on *The Force of Reason*

"Truth inspires fear."

Oriana Fallaci, 28 Nov 2005 address on *The Force of Reason*

"If I have the right to love whom I want, I also have and must have the right to hate whom I want."

Oriana Fallaci, 28 Nov 2005 address on *The Force of Reason*

"For the counterestablishmentarians, 'program' and 'funding' are words with talismanic power."

Andrew Ferguson, 14 Oct 2012

"When hatred of culture becomes itself a part of culture, the life of the mind loses all meaning."

Alain Finkielkraut, in *The Undoing of Thought*, 1988

"Anti-racism is the Communism of the twenty-first century."

Alain Finkielkraut, 2018

"In Sweden, you cannot say that certain ethnic groups are more involved in crime than others. That's hateful and banned by law. But you can say that all men are animals, and you will get state support for doing so."

Fjordman, 11 May 2008

"I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. In my youth I travelled much, and I observed in different countries, that **the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer.**"

Benjamin Franklin

"Laws without morals are in vain."

Benjamin Franklin

"There's no such thing as a free lunch."	Milton Friedman
"A society that aims for equality before liberty will end up with neither equality nor liberty."	Milton Friedman
"You can only aim at equality by giving some people the right to take things from others."	Milton Friedman
"Political freedom means the absence of coercion of a man by his fellow men."	Milton Friedman
"You cannot simultaneously have free immigration and a welfare state."	Milton Friedman
"Higher taxes never reduce the deficit. Governments spend whatever they take in and then whatever they can get away with."	Milton Friedman
"The only relevant test of the validity of a hypothesis is comparison of its predictions with experience."	Milton Friedman
"If an exchange between two parties is voluntary, it will not take place unless both believe they will benefit from it. Most economic fallacies derive from the neglect of this simple insight, from the tendency to assume that there is a fixed pie, that one party can gain only at the expense of another."	Milton Friedman
"Inflation has been irresistibly attractive to sovereigns because it is a hidden tax that at first appears painless or even pleasant... It is truly taxation without representation."	Milton Friedman
"If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in 5 years there'd be a shortage of sand."	Milton Friedman
"We do not write these things and do these things because we think that we will ultimately be able to persuade the other side; we do them because we know that when the other side fails and finally there are no other options left, we will be there with the solutions that are true and that will work."	Milton Friedman [11 total]
"A liberal is a man too broadminded to take his own side in a quarrel."	Robert Frost
"Government prohibitions do always more mischief than had been calculated; and it is not without much hesitation that a statesman should hazard to regulate the concerns of individuals as if he could do it better than themselves."	Albert Gallatin, on the Embargo Act (1807)
"Liberals are loyal to philosophical abstractions—and seek harmony with the French and Germans. Conservatives are loyal to their own nation, and seek harmony with its Founders and heroes and guiding principles."	David Gelernter, Sept. 2007
"If the fifties were the decade of infrastructure, the sixties were the decade of entitlements and social services—and the sixties haven't ended."	Nicole Gelinas, "The Crumbling of America," 3 Aug 2007
"Freedom of worship was guaranteed in the Constitution of the former Soviet Union. You could go to church, if you could find one. The church, however, could do nothing except conduct religious rites in places of worship — no schools, religious publications, health care institutions, organized charity, ministry for justice and works of mercy that flow naturally from a living faith. We fought a long Cold War to defeat that vision of society."	Francis Cardinal George, 2013
"I expect to die in bed. My successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square. His successor will pick up the shards of a ruined society and slowly help rebuild civilization, as the Church has done so often in human history."	Francis Cardinal George (Archbishop of Chicago 1997-2014)
"The CIA is, without a doubt, the most overstuffed national-security bureaucracy in Washington."	Reuel Marc Gerecht, 22 Jan 2006
"When everybody's somebody, nobody's anybody." (Grand Inquisitor, <i>The Gondoliers</i>)	William S. Gilbert

"Modern, bureaucratic, unionized education is a form of intellectual child abuse."	Newt Gingrich, 29 Sept 2006
"Over the last century, millions of people from all over the world have come to New York City. They didn't come here to be taken care of and to be dependent on city government. They came here for the freedom to take care of themselves."	Rudy Giuliani
"Murder and graffiti are two vastly different crimes. But they are part of the same continuum, and a climate that tolerates one is more likely to tolerate the other."	Rudy Giuliani
"The best social program for ending poverty is fatherhood."	Rudy Giuliani
"Maybe we should wake people up to the way this terrorist is being romanticized."	Rudy Giuliani, of Yasser Arafat
"You don't have a right to government subsidy for desecrating somebody else's religion, and therefore we will do everything that we can to remove funding for time until the director comes to his senses."	Rudy Giuliani, of Brooklyn MOA's "Sensation" exhibit which included Virgin Mary smeared with elephant dung.
"The UN has proved irrelevant to the resolution of almost every major dispute of the last 50 years."	Rudy Giuliani, 15 Aug 2007
"Never talk for the sake of talking, and never accept a bad deal for the sake of making a deal."	Rudy Giuliani, 15 Aug 2007
"The only way to successfully fight your enemies is to actually fight them."	Caroline Glick, 8 Nov 2007
"The key issue is no longer WMD or even the role of the U.N. The central issue is America's credibility and will to prevail."	Goh Chok Tong, former PM of Singapore (2004)
"Every move the President makes on immigration is the political equivalent of Foghorn Leghorn trying to walk through a field of garden rakes."	Jonah Goldberg, 5 June 2007
"They hold fast to the idea that we are a 'nation of immigrants'—forgetting that we are also a nation of immigrants who became <i>Americans</i> ."	Jonah Goldberg, 2 Oct 2007
"The good Lord raised this mighty Republic to be a home for the brave and to flourish as the land of the free—not to stagnate in the swampland of collectivism, not to cringe before the bullying of communism."	Barry Goldwater, 16 July 1964
"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."	Barry Goldwater, 16 July 1964. See Cicero.
"The nice thing about politics and sex is you don't have to be good at them to enjoy them."	Barry Goldwater
"The cycle of decay and renewal is as much a part of capitalism as it is of the forest floor."	James Grant, <i>Money of the Mind</i> (1994)
"To be a progressive is to be committed to perpetual reform in the name of perpetual grievance for perpetual power."	Daniel Greenfield, 2012
"Most inter-faith dialogue consists of mutual affirmation of meaningless statements."	Dr. Samuel Gregg (Acton Inst.) on <i>Laura Ingraham Show</i> , 15 Sept 2006
"The safety of a republic depends essentially on the energy of a common national sentiment; on a uniformity of principles and habits; on the exemption of the citizens from foreign bias and prejudice; and on that love of country which will almost invariably be found to be closely connected with birth, education, and family."	Alexander Hamilton, 1802
"To admit foreigners indiscriminately to the rights of citizens the moment they put foot in our country would be nothing less than to admit the Grecian horse into the citadel of our liberty and sovereignty."	Alexander Hamilton
"Had every Athenian citizen been a Socrates, every Athenian assembly would still have	Alexander Hamilton, <i>Federalist 55</i>

been a mob."

"Popular liberty might then have escaped the indelible reproach of decreeing to the same citizens, the hemlock on one day, and statues on the next."

Alexander Hamilton, *Federalist 63*

"It is impossible to foresee or define the extent and variety of national exigencies, or the correspondent extent and variety of the means which may be necessary to satisfy them. The circumstances that endanger the safety of nations are infinite; and for this reason no constitutional shackles can wisely be imposed on the power to which the care of it is committed."

Alexander Hamilton

"Freedom is the glue of capitalism, that amoral wisdom of the markets that most efficiently allots goods and services to a citizenry."

Victor Davis Hanson, *Carnage and Culture*

"If we wish to learn what was going on in Europe in 1938, just look around."

Victor Davis Hanson, 4 August 2006

"If we covered California like we do Iraq, it would be all about police killed, violence in central L.A., violence in Oakland, violence in Fresno."

Victor Davis Hanson (on Laura Ingraham Show, 2 March 2006)

"I never underestimate the lunacy or the influence of National Public Radio, of the Washington Post, of the New York Times, CBS News, Newsweek Magazine. It's a grave mistake for conservatives to say you know, 'this is just in the Beltway,' because somebody in Omaha turns on NPR once in a while. Somebody looks at Newsweek in the airport waiting room. They have enormous influence that belies their actual numbers."

Victor Davis Hanson, 20 Dec 2006

"Obama is beginning to grate. His flip-the-switch-on, evangelical cadences at rallies sound more like a Harvard nerd doing blues imitations than Martin Luther King Jr."

Victor Davis Hanson, 20 Jan 2010

"I do not personally regard the whole of the remaining cities of Germany as worth the bones of one British grenadier."

Arthur "Bomber" Harris, head of Britain's Bomber Command in WW2.

"Dresden was a mass of munitions works, an intact government center, and a key transportation point to the East. It is now none of these things."

Arthur "Bomber" Harris, head of Britain's Bomber Command in WW2.

"Forgetfulness occurs when those who have been long inured to civilized order can no longer remember a time in which they had to wonder whether their crops would grow to maturity without being stolen or their children sold into slavery by a victorious foe. That, before 9/11, was what had happened to us. The very concept of the enemy had been banished from our moral and political vocabulary."

Lee Harris, in *Civilization and its Enemies* (2004)

"When a dove can protect our children from religious fanatics who'd like to behead them, I'll visit the National Peace Dove Memorial. For now, I look forward to taking my kids to Littleton and explaining why guys like Danny Dietz deserve to be honored."

David Harsanyi, *Denver Post* columnist.

"Our goal in war can only be attained by the subjugation of the opposing will...All such acts as defeat in the field, propaganda, blockade, diplomacy, or attack on the centres of government and population are seen to be but means to that end."

Sir Basil Liddell Hart, armored warfare strategist (1895-1970)

"The curious task of economics is to demonstrate to men how little they really know about what they imagine they can design."

Friedrich Hayek (1899-1992)

"The political ideals of a people and its attitude toward authority are as much the effect as the cause of the political institutions under which it lives. This means, among other things, that even a strong tradition of political liberty is no safeguard if the danger is precisely that new institutions and policies will gradually undermine and destroy that spirit."

Friedrich Hayek (1899-1992)

"Not only is liberty a system under which all government action is guided by principles, but it is an ideal that will not be preserved unless it is itself accepted as an overriding principle governing all particular acts of legislation."

Friedrich Hayek (1899-1992)

"A society that does not recognize that each individual has values of his own, which he is entitled to follow, can have no respect for the dignity of the individual, and

Friedrich Hayek (1899-1992)

cannot really know freedom."

"Nothing can have a more deadening effect on real participation by the citizen than if government, instead of merely providing the essential framework for spontaneous growth, becomes monolithic and takes charge of the provisions for all needs. ... It is the great merit of the spontaneous order concerned only with means that it makes possible the existence of a large number of distinct and voluntary value communities serving such values as science, the arts, sports, and the like."

Friedrich Hayek (1899-1992)

"The art of economics consists in looking not merely at the immediate but at the longer effects of any act or policy; it consists in tracing the consequences of that policy not merely for one group but for all groups."

Henry Hazlitt (1894-1993)
Economics in One Lesson

"The commonplace critic believes that truth lies in the middle, between the extremes of right and wrong."

William Henry Hazlitt (1778-1830)

"The left doesn't mind if comedians savage PC. So what? You get to laugh at the cartoon version but they use the real stuff to fire and eliminate whomever they wish. Thus do we all become their sheep."

Daniel Henninger, 3 May 2007

"The essence of modern Democratic progressivism is: 'You *will* participate in what we have created for you, and you *will* comply with the law's demands.'"

Daniel Henninger, 31 Oct 2013

"Pacifists are the most immoral of men."

Patrick Henry

"The greatest accomplishment of the Jimmy Carter presidency was that he provided forthcoming Presidents with the evidence of what tremendous damage could be done by choosing to abandon the nation's friends."

Bruce Herschensohn, *Obama's Globe* (2012)

"Political correctness is tyranny with manners."

Charlton Heston

"Postmodernism is the academic far Left's epistemological strategy for responding to the crisis caused by the failures of socialism in theory and in practice. Confronted by harsh evidence and ruthless logic the far Left had a reply: That is only logic and evidence; logic and evidence are subjective; you cannot really prove anything; feelings are deeper than logic; and our feelings say socialism."

Stephen Hicks,
Explaining Postmodernism

"Norway's media are engaged in a sick tolerance competition, in which whoever tolerates the most intolerance wins, and the one who suggests that we perhaps should not tolerate so much intolerance is automatically branded as the most intolerant of all."

Hans-Christian Holm, in letter to
Dagbladet, October 2007

The screen of liberal arrogance denies what it has seen in order to explain it, and thereby understand it, and thereby surrender to it.

David Horowitz, 25 June 2002

"A 'peace' movement directed at one side makes sense only as an effort to force that side to retreat from the battle and lose the war, which is exactly what the Columbia professor said. If this is patriotism, what is treason?"

David Horowitz, 31 March 2003

"Liberals *abhor* the 'politics of personal destruction,' except when they're practicing it themselves."

David Horowitz, 7 Sept 2004

" Here begins the kind of vicious name-calling and mudslinging that is the only real discourse political savages like yourself are able to muster. In sequence you call me a liar, imply that I am idiot and infer that I am a racist. This is an unappealing confession of intellectual impotence."

David Horowitz, 19 Aug 2005, to
Cindy Sheehan advisor David Swanson

"The unanchored pronouncements you make in this paragraph are further indication that you live inside the conspiratorial (and self-fulfilling) myths of a political movement that is unable to examine its assumptions and beliefs even when they have been refuted by the evidence over and over again."

David Horowitz, 19 Aug 2005, to
Cindy Sheehan advisor David Swanson

"You do not understand the war in Iraq or the world you actually live in."

David Horowitz, 19 Aug 2005, to

Cindy Sheehan advisor David Swanson

"The most powerful and pernicious of all human follies is the desire to stifle truth in the name of hope."

David Horowitz, 20 May 2005
("The End of Time")

"The Twentieth Century is a graveyard in which millions of corpses were sacrificed to the illusion of an earthly salvation."

David Horowitz, 20 May 2005
("The End of Time")

"You have described academics as 'innately hostile to claims based primarily on mere faith,' which you identify with conservatism. Does it not occur to you as someone disposed to look at the evidence, and as an expert in political theory that conservatives regard Marxists and feminists as essentially religious types, whose ideologies are matters not of evidence but of faith? Are you unaware that entire academic fields are based on mythical ideas that only leftists believe – for example, the existence of race, gender and class hierarchies in market democracies, which outlaw discrimination based on race, gender and social class? Do you not think the mere existence of academic studies of 'institutional racism' (e.g., the text *Racism Without Racists* – which is required in many sociology courses) in a society which has a constitutionally-based equal protections clause is evidence of faith-based thinking in the present leftwing academy?"

David Horowitz to Peter Steinberger
(Reed College), 2006

"Making excuses for Lebanese appeasement of these agendas while directing moral outrage against the intended victims repeats a familiar pattern among leftist critics of America and Israel. In weighing in on the frontline battles against the terrorists in Lebanon, Gaza and Iraq, critics attribute civilian casualties not to the terrorists but to their opponents; liberation and self-defense are denounced as "occupation." This is not even moral equivalence; it is sympathy for the devil."

David Horowitz, 24 July 2006

"Black studies celebrates Blackness, Chicano studies celebrates Chicanos, Women's studies celebrates women, and white studies attacks white people as evil."

David Horowitz

"I have no personal memory of those times, and no responsibility for them. Neither has the grandson of the man who held my folks. . . . I have no intention of wasting my time beating on old graves. . . . Slavery is the price I paid for civilization, and that is worth all that I have paid through my ancestors for it."

Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960)

"What is a conservative if not a social conservative?"

"[Imploder](#)," 5 Nov 2008

"You've got to fight this a little more like Tony Soprano, and less like Oprah Winfrey."

Laura Ingraham, 10 Jan 2007

"After years of hearing about the computer-generated scary scenarios about the future of our planet, I now believe that **the greatest climate threat we face may be coming from alarmist computer models.**"

Sen. James Inhofe, 25 Sept 2006

"Give the Democrats credit for one thing: They know that by repeating something often enough, even if it's not true, the media will pick up on it and run it. It then becomes common wisdom, regardless what the reality is."

Investor's Business Daily, 5 Jan 2007

"Jimmy Carter: the man who makes Neville Chamberlain look like Dirty Harry."

Investor's Business Daily, 21 May 2007

"John Marshall has made his decision; now let him enforce it."

Andrew Jackson, concerning *Worcester v. Georgia* (1832)

"Each public officer, who takes an oath to support the Constitution, swears that he will support it as he understands it, and not as it is understood by others."

Andrew Jackson, 10 July 1832,
regarding the Bank of the United States

"There is danger that, if the Court does not temper its doctrinaire logic with a little practical wisdom, it will convert the constitutional Bill of Rights into a suicide pact."

[Justice Robert Jackson, 1949](#)

"If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein."

Justice Robert Jackson, in *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette* (1943).

"Night after night, I see Muslim national organizations like the Council for American-

M. Zuhdi Jasser, 30 March 2006

Islamic Relations cry out over and over about anecdotal victimization while saying and doing absolutely nothing about the most vile hate-speak and actions toward Jews and Christians in the Muslim world. It is the most self-serving of outrage."

"When a piece of ground is wanted for a use important to the State, I know that the State has a right to take it from the owner, on paying the full value of it; but certainly the Legislature has no right to compel a freeholder to part with his land to any of his fellow-citizens, nor to deprive him of the use of it, in order to accommodate one or more of his neighbours in the prosecution of their particular trade or business. Such an act, by violating the rights of property, would be a most dangerous precedent."

John Jay, 1812

"The fundamental error of socialism is anthropological in nature. Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated... Socialism likewise maintains that the good of the individual can be realized without reference to his free choice, to the unique and exclusive responsibility which he exercises in the face of good or evil."

Pope John Paul II (*Centesimus Annus*, 1991)

"No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms."

Thomas Jefferson, draft of the Virginia Constitution

"To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical."

Thomas Jefferson, *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom*

All experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed."

Thomas Jefferson, *Declaration of Independence*

"To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude."

Thomas Jefferson

"The transaction of business with foreign nations is executive altogether; it belongs, then, to the head of that department, except as to such portions of it as are specially submitted to the senate. Exceptions are to be construed strictly."

Thomas Jefferson

"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God?"

Thomas Jefferson

"I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it."

Thomas Jefferson

"Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Thomas Jefferson

"The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground."

Thomas Jefferson (1788 letter)

"Dependance [dependence] begets subservience and venality, suffocates the germ of virtue, and prepares fit tools for the designs of ambition."

Thomas Jefferson

"On matters of style, swim with the current; on matters of principle, stand like a rock."

Thomas Jefferson

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

Thomas Jefferson (to William Stephens Smith, 13 Nov 1787 in Paris)

"A wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities."

Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural, 4 March 1801

"To take from one, because it is thought that his own industry and that of his fathers has acquired too much, in order to spare to others, who, or whose fathers, have not exercised equal industry and skill, is to violate arbitrarily the first principle of association, the guarantee to every one of a free exercise of his industry and the fruits acquired by it."	Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural, 4 March 1801
"If we can but prevent the government from wasting the labours of the people, under the pretence of taking care of them, they must become happy."	Thomas Jefferson (to Thomas Cooper, 29 Nov 1802)
"It is incumbent on every generation to pay it's own debts as it goes. a principle which, if acted on, wou [ld] save one half the wars of the world; and justifies, I think our present circumspection."	Thomas Jefferson (to Antoine Louis Claude Destutt de Tracy, 26 Dec1820)
"Laws are made for men of ordinary understanding and should, therefore, be construed by the ordinary rules of common sense. Their meaning is not to be sought for in metaphysical subtleties which may make anything mean everything or nothing at pleasure."	Thomas Jefferson, late in life [17 total]
"To the left, 'character assassination' means quoting their own words back to them."	Charles Johnson, 4 May 2007 (before he turned moonbat)
"It was not the American people which lost its stomach for the kind of sacrifices Kennedy had demanded in his Inaugural. It was the American leadership."	Paul Johnson (British historian)
"A society of sheep begets a government of wolves."	Bertrand de Jouvenel
"Nationalism means patriotism, and patriotism requires heroes, not victims."	Robert D. Kaplan, 4 Oct 2007
"The two enduring mysteries of contemporary politics are why President Bush doesn't talk more about the war on terror, and why Democrats won't shut up about it."	Jack Kelly, 4 Jan 2006
"After all, once we have a living Constitution, we shouldn't be surprised to find we have a living bankruptcy law, too."	Charles Kesler, 2010
"Prophecies of the end have been with us since the beginning."	Roger Kimball, "The Fortunes of Permanence"
"What goes under the name of multiculturalism in our colleges and universities today is really a polysyllabic form of mono-culturalism fueled by ideological hatred. Genuine multiculturalism involves a great deal of work, beginning, say, with the arduous task of learning other languages, something most of those who call themselves multiculturalists are conspicuously loath to do."	Roger Kimball, "Future tense, XI: The lessons of culture," June 2012
"If evil men were not now and then slain it would not be a good world for weaponless dreamers."	Rudyard Kipling, <i>Kim</i>
"Yes, making mock o' uniforms that guard you while you sleep." <i>see similar quotes by Churchill and Orwell.</i>	Rudyard Kipling, <i>Tommy</i>
"Conservatives generally believe that there exists a transcendent moral order, to which we ought to try to conform the ways of society."	Russell Kirk
"The worst enemies of enduring freedom for all may be certain folk who demand incessantly more liberty for themselves."	Russell Kirk
"But then, they always blame America first."	Jeane Kirkpatrick, 1984
"We have to admit the truth about ourselves, no matter how good it is."	Jeane Kirkpatrick
"It's obvious that environmentalism is a new incarnation of modern leftism."	Vaclav Klaus, pres. of Czechia, Feb. 2007
"What is at risk is not the climate but freedom...I see the biggest threat to freedom, democracy, the market economy and prosperity now in ambitious environmentalism, not in communism. This ideology wants to replace the free and spontaneous evolution of	Vaclav Klaus, pres. of Czechia, Feb. 2007

mankind by a sort of central planning."

"Weakness and renunciation do not lead to peace. They lead to war."

Bernard Kouchner, French foreign minister, Sept 2007

"It is in the nature of Stalinism for its adherents to make a certain kind of lying – and not only to others but first of all to themselves – a fundamental part of their lives. It is always a mistake to assume that Stalinists do not know the truth about the political reality they espouse. If they don't know the truth (or all of it) one day, they know it the next, and it makes absolutely no difference to them politically. For their loyalty is to something other than the truth. And no historical enormity is so great, no personal humiliation or betrayal so extreme, no crime so heinous that it cannot be assimilated into the 'ideals' that govern the Stalinist mind, which is impervious alike to documentary evidence and moral discrimination."

Hilton Kramer

"The illegal-alien marchers are morally identical to burglars demanding that the homeowner rearrange the furniture."

Mark Krikorian, 1 May 2006

"There is one thing that the American people know about Senator McCarthy: he, like them, is unequivocally anti-Communist. About the spokesmen for American liberalism, they feel they know no such thing. And with some justification."

Irving Kristol, March 1952

"The need for disingenuousness arises out of a refusal to see Communism for what it is: a movement guided by conspiracy and aiming at totalitarianism, rather than merely another form of 'dissent' or 'nonconformity.' Hence the liberal argument runs askew of reality and must clothe itself with neat obfuscation."

Irving Kristol, March 1952

"No greater spur to the despotism of public opinion can be imagined than this identification of free thought with underground conspiracy."

Irving Kristol, March 1952

"I have observed over the years that the unanticipated consequences of social action are always more important, and usually less agreeable, than the intended consequences."

Irving Kristol

"Democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions—it only guarantees equality of opportunity."

Irving Kristol

"An intellectual may be defined as a man who speaks with general authority about a subject on which he has no particular competence."

Irving Kristol

"After all, if you believe that no one was ever corrupted by a book, you also have to believe that no one was ever improved by a book (or a play or a movie). You have to believe, in other words, that all art is morally trivial and that, consequently, all education is morally irrelevant. No one, not even a university professor, really believes that."

Irving Kristol

"It requires strength of character to act upon one's ideas; it requires no less strength of character to resist being seduced by them."

Irving Kristol

"A neoconservative is a liberal who has been mugged by reality."

Irving Kristol

"A neoliberal is a liberal who has been mugged by reality but refuses to press charges."

Irving Kristol

"The revolution of rising expectations was replaced by the expectation of rising revolutions."

Leo Labeledz, on the weakness of the West in the 1970s

"Banish benevolence, discard righteousness: People will return to duty and compassion."

Lao Tse

"Those who would change the world rarely, I notice, succeed."

Lao Tse

"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

Wayner LaPierre (Exec VP of National Rifle Association) 21 Dec 2012

"I'll tell you what war is about. You've got to kill people, and when you've killed enough, they stop fighting."

Curtis LeMay

"Courage isn't the absence of fear. It's not letting fear trump everything else."	Ezra Levant, <i>Western Standard</i> publisher, 13 Feb 2006
"The Statist has an insatiable appetite for control. His sights are set on his next meal before he has fully digested his last. He is constantly agitating for government action. And in furtherance of that purpose, the Statist speaks in the tongue of the demagogue, concocting one pretext and grievance after another to manipulate public perceptions and build popular momentum for the divestiture of liberty and property from its rightful possessors."	Mark Levin, <i>Liberty and Tyranny</i>
"The French cherish the curious illusion that they invented democracy, but since the great revolution of 1789, they have had two monarchies, two empires, two dictatorships, and at the last count, five republics. And I'm not sure that they've got it right yet."	Bernard Lewis, 2006
"America is harmless as an enemy and treacherous as a friend." [e.g. Indochina 1975, Iraqi Kurds 1991]	Bernard Lewis, Nov. 2006
"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience."	C.S. Lewis
"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive."	C.S. Lewis
"He who marries the spirit of the age will soon be a widower."	C.S. Lewis
"Natural Law or Traditional Morality [whatever one chooses to call it]...is not one among a series of possible systems of value. It is the sole source of all value judgments. If it is rejected, all value is rejected. If any value is retained, it is retained."	C.S. Lewis
"The effort to refute [Natural Law] and raise a new system of value in its place is self-contradictory. There never has been, and never will be, a radically new judgment of value in the history of the world. What purport to be new systems or (as they now call them) 'ideologies,' all consist of fragments from [Natural Law] itself, arbitrarily wrenched from their context in the whole and then swollen to madness in their isolation, yet still owing to [Natural Law] and to it alone such validity as they possess."	C.S. Lewis
"I believe in Christianity, the way I believe the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it, I see everything else."	C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory"
"Lincoln, Wilson, and FDR took radical actions, but only at a time of huge national crises. We don't have a national crisis today. Obama <i>is</i> our national crisis."	James Lewis, 4 March 2010
"You've made your point. You had your dog-and-pony show. You've posed for political holy pictures on TV. Now what is your plan to support the troops?" [to Nancy Pelosi, who had said "Now into the fifth year of a failed policy, this administration should get a clue. It's not working."]	Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA41), April 2007
"Jim Baker believes in a 2-state solution: Palestine and New Jersey."	James Lileks, 7 Dec 2006 (H.Hewitt Show)
"They assumed that <i>Okay, conservatism is in power now. The people like who we are. They like who we are. Stop teaching. <u>You can never stop teaching.</u></i> "	Rush Limbaugh, 8 Nov 2006
"Why are liberals so insecure that they have to be liked by people who will rob, cheat, and steal them blind, who will burn their crops, salt their fields, kill their livestock, poison their wells, kidnap their women, and then slit their throats the first chance they get? What does it matter what the reprobates of the world think of us?"	Rush Limbaugh, 12 Nov 2008
"In a country of children, when the option is Santa Claus or work, what wins?"	Rush Limbaugh, 7 Nov 2012

"The man who labored for another last year, this year labors for himself, and next year will hire others to labor for him."	Abraham Lincoln, 1856
"If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. You may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."	Abraham Lincoln, 2 Sept 1858, in Clinton, Illinois
"All honor to Jefferson, to the man who, in the concrete pressure of a struggle for national independence by a single people, had the coolness, forecast, and capacity to introduce into a merely revolutionary document, an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times, and so embalm it there, that to-day, and in all coming days, it shall be a rebuke and a stumbling-block to the very harbingers of re-appearing tyranny and oppression."	Abraham Lincoln, letter to Henry Pierce and others, 6 Apr 1859
"Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damage morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled, or hanged."	Abraham Lincoln
"What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements or bristling seacoast, our Army or our Navy. Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of <i>all men</i> , in <i>all lands</i> everywhere."	Abraham Lincoln
"The Constitution is not a suicide pact."	Abraham Lincoln
"You don't fight wars by blowing rose water through corn stalks."	Abraham Lincoln
"Must I shoot a simple-minded soldier boy who deserts while I must not touch a hair of a wily agitator who induces him to desert?"	Abraham Lincoln
"The candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court... the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of that eminent tribunal."	Abraham Lincoln, 4 March 1861
"Aggressions are seldom made upon a nation ever ready to defend its honor and to repel insults."	Abraham Lincoln, to Secretary of War Simon Cameron
"We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth."	Abraham Lincoln, 1 Dec 1862
"With some the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself, and the product of his labor; while with others, the same word many mean for some men to do as they please with other men, and the product of other men's labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name—liberty. And it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties, called by two different and incompatible names—liberty and tyranny."	Abraham Lincoln, address at Sanitary Fair, Baltimore, 1864
"I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed." ←FAKE	Abraham Lincoln, 1864—supposedly.
It was actually a fake that was first promulgated in an 1880s pamphlet advertising patent medicines. Moonbats dredge it up to condemn what they think are the values of modern-day Republicans. http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/06/08/AR2007060802470.html	
See also: Four Lincoln quotes progressives always get wrong , by Jason Stevens	Abraham Lincoln [14 total]
"Heidi Cullen says the science is solid, and I can't criticize her because she never says what science she's talking about."	Richard Lindzen, Jan. 2007, discussing global warming on <i>Larry King Live</i>

"Future generations will wonder in bemused amazement that the early 21st century's developed world went into hysterical panic over a globally averaged temperature increase of a few tenths of a degree, and, on the basis of gross exaggerations of highly uncertain computer projections combined into implausible chains of inference, proceeded to contemplate a roll-back of the industrial age."	Richard Lindzen
"Controlling carbon is kind of a bureaucrat's dream. If you control carbon, you control life."	Richard Lindzen
"The nation twice managed to perform the remarkable feat of slitting its wrists while collectively patting itself on the back."	Jeff Lipkes, on the presidential elections of Barack Obama
"Individual sovereignty, for one and all, is the key to understanding, accepting, and preserving the natural state of man and the civil society."	John Locke
"The Law of Nature stands as an eternal rule to all men, legislators as well as others. The rules that they make for other men's actions must...be conformable to the Law of Nature, i.e. to the will of God."	John Locke
"I'm sorry about your vagina, progressives."	Dana Loesch, 26 Aug 2011
"Jimmy Carter brings a Christian perspective to the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. Unfortunately, it is the same Christian perspective as a drunken Mel Gibson, obsessed with heaping blame on the Jews."	Rich Lowry, 12 Dec 2006
"The Democrat's sympathy for the unemployed doesn't extend to the people who might hire them."	Rich Lowry, July 2010
"Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is to uselessness what Henry Ford was to the automobile"	Rich Lowry, 2012
"It is not true, as is sometimes said, that man cannot organize the world without God. What is true is that without God, he can only organize it against man."	Henri de Lubac, <i>The Drama of Atheistic Humanism</i> , 1944.
"No good deed goes unpunished."	Clare Booth Luce, 1980
"Lying increases the creative faculties, expands the ego, and lessens the frictions of social contacts."	Clare Booth Luce
"The history of the 20th century shows too well that one man's idea of 'social justice' is often another man's idea of totalitarian tyranny."	Greg Lukianoff (FIRE), 12 Oct 2006
"There have been only two kinds of CIA secret operations: the ones that are widely known to have failed—usually because of almost unbelievably crude errors—and the ones that are not yet widely known to have failed."	Edward Luttwak, 22 March 2006
"'Diversity,' it turns out, is simply a code word for narcissism."	Heather Mac Donald
"Anti-Americanism is an integral part of the American Left's discourse and world view."	Andrei S. Markovits, 2018
"When the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person, or in the same body of magistrates, there can be no liberty; because apprehensions may arise, lest the same monarch or senate should enact tyrannical laws, to execute them in a tyrannical manner."	Montesquieu, <i>The Spirit of the Laws</i> , 1748
"The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, selfappointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."	James Madison, <i>Federalist #47</i> , 30 Jan 1788
"If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place	James Madison, <i>Federalist #51</i> , 8 Feb 1788

oblige it to control itself."

"It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man, who knows what the law is today, can guess what it will be tomorrow. Law is defined to be a rule of action; but how can that be a rule, which is little known, and less fixed?"

James Madison,
Federalist #62, 4 March 1788

"I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents." (When Congress appropriated \$15,000 for relief of French refugees who fled from insurrection in San Domingo to Baltimore and Philadelphia.)

James Madison, 1794

"Measures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority."

James Madison, 1794

"Ever since John Kerry sat in front of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and accused American soldiers of wantonly razing villages 'in fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan,' the Left has embraced a small cadre of self-loathing soldiers and soldier wannabes willing to sell their deadened souls for the anti-war cause."

Michelle Malkin, 8 Aug 2007

"If you can convince students that no one can prosper except at the expense of someone else, and if you can convince them that all of history and experience has been a struggle between the oppressed and those who oppress them, then it's game, set, match Karl Marx."

An English professor in Evan Coyne Maloney's film *Indoctrinate U* (2007)

"I prefer the company of those who are proud of their country, and proud of their religion—the African Americans have it right, the American Liberal Jews are wrong; there is neither beauty, utility nor safety in identification with one's oppressors."

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge* (2011)

"Liberalism is a religion Its tenets cannot be proved, its capacity for waste and destruction demonstrated. But it affords a feeling of spiritual rectitude at little or no cost. Central to this religion is the assertion that evil does not exist, all conflict being attributed to a lack of understanding between the opposed."

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge* (2011)

"The Israelis would like to live in peace within their borders; the Arabs would like to kill them all."

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge* (2011)

"If the Victim is Always Right, and if the Arabs, being darker and poorer, must be the Victim, then Israel must be wrong."

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge* (2011)

"The same democracy, then, which in its nonelected quality (civilization) inexorably populated the world, ever widening the polity, and obliterating the Tribe and its supposed blessings, is held by the Left to be that tool capable of reversing the process and restoring us to the Tribe, its campfire, its wise elders, its superabundance of untouched wilderness and game. We're going to vote on it, and when we have enough votes, we're going to return to the campfire. There will be no more pollution, for we will vote to stop our polluting ways; there will be no more wars, as all sovereign States will be subsumed into a large tribe of the mutually understanding (cf. the United Nations), there will be no more Poverty; because the Earth Holds Enough For All, and lacks only that Wise Leadership which will see to its Just Distribution (a dictator). And all that stands between this utopia and our present state of stupid error are the Conservatives, who believe only in Greed."

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge* (2011)

"This is the meaning of Social Justice. It means actions by the State in the name of Justice, which is to say under complete protection and immunity from review. Its end is dictatorship."

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge* (2011)

"The essence of socialism is for Party A to get Party B to give something to Party C." [see *William Graham Sumner*]

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge* (2011)

"The Jacobin, his motives limited to pursuit of power, easily supplants, and traditionally

David Mamet, *The Secret Knowledge*

kills the fool dreamer who thought he was creating a paradise."	(2011)
"Contemporary liberal sentiment endorses the abrogation or elaboration of law to ensure that <i>no</i> one suffers, but the first and most important task of law in a democracy is not to right individual wrongs, but to ensure that no one suffers <i>because of the state</i> ."	David Mamet, <i>The Secret Knowledge</i> (2011)
"The erosion of marriage is an attack on property."	David Mamet, <i>The Secret Knowledge</i> (2011) [10 total]
"We do believe in life—but not at any cost. We too value sacrifice and honor for a decent cause. But we let our soldiers speak for us. The professors, who should be our spokesmen, have learned nothing from our soldiers and have nothing to say on why they volunteer to risk their lives."	Harvey Mansfield, 13 Sept 2006
"Two obstacles to education in greatness loom before us, modern science and modern democracy."	Harvey Mansfield, "Democracy and Greatness," 11 Dec 2006
"It does no good to recommend reverence to an audience of college students, but you can perhaps show them good reason for reverence."	Harvey Mansfield, "Democracy and Greatness," 11 Dec 2006
"Environmentalism is school prayer for liberals."	Harvey Mansfield
"The powers of the legislature are defined and limited; and that those limits may not be mistaken, or forgotten, the Constitution is written."	Chief Justice John Marshall, in <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> (1803)
"Those then who controvert the principle that the Constitution is to be considered, in court, as a paramount law, are reduced to the necessity of maintaining that courts must close their eyes on the Constitution, and see only the law... That it thus reduces to nothing what we have deemed the greatest improvement on political institutions—a written constitution, would of itself be sufficient, in America where written constitutions have been viewed with so much reverence, for rejecting the construction."	Chief Justice John Marshall, in <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> (1803)
"Intention is the most sacred rule of interpretation."	Chief Justice John Marshall, A Friend of the Constitution essays (1819)
"No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."	George Mason, Virginia Declaration of Rights, 1776
"Islam is a religion of oppression, discrimination, violence, terror, war, superstition, intolerance and prejudice... To Islam the war, which they lost centuries ago, continues... Muslims, married to a failed past, offer little hope for integration into modern society."	Jackie Mason
"I cannot, alas, leave in such a cowardly fashion...if I shall die here on the spot and in my country that I love, it is too bad because we are all born and must die one day. I have only committed the mistake of believing in you, the Americans." (Refusing an American offer of evacuation as Communists were overrunning his country.)	Sirik Matak (1914-1975) The man behind the anti-Communist Lon Nol regime in Cambodia, 1970-75. The commies shot him in the stomach and left him to die in the course of 3 days.
"Civilization is not an evolution of mankind but the imposition of human good on human evil. It is not a historical inevitability. It is a battle that has to be fought every day, because evil doesn't recede willingly before the wheels of progress."	Andrew C. McCarthy
"Like other utopian projects, the end of this one is tyranny." [of attempts to replace nation states with global governance led by supra-national tribunals.]	Andrew C. McCarthy, Jan. 2007
"Whenever I hear the term 'global village,' I'm thinking cruise missile. . .tomahawk missile. . . take out the global village!"	Michael Medved, 28 Nov 2006
"The Depression is just a bad quarter-hour in the glorious history of American growth."	Andrew Mellon, 24 March 1935
"We owe the these people a military tribunal, but we don't owe them access to a legal system that has O.J. playing golf this afternoon in Florida."	Dennis Miller re Gitmo, 3 April 2007

"I support this war, but even if I didn't I'd lie and say I did, as long as we have those kids over there."	Dennis Miller
"Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."	Manuel II Paleologus (Byzantine emperor), 1369
"Capitalism without failure is like religion without sin. It doesn't work."	Allan Meltzer
"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing that is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept free by the exertions of other men better than himself."	John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)
"A populace which hands its moral order over to governments, no matter how impeccable its reasons, will become dependent and slavish."	Kenneth Minogue
"Many of us have unsound views about people of other races, cultures or religions, and the distribution of our friends does not always correspond to the cultural diversity of our society. We must face up to the grim fact that the rulers we elect are losing patience with us."	Kenneth Minogue
"Government is the only institution that can take a valuable commodity like paper, and make it worthless by applying ink."	Ludwig von Mises
"If it were really possible to substitute credit expansion (cheap money) for the accumulation of capital goods by saving, there would not be any poverty in the world."	Ludwig von Mises
"The characteristic mark of economic history under capitalism is unceasing economic progress, a steady increase in the quantity of capital goods available, and a continuous trend toward an improvement in the general standard of living. "	Ludwig von Mises
"The boom produces impoverishment. But still more disastrous are its moral ravages. It makes people despondent and dispirited. The more optimistic they were under the illusory prosperity of the boom, the greater is their despair and their feeling of frustration."	Ludwig von Mises
"No republic without liberty, no liberty without virtue, and no virtue without religion."	Jeffrey Morrison, paraphrasing John Witherspoon and other Founding Fathers
"Either life is always and in all circumstances sacred, or intrinsically of no account; it is inconceivable that it should be in some cases the one, and in some the other."	Malcolm Muggeridge
"People do not believe lies because they have to, but because they want to."	Malcolm Muggeridge
"Al Qaeda and all the other terrorist groups don't exist <i>in opposition</i> to mainstream Muslim society. They <i>are</i> the mainstream."	Peter Mulhern, 18 Sept 2006
"George W. Bush is fortunate to have opponents like Ted Kennedy and Dick Durbin. They make him look resolute."	Peter Mulhern, 12 Jan 2007
"Bush's announcement of a 'war against terror' was thus nothing more than a declaration that we had decided to fight back."	Joshua Muravchik, October 2007 <i>Commentary</i>
"In 1968, 13 percent of Americans were poor. Over the next 12 years, our expenditures on social welfare quadrupled. And in 1980, the percentage of poor Americans was—13 percent."	Charles Murray, <i>Losing Ground</i> (1984)
"It is not enough that gifted children learn to be nice. They must know what it means to be good."	Charles Murray, <i>Coming Apart</i> (2012)
"Science is demonstrating that men and women are really and truly different, a fact so	Charles Murray, "The Inequality

obvious that only intellectuals could ever have thought otherwise."	Taboo" (2005)
"If it is your custom to burn a widow alive, please go on. We have a custom in our country that whoever burns a person alive shall be hanged. While you prepare the funeral pyre, my carpenters will be making the gallows to hang all of you. Let us all act according to our customs."	Gen. Charles James Napier, governor of Sind province in the 1840s, on the Indian custom of suttee.
"Among intellectuals, infanticide is in the first phase of a movement from the unthinkable to the arguable to the debatable to the acceptable."	National Review editorial, 26 Jan 1998 (see Father Neuhaus, below)
"We're using missile defense to protect our civilians, and they're using their civilians to protect their missiles."	Benjamin Netanyahu, 2014, contrasting Israel and Hamas
"America's founding document promises life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Iran's founding document pledges death, tyranny, and the pursuit of jihad."	Benjamin Netanyahu, 2015 speech to U.S. Congress
"Thousands of ethicists and bioethicists, as they are called, professionally guide the unthinkable on its passage through the debatable on its way to becoming the justifiable, until it is finally established as the unexceptional."	Father Richard John Neuhaus, "The Return of Eugenics" (<i>Commentary</i> , Apr 1988)
"It is frequently said that you cannot legislate morality. In fact, you cannot legislate anything but morality. Any question of political moment has to do with questions such as justice, equality, fairness, and the common good. All of these are inescapably moral categories."	Father Richard John Neuhaus, 8 Oct 1996
"Taking the State wherever found, striking into its history at any point, one sees no way to differentiate the activities of its founders, administrators and beneficiaries from those of a professional-criminal class."	Albert Jay Nock (1870-1945)
"Socialism is the residue of Judeo-Christian faith, without religion."	Michael Novak
"The family is the human race's natural defense against utopianism."	Michael Novak
"Progressivism overrates human innocence and goodness and underrates human weakness and preference for getting things for free rather than as a result of arduous work."	Michael Novak
"It is no exaggeration to say both parties have bad actors. The distinction is that the Democrats promote them and the Republicans fire them."	John O'Neill, 20 Oct 2006
"If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free."	P.J. O'Rourke, 1993
"Hillary Clinton is Hugo Chavez in a pants suit."	P.J. O'Rourke, February 2007
"The good news is that, according to the Obama administration, the rich will pay for everything. The bad news is that, according to the Obama administration, you're rich."	P.J. O'Rourke, 2010
"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf." <i>see similar quotes by Churchill and Kipling.</i>	George Orwell
"Where's the omelet?" [Rejoinder to the Left's eternal slogan, "You have to break some eggs to make an omelet."]	George Orwell
"Pacifism is objectively pro-fascist. This is elementary common sense. If you hamper the war effort of one side, you automatically help out that of the other. Nor is there any real way of remaining outside such a war as the present one. In practice, 'he that is not with me is against me.'"	George Orwell
"Some ideas are so absurd that only an intellectual could believe them."	George Orwell
"One sometimes gets the impression that the mere words socialism and communism draw towards them with magnetic force every fruit-juice drinker, nudist, sandal-wearer, sex-	George Orwell, in <i>The Road to Wigan Pier</i>

maniac, Quaker, nature-cure quack, pacifist and feminist in England."	
"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."	George Orwell, in <i>Animal Farm</i>
"The quickest way of ending a war is to lose it."	George Orwell
"On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good and not quite all the time."	George Orwell
"Liberal: a power worshipper without power."	George Orwell
"In a time of universal deceit — telling the truth is a revolutionary act."	George Orwell
"Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past."	George Orwell
"One has to belong to the intelligentsia to believe things like that: no ordinary man could be such a fool."	George Orwell
"Political language—and with variations this is true of all political parties, from Conservatives to Anarchists—is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."	George Orwell, "Politics and the English Language."
"That rifle on the wall of the labourer's cottage or working class flat is the symbol of democracy. It is our job to see that it stays there."	George Orwell [14 total]
"The police have become little more than the paramilitary wing of The Guardian, sniffing out 'racist' or 'Islamophobic' attitudes rather than investigating serious crimes that have some 'cultural' excuse."	John O'Sullivan, 26 Aug 2007
"All organizations that are not actually right-wing will over time become left-wing."	John O'Sullivan, "O'Sullivan's First Law," 27 Oct 1989
"Dissent is the highest form of patriotism. Treason is the highest form of dissent. Therefore treason is the highest form of patriotism."	John O'Sullivan, tongue-in-cheek
"In the end, the only thing socialism has left behind it are countries looking like trailer camps hit by a hurricane."	Ion Mihai Pacepa (highest Soviet bloc official to defect to the U.S.)
"If the protesters want a Muslim country, then perhaps they should go and live in one."	Tony Parsons, UK <i>Mirror</i> , Feb 2006
"Education is not indoctrination. Our history is not a blank page on which we can write our own version of what it should have been according to our contemporary views and prejudices."	Chris Patten, Oxford Univ. Chancellor, 2015
"Government tends to bankrupt everything it manages, including itself."	Monty Pelerin, 6 Dec 2011
"Judging happiness to be the fruit of freedom and freedom of valour, never decline the dangers of war."	Pericles, 430 BC
"Never can a fair or just policy be expected of the citizen who does not, like his fellows, bring to the decision the interests and apprehensions of a father."	Pericles, 430 BC
"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you."	Pericles, 430 B.C.
"It is a sad state of affairs when liberals campaign like Republicans to get elected, and Republicans govern like liberals to be loved."	Rick Perry, Sept. 2007
"A conservationist believes that trees are important. An environmentalist believes that trees are more important than people."	Ralph Peters, 12 Dec 2009
"The Left codes Israel as white and, therefore, inherently an oppressor. Israel is held to the highest standard of our civilization and our legal codes—and denied the right to self-	Ralph Peters, 10 Jan 2009

defense. But the Left tacitly believes that people with darker skins are inferior and can't be expected to behave at a civilized level. Leftists expect terrorist movements or African dictators to behave horribly. It's the post-modern, latte-sucking version of the "little brown brother" mentality."

"Take on our enemies and KILL them." "If we're not willing to kill our enemies, we're just letting them use our guys for target practice."

Ralph Peters, 7 Dec 2006 (H.Hewitt Show)

"East of Athens, you have to pick a side and stick to it, no matter how it behaves toward its enemies. Restraint is viewed as weakness; olive branches signal cowardice, and aid is seen as a bribe."

Ralph Peters, 14 Dec 2006

"We are not dealing with political terrorists any more; these are religious fanatics and ethnic thugs."

Ralph Peters, 7 Dec 2006 (H.Hewitt Show)

"Diplomacy is the opium of our governing elite."

Ralph Peters, 7 Dec 2006

"Pilate just wanted to wash his hands of an annoyance, while Baker would wash his hands in the blood of our troops."

Ralph Peters, 7 Dec 2006

The media's declaration of "civil war" in Iraq was the equivalent of describing vandalism as genocide.

Ralph Peters, 24 March 2006

"In America you have culture wars; in Britain we've had a rout!"

Melanie Phillips to Laura Ingraham, 10 May 2006

"We see everything through the prism of the profound liberal delusion that the world is governed by reason and that all people have goodwill."

Melanie Phillips, at Neo conference, Stockholm, 11 May 2007

"We are giving the Islamists the message that we are theirs for the taking. This is how liberalism may disappear up its own backside."

Melanie Phillips, at Neo conference, Stockholm, 11 May 2007

"Pacifism, self-hatred, and complacency are lengthening the war against radical Islam and causing undue casualties...Left-leaning Westerners...will have to overcome this triple affliction and confront the true scope of the threat."

Daniel Pipes, 2007

"The best definition of socialism is a utopia in which everything is free and nothing is available."

Sally C. Pipes, 20 May 2011

"At every change in economic organization we find a breach of continuity. It is as if the capitalists who have up to that time been active, recognize that they are incapable of adapting themselves to conditions which are evoked by needs hitherto unknown and which call for methods hitherto unemployed. ... In their place arise new men, courageous and enterprising, who boldly permit themselves to be driven by the wind actually blowing and who know how to trim their sails to take advantage of it."

Henri Pirenne (1862-1935)

"Ah, the teachable moment. That is the schoolmarmish way of announcing the onset of a public re-education campaign designed to impose the American liberal sensibility on everyone who has not yet breathed it in."

John Podhoretz

"Appeasement peaceniks who believe in peace at any price, like France's Chirac, want Israel to stop and talk things over, probably over a bottle of French wine. Mr. Speaker, **you make peace by making the terrorist criminals stop shooting.** Here, guns talk louder than appeasement words, and that's just the way it is."

US Rep. Ted Poe, 25 July 2006, on Israel's response to Hezbollah's attacks.

"...we pontificate every day about what government ought to be involved in. Let me tell you something, the first duty of government is national security..."

US Rep. Ted Poe, 19 May 2006

"...it appears that the United States, at least on our southern border, is under siege by Generalissimo Santa Ana Vicente Fox."

US Rep. Ted Poe, 19 May 2006

"...you can get arrested for jaywalking but you can't be arrested for being here illegally in this country."	US Rep. Ted Poe, 19 May 2006
"The nice thing to say would be that the people who came up with the FairTax and its marketing campaign need to go back to the drawing board. The truth is that they shouldn't be allowed near drawing boards."	Ramesh Ponnuru, 15 March 2010
"The list of leftist positions based on a rejection of reality is as long as a list of leftist positions."	Dennis Prager, 30 Jan 2006
"The modern secular liberal knows that he is not only morally superior to conservatives; he is morally superior to virtually everyone who ever lived before him."	Dennis Prager, 20 May 2008
"Just as for religious fundamentalists, 'the Bible says' ends discussion, for liberal fundamentalists, 'compassion says' ends discussion." For 40 years, liberals have described the most open and tolerant society on earth as racist and xenophobic.	Dennis Prager, 20 May 2008
"For 40 years, liberals have described the most open and tolerant society on earth as racist and xenophobic."	Dennis Prager, 23 Sept 2008
"Peace activism is a form of auto-eroticism."	Dennis Prager, 15 Dec 2008
"California, once the grease of the American economy, has become the Greece of the American economy."	Dennis Prager, 25 May 2010
"I thought it would take a day or two longer."	Yitzak Rabin, June 1967
"It is a certain fact that not all Muslims are terrorists, but it is equally certain, and exceptionally painful, that almost all terrorists are Muslims."	Abdel Rahman al-Rashed, journalist
"The history of philosophy can be divided into two different periods. During the first, philosophers sought the truth; during the second, they fought against it."	Jean Francois Revel, <i>The Flight From Truth</i> , 1991.
"Remember that every government service, every offer of government financed security, is paid for in the loss of personal freedom."	Ronald Reagan at Eureka College, 1957
"This democracy of ours which sometimes we've treated so lightly, is more than ever a comfortable cloak, so let us not tear it asunder, for no man knows once it is destroyed where or when he will find its protective warmth again."	Ronald Reagan at Eureka College, 1957
"One of the traditional methods of imposing statism or socialism on a people has been by way of medicine. It's very easy to disguise a medical program as a humanitarian project. Most people are a little reluctant to oppose anything that suggests medical care for people who possibly can't afford it."	Ronald Reagan, "Operation Coffee Cup" speech, 1961
"If we truly believe that our way of life is best, aren't the Russians more likely to recognize that fact and modify their stand if we let their economy come unhinged, so the contrast is apparent? In an all-out race our system is strong, and eventually the enemy gives up the race as a hopeless cause."	Ronald Reagan, 1963
"For three decades, we've sought to solve the problems of unemployment through government planning, and the more the plans fail, the more the planners plan."	Ronald Reagan, 27 Oct 1964
"This is the issue of this election: whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American Revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far distant capital can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them for ourselves."	Ronald Reagan, 27 Oct 1964
"The classic liberal used to be the man who believed the individual was, and should be forever, the master of his destiny. That is now the conservative position. The liberal used to believe in freedom under law. He now takes the ancient feudal position that power is everything. He believes in a stronger and stronger central government, in the philosophy that control is better than freedom. The conservative now quotes Thomas Paine, a	Ronald Reagan, in <i>Where's the Rest of Me?</i> (1965)

longtime refuge of the liberals: 'Government is a necessary evil; let us have as little of it as possible.'"

"If it's to be a bloodbath, let it be now. Appeasement is not the answer."

Ronald Reagan, 1970, in response to violent student protests.

"Other constitutions say, 'Government grants you these rights,' and ours says, 'You are born with these rights, they are yours by the grace of God, and no government on earth can take them from you.'"

Ronald Reagan, 25 Jan 1974

"Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem."

Ronald Reagan, January 1981

"The years ahead will be great ones for our country, for the cause of freedom, and the spread of civilization. The West won't contain Communism. It will transcend Communism. It will dismiss it as some bizarre chapter in human history whose last pages are even now being written."

Ronald Reagan, 1981

"In an ironic sense, Karl Marx was right. We are witnessing today a great revolutionary crisis...But the crisis is happening not in the free, non-Marxist West, but in the home of Marxism-Leninism, the Soviet Union."

Ronald Reagan, 1982

"Abraham Lincoln freed the black man. In many ways, Dr. King freed the white man."

Ronald Reagan, 1983

"If we forget what we did, we won't know who we are. I'm warning of an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit."

Ronald Reagan, 11 Jan 1989

"Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Ronald Reagan

"We are a nation that has a government — not the other way around."

Ronald Reagan

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

Ronald Reagan

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

Ronald Reagan

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."

Ronald Reagan

"Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose."

Ronald Reagan

"Détente: isn't that what a farmer has with his turkey, until Thanksgiving Day?"

Ronald Reagan

"Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong."

Ronald Reagan

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

Ronald Reagan

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

Ronald Reagan

"We fought a war on poverty, and poverty won."

Ronald Reagan

"A nation without borders is not a nation."

Ronald Reagan

"Going over the cliff, flags flying, is still going over the cliff."

Ronald Reagan (to national security adviser Robert McFarlane)

"There is no limit to what a man can do, or where he can go, if he doesn't mind who gets the credit."

Ronald Reagan [28 total]

"Only Al Gore could come up with the idea of criticizing Bush for not sucking up to the Saudis enough."	Glenn Reynolds (Instapundit), Feb 2006
"I wish that I may never think the smiles of the great and powerful a sufficient inducement to turn aside from the straight path of honesty and the convictions of my own mind."	David Ricardo (1772-1823)
"We know that Al Qaeda cannot be appeased, because if they could, the French would have appeased them by now."	Andrew Roberts, 12 July 2007
"We don't put our First Amendment rights in the hands of FEC bureaucrats."	Chief Justice John Roberts (to Solicitor General Elena Kagan, 2009, re McCain-Feingold)
"America is not what's wrong with the world."	Donald Rumsfeld, 29 Aug 2006
"Sometimes class skips a generation." (comparing George Clooney to Rosemary)	Jane Russell, c.2002
"Cardinals rape in spite of their religion. Muslims rape because of their religion."	Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff
"It is confidence in your own heritage that allows you to be generous to those of another heritage."	Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Britain, 2007
"The girls aren't marrying the guys, so they are married to the state."	Dr. Ana Sanchez (Orange, CA) 2006
"The financial crisis is not the crisis of capitalism. It is the crisis of a system that has distanced itself from the most fundamental values of capitalism, which betrayed the spirit of capitalism."	Nicolas Sarkozy, Oct 2008
"If family unification were important to Elvira Arellano, she should have stayed in Mexico with her family."	Debra Saunders, 21 Aug 2007
"In times of political confusion and under arbitrary government, many will prefer to keep their capital inactive, concealed and unproductive, either of profit or gratification, rather than run the risk of its display. This latter evil is never felt under good government."	Jean-Baptiste Say (1767-1832)
"Capital naturally flows to those places that hold out security and lucrative employment, and gradually retires from countries offering no such advantages."	Jean-Baptiste Say (1767-1832)
"Wealth is by nature fugitive and independent; incapable of all restraint, it is sure to vanish from the fetters that are contrived to confine it, and to expand and flourish under the influence of liberty."	Jean-Baptiste Say (1767-1832)
The legal inviolability of property is obviously a mere mockery where the sovereign power is unable to make the laws respected, where it either practices robbery itself or is impotent to repress it in others; or where possession is rendered perpetually insecure, by the intricacy of the legislative enactments and the subtleties of technical nicety."	Jean-Baptiste Say (1767-1832)
"Whatever renders the condition of the producer, the essential party in every society, more painful, tends to destroy the vital principle of the social body; to reduce a civilized people to a savage state; to introduce a state of things in which less is produced and less is consumed; to destroy civilization."	Jean-Baptiste Say (1767-1832)
"The main danger in judicial interpretation of the Constitution—or, for that matter, in judicial interpretation of any law—is that judges will mistake their own predilections for the law."	Justice Antonin Scalia
"Judges interpret laws rather than reconstruct legislators' intentions. Where the language of those laws is clear, we are not free to replace it with an unenacted legislative intent."	Justice Antonin Scalia
"Against the Court are the twin facts that the American people love democracy and the American people are not fools."	Justice Justice Antonin Scalia, dissenting in <i>Planned Parenthood v. Casey</i> , 1992

"The entire practice of using the Due Process Clause to add judicially favored rights to the limitations upon democracy set forth in the Bill of Rights (usually under the rubric of so-called 'substantive due process'), is in my view judicial usurpation."	Justice Antonin Scalia, 1999
"I defend a dead Constitution."	Justice Antonin Scalia
"Every banana republic in the world has a bill of rights. The bill of rights of the former evil empire, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, was much better than ours. We guarantee freedom of speech and of the press. Big deal. They guaranteed freedom of speech, of the press, of street demonstrations and protests, and anyone who is caught trying to suppress criticism of the government will be called to account. Whoa, that is wonderful stuff! Of course, it's just words on paper, what our framers would have called a 'parchment guarantee.' "	Justice Antonin Scalia
"There's not a dime's worth of difference between Congress's authorizing the president to cancel a spending item, and Congress's authorizing money to be spent on a particular item at the president's discretion."	Justice Antonin Scalia, dissenting in the 1996 SCOTUS decision against the line-item veto.
"It's amazing that a scientist can complain that he is being muzzled—while appearing on CNN and <i>60 Minutes</i> ."	Debra Saunders, 15 Oct 2006
"The capitalist achievement does not typically consist in providing more silk stockings for queens, but in bringing them within the reach of factory girls in return for steadily decreasing amounts of effort."	Joseph Schumpeter
"Stabilized capitalism is a contradiction in terms."	Joseph Schumpeter
Oh, what a tangled web we weave/When first we practise to deceive! →	Sir Walter Scott, <i>Marmion</i>
But when we've practiced for a while/How vastly we improve our style! →	J.R. Pope, <i>A Word of Encouragement</i>
"Deprive young people of a rite of passage <i>into</i> the social order and they will look for a rite of passage <i>out</i> of it."	Roger Scruton, 1 Oct 2011
"Nonsense is much to be preferred to sense. For it builds a way of life around something that cannot be questioned."	Roger Scruton
"Many of those appointed as the guardians of Western culture will seize on any argument, however flawed, and any scholarship, however phony, in order to denigrate their cultural inheritance. We have entered a period of cultural suicide."	Roger Scruton
"When, in the writings of Adorno, I discover that the alternative to the capitalist system is utopia I congratulate the writer for his honesty, since that is another way of saying that there is no alternative."	Roger Scruton
"Cowardice and meekness toward colonization by alien primitives are now the defining feature of late Western civilization."	Takuan Seiyo, "From Meccania to Atlantis, Part 17" (23 July 2010)
"We have plenty of pagan values, but because that side of the spectrum has been co-opted by the Left, instead of the fierce territorialism of the proto-Europeans we have eunuch globalism; instead of the fertile wisdom of early semi-matriarchy we have screeching Goddess feminism; instead of the love of one's own land we have Luddite Gaianism."	Takuan Seiyo, "The Bee and the Lamb, Part 4" (13 Feb 2012)
"Since Edmund Burke until we were dumbed down quite recently we had a good understanding why democracy does not work except in small scale. In the current polities of multi-centimillions of rainbow strangers, democracy yields a ruling layer of mediocre clowns whose perception by the public has been manipulated via virtual reality electron streams issued by expert cognitive burglars like BHO's Svengali, David Axelrod, and other acolytes of Freud's nephew, Edward Bernays."	Takuan Seiyo, "The Bee and the Lamb, Part 4" (13 Feb 2012)
"Jordan is Palestine."	Ariel Sharon, 17 April 1989
"We get too little real journalism about these subjects and too much 'churnalism,' in	Greg Sheridan in <i>The Australian</i> ,

which a single sometimes misleading wire report is repeated by thousands of commentators while nobody bothers to read the source document."	23 March 2008
"I hate newspapermen. They come into camp and pick up their camp rumors and print them as facts. I regard them as spies, which, in truth, they are."	Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman
"The first duty of the sovereign is defense."	Adam Smith in <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , 1776
"It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard for their own interest. We address ourselves not to their humanity but to their self-love, and never talk to them of our own necessities but of their advantages. Nobody but a beggar chooses to depend chiefly upon the benevolence of his fellow citizens."	Adam Smith in <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , 1776
"Nothing, however, can be more absurd than this whole doctrine of the balance of trade."	Adam Smith
"The mind of every man, in a longer or shorter time, returns to its natural and usual state of tranquility. In prosperity, after a certain time, it falls back to that state; in adversity, after a certain time, it rises up to it."	Adam Smith
"If you voted for Obama in 2008 to prove you're not a racist, you need to vote for someone else in 2012 to prove you're not an idiot."	Neil Snyder book title, 2011
"Voluntary contracts [should] be as a general rule entered into at the proper risk of the contractor, [so that] people will be less shameless in their money-dealings in the city, and such ills as we have just now described will be less common."	Socrates
"The Western world has lost its civil courage...Should one point out that from ancient times decline in courage has been considered the beginning of the end?...No weapons, no matter how powerful, can help the West until it overcomes its loss of willpower."	Alexander Solzhenitsyn at Harvard, 1978
"Political and intellectual bureaucrats ... get tongue-tied and paralyzed when they deal with powerful governments and threatening forces, with aggressors and international terrorists."	Alexander Solzhenitsyn at Harvard, 1978
"When a government starts an earnest fight against terrorism, public opinion immediately accuses it of violating the terrorists' civil rights. There are many such cases."	Alexander Solzhenitsyn at Harvard, 1978
"Let each of us make a choice: Whether consciously, to remain a servant of falsehood—of course, it is not out of inclination, but to feed one's family, that one raises his children in the spirit of lies—or to shrug off the lies and become an honest man worthy of respect both by one's children and contemporaries."	Alexander Solzhenitsyn
"If crime is a product of poverty and discrimination as they say endlessly, why was there so much less of it when poverty and discrimination were much worse than today?"	Thomas Sowell, <i>Civil Rights: Rhetoric or Reality?</i> (1984)
"Despite incessant repetition of the word "diversity" in academe, the tragic fact is that the academic world is one of the most intolerant places in America when it comes to diversity of ideas."	Thomas Sowell, 23 Feb 2006
"Contrary to what you might think from the way the media cover politics, elections are not about the careers of politicians but about the fate of the country. "	Thomas Sowell, 31 Oct 2006
"The twin pillars of liberalism are higher tax rates, and class-warfare rhetoric."	Thomas Sowell, 31 Oct 2006
"Democrats express outrage 24/7. Ted Kennedy alone has expressed more outrage than the entire Republican Party. Democrats can lie their way around the world before Republicans can manage to mumble the truth."	Thomas Sowell, 10 April 2007
"It is bad enough to be part of a lynch mob. It is worse to deny that you are part of a lynch mob, while standing there holding the rope in your hands."	Thomas Sowell, 17 April 2007

"There is no evidence that Obama ever sought to educate himself on the views of people on the other end of the political spectrum, much less reach out to them. He reached out from the left to the far left. That's bringing us all together?"	Thomas Sowell, 25 March 2008
"Just who are these saintly nations whose favor we must curry, at the risk of American lives and the national security of the United States?"	Thomas Sowell, 17 Nov 2009
"Only in government is any benefit, however small, considered to be worth any cost, however large."	Thomas Sowell, 1 Feb 2010
"Reality is not what gets politicians elected. Appearances, rhetoric, and emotions are what get them elected. Reality is what the voters and taxpayers are left to deal with as a result of electing them."	Thomas Sowell, 10 Apr 2012
"Welfare states on both sides of the Atlantic have discovered that largesse to losers does not reduce their hostility to society, but only increases it. Far from producing gratitude, generosity is seen as an admission of guilt, and the reparations as inadequate compensations for injustices — leading to worsening behavior by the recipients."	Thomas Sowell, 10 Apr 2012
"Some people say that taxes are the price we pay for civilization. But the runaway taxes of our time are the price we pay for being gullible."	Thomas Sowell, 10 Apr 2012
"People who believe in evolution in biology often believe in creationism in government. In other words, they believe that the universe and all the creatures in it could have evolved spontaneously, but that the economy is too complicated to operate without being directed by politicians."	Thomas Sowell, 10 Apr 2012
"It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance."	Thomas Sowell
"Socialism in general has a record of failure so blatant that only an intellectual could ignore or evade it."	Thomas Sowell
"Much of the social history of the Western world, over the past three decades, has been a history of replacing what worked with what sounded good."	Thomas Sowell
"Each new generation born is in effect an invasion of civilization by little barbarians, who must be civilized before it is too late."	Thomas Sowell
"Some of the biggest cases of mistaken identity are among intellectuals who have trouble remembering that they are not God."	Thomas Sowell
"The problem isn't that Johnny can't read. The problem isn't even that Johnny can't think. The problem is that Johnny doesn't know what thinking is: he confuses it with feeling."	Thomas Sowell
"Despite a voluminous and often fervent literature on 'income distribution,' the cold fact is that most income is not distributed: It is earned. "	Thomas Sowell
"The first lesson of economics is scarcity: There is never enough of anything to satisfy all those who want it. The first lesson of politics is to disregard the first lesson of economics."	Thomas Sowell
"Going back a hundred years, when blacks were just one generation out of slavery, we find that the census data of that era showed that a slightly <i>higher</i> percentage of black adults had married than white adults."	Thomas Sowell
"The black family survived centuries of slavery and generations of Jim Crow, but it has disintegrated in the wake of the liberals' expansion of the welfare state."	Thomas Sowell
"The welfare state is not really about the welfare of the masses. It is about the egos of the elites."	Thomas Sowell
"I have never understood why it is 'greed' to want to keep the money you have	Thomas Sowell

earned but not greed to want to take somebody else's money."

"Since this is an era when many people are concerned about 'fairness' and 'social justice,' **what is your 'fair share' of what someone else has worked for?"** Thomas Sowell

"No one will really understand politics until they understand that politicians are not trying to solve our problems. They are trying to solve their own problems — of which getting elected and re-elected are number one and number two. Whatever is number three is far behind." Thomas Sowell

"Racism does not have a good track record. It's been tried out for a long time and you'd think by now we'd want to put an end to it instead of putting it under new management." Thomas Sowell [28 total]

"We have done to our military and to our intelligence agencies what no foreign power has been able to do. We have been decimating our own defenses....In this day and time you do not have to be a superpower to raise the horrors of mass destruction warfare on people. It could be a Third World country, a rogue nation, or a terrorist group....These weapons of mass destruction are chemical, biological, bacteriological....Anthrax could be released in the air over Washington, DC.... That could happen at any time and people are talking about cutting back on our ability to defend against these things or to prevent them from happening. It is unconscionable to even think about it. It borders on leaving our country defenseless." Rep. Floyd Spence, on taking over the House National Security Committee in 1995

"Live free or die." Gen. John Stark (1728-1822)

"If you're reading this, then I've died in Iraq. I don't regret going. Everybody dies, but few get to do it for something as important as freedom. It may seem confusing why we're in Iraq; it's not to me. I'm here helping these people so they can live the way we live, not to have to worry about tyrants or vicious dictators. Others have died for my freedom; now this is my mark." *[discovered on his laptop computer]* Corporal Jeffrey Starr, killed in Iraq, 2005

"I'm not a racist, only a culturist. I believe Western culture—rule of law, universal suffrage, etc.—is preferable to Arab culture: that's why there are millions of Muslims in Scandinavia, and four Scandinavians in Syria. Follow the traffic. I support immigration, but with assimilation." Mark Steyn, 20 Aug 2002

"You can't assimilate with a nullity, which is what multiculturalism is." Mark Steyn

"Liberal" in the American sense is a dirty word because it's come to stand for a shriveled parochial obsolescent irrelevance, of which *Good Night, and Good Luck*, Clooney's dreary little retread of the McCarthy years, is merely the latest example. (Clooney says he wants more journalists to "speak truth to power," which is why I'm insulting his movie.) Mark Steyn, 18 Dec 2005

"Take my advice and try not to be standing too near the Hamas 'activist' when he activates himself." Mark Steyn, 29 Jan 2006

"The Palestinians are the most comprehensively wrecked people on the face of the earth: After 60 years as U.N. 'refugees,' they're now so deprived they're electing candidates on the basis of child sacrifice." Mark Steyn, 29 Jan 2006

"I don't claim to have all the answers, except when I'm being interviewed live on TV. But that's better than claiming, as most of Danna Vale's disparagers do, that there aren't even any questions." Mark Steyn, 16 Feb 2006

The immediate objective was to show neighboring thugs that the price of catching America's eye was too high. [re 2003 Iraq War] Mark Steyn, 22 March 2006

"If you threaten to kill people often enough, it will be seen as part of your vibrant cultural tradition—and, by definition, we're all cool with that. Celebrate diversity, etc. Our tolerant multicultural society is so tolerant and multicultural we'll tolerate your intolerant uniculturalism. Your antipathy to diversity is just another form of diversity for us to celebrate." Mark Steyn, 28 April 2006

"Redeployment" is the most artful example of Leftspeak since they came up with "undocumented immigrant."	Mark Steyn, 25 June 2006
"What an awesome force the Dems would be if only the ruthless skill and cunning that went into this operation could be applied to, say, national security."	Mark Steyn on the Foley scandal, 8 Oct 2006
"It's a good basic rule of thumb that no matter how bad a scandal is, the political class' response will be worse, largely hysterical, and lacking any sense of proportion."	Mark Steyn, 8 Oct 2006
"I'm not opposed to Quebec independence. I think it would be a huge laugh."	Mark Steyn, 14 Oct 2006
"America should proclaim the obvious: We do have a better government, religion and culture than our enemies, and we should spread America's influence around the world."	Mark Steyn, 14 Oct 2006
"The biggest globalization success story of recent years is not McDonald's or Microsoft but Islamism."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"Whether it's global warming, global cooling, or overpopulation, we need bigger government, more regulation, higher taxes, and a massive transfer of power from the citizen to some unelected, self-perpetuating crisis lobby."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"The progressive mind's invented psychoses leave it without any words to describe real dangers."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"To the progressive mind, the very concept of 'the enemy' is obsolescent: there are no enemies, just friends whose grievances we haven't yet accommodated."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"No doubt Al Gore will carry on talking about global warming and Nancy Pelosi about college tuition costs and Hillary Clinton about prescription drug plans as the world sinks into economic decline, arbitrary bombings and kidnappings, the occasional nuking—and a million small concessions to Muslim sensitivities that will nudge Western society ever further down a bleaker path."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"The Palestinian death cult negates all the assumptions of Western sentimental pacifism."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"The families of those who died on 9/11 have a unique claim to our sympathy and a grief we can never truly share, but they're not plaintiffs and war isn't a suit. It's not about 'closure' for the victims; it's about victory for the nation."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"'Self-righteous, gun-totin', military-lovin', sister-marryin', abortion-hatin', gay-loathin', foreigner-despisin', non-passport-ownin' rednecks' equals 'culturally confident, self-reliant, patriotic, procreative, religious, democratic, constitutional rednecks who believe in national sovereignty rather than ineffectual poseur multilateralism.'"	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"It's in the nature of government to do things worse, and slower."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"On the 4th plane, they didn't follow the seventies hijack rituals. On Flight 93, they used their cell phones, discovered that FAA regulations weren't going to save them, and then acted as free men, rising up against the terrorists and, at the cost of their own lives, preventing that flight carrying on to its target in Washington. On a morning when big government failed, the only good news came from private individuals."	Mark Steyn, <i>America Alone</i> , 2006
"Bush hatred is silly and parochial and reductive: History is on the march and the anti-Bush crowd is holding the telescope the wrong way round."	Mark Steyn, 29 Oct 2006
"Being a Dutch gay humanist is pretty much the trifecta of Eurocool."	Mark Steyn, 29 Oct 2006
"A realpolitik cynic knows the tactical price of everything and the strategic value of nothing."	Mark Steyn, 28 Jan 2007

<p>"The civilized world faces profound challenges that threaten the global order. But most advanced democracies now run two-party systems in which both parties sell themselves to the electorate on the basis of unaffordable entitlements whose costs can be kicked down the road, even though the road is a short cul-de-sac and the kicked cans are already piled sky-high. That's the real energy crisis."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 28 Jan 2007</p>
<p>"If the science is so solid, maybe they could drag it out to the Arctic for the poor polar bears to live on now that the ice is melting faster than a coed's heart at an Al Gore lecture."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 4 Feb 2007</p>
<p>"We should beware anyone who seeks to explain 9/11 by using the words 'each other.'"</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 16 Sept 2007</p>
<p>"That's one of the benefits of a multicultural world: There are so many fascinating, diverse cultures, and most of them look best reduced to rubble strewn with body parts."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 16 Sept 2007</p>
<p>"When you raise a generation in the great wobbling blancmange of Deval Patrick-style cultural relativism – nothing is any better or any worse than anything else; if people are "mean and nasty" to us, it's only because we didn't sing enough Barney the Dinosaur songs at them – in such a world a certain percentage of its youth will have a great gaping hole where their sense of identity should be."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 16 Sept 2007</p>
<p>"Risk-free dissent is the default mode of our culture."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 29 Sept 2007</p>
<p>"Insofar as Al Gore has made any contribution to global peace, it's in persuading large swaths of a narcissistic Western world to busy itself with non-solutions to pseudo-crises to such a distracting degree that al-Qa'ida may wind up imposing the global caliphate without having to fire a shot."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 15 Oct 2007</p>
<p>"A dependence on immigration is always a structural weakness, and should be addressed as such."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 3 Dec 2007</p>
<p>"A century and a half after the Civil War, two generations after the Civil Rights Act, the Rev. Wright promotes victimization theses more insane than anything promulgated at the height of slavery or the Jim Crow era. You can understand why Obama is so anxious to meet with President Ahmadinejad, a man who denies the last Holocaust even as he plans the next one. Such a summit would be easy listening after the more robust sermons of Jeremiah Wright."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, 22 March 2008</p>
<p>"To a penniless immigrant called Arnold Schwarzenegger, California was a land of plenty. Now Arnold is an immigrant of plenty in a penniless land."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, "Live Free or Die," 9 March 2009</p>
<p>"Tyranny is always whimsical."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, "Live Free or Die," 9 March 2009</p>
<p>"For members of a profession that brags about its 'courage' incessantly (far more than, say, firemen do), an awful lot of journalists are quite content to be the eunuchs in the politically correct harem."</p>	<p>Mark Steyn, "Live Free or Die," 9 March 2009</p>
<p>"In the first place, then, every word employed in the Constitution is to be expounded in its plain, obvious, and common sense, unless the context furnishes some ground to control, qualify, or enlarge it. Constitutions are not designed for metaphysical or logical subtleties, for niceties of expression, for critical propriety, for elaborate shades of meaning, or for the exercise of philosophical acuteness, or judicial research. They are instruments of a practical nature, founded on the common business of human life, adapted to common wants, designed for common use, and fitted for common understandings. The people make them; the people adopt them; the people must be supposed to read them, with the help of common sense; and cannot be presumed to admit in them any recondite meaning, or any extraordinary gloss."</p>	<p>Justice Joseph Story, <i>Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States</i> (1833)</p>
<p>"As coercive monopolies that spend other people's money taken by force, governments are uniquely unqualified to solve problems. They are riddled by ignorance, perverse</p>	<p>John Stossel, 7 Nov 2007</p>

incentives, incompetence, and self-serving."	
"When the state assumes the role of parent, it makes children of all of us."	John Stossel, 20 Dec 2006
"No human being and no group of human beings can rule the whole of the human race justly."	Leo Strauss, <i>Natural Right and History</i>
"It is as absurd to expect members of philosophy departments to be philosophers as it is to expect members of art departments to be artists."	Leo Strauss, 1959
"Liberal education is liberation from vulgarity. The Greeks had a beautiful word for vulgarity; they called it <i>apeirokalia</i> , lack of experience in things beautiful. Liberal education supplies us with experience in things beautiful."	Leo Strauss, 1959
"Brother, you can believe in stones, as long as you don't throw them at me."	Wafa Sultan, 21 Feb 2006
"The type and formula of most schemes of philanthropy or humanitarianism is this: A and B put their heads together to decide what C shall be made to do for D."	William Graham Sumner, "The Forgotten Man" (c.1895)
"When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him."	Jonathan Swift
"It is useless to attempt to reason a man out of a thing he was never reasoned into."	Jonathan Swift
"Falsehood flies, and truth comes limping after it, so that when men come to be undeceived, it is too late; the jest is over, and the tale hath had its effect."	Jonathan Swift
"The more numerous the laws, the more corrupt the government."	Gaius Cornelius Tacitus
"The Anti-Trust Act is the expression of the effort of a freedom-loving people to preserve equality of opportunity. It is the result of the confident determination of such a people to maintain their future growth by preserving uncontrolled and unrestricted the enterprise of the individual, his industry, his ingenuity, his intelligence, and his independent courage."	William Howard Taft, 1911
"Those who are merciful to the cruel will be cruel to the merciful."	The Talmud
"If someone is coming to kill you, rise up and kill him first."	The Talmud (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Sanhedrin, folio 72a)
"The gift of liberty is like that of a horse, handsome, strong, and high-spirited. In some it arouses a wish to ride; in many others, on the contrary, it increases the desire to walk."	Massimo Taparelli d'Azeglio (1798-1866; Italian premier 1849-52)
Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho' We are not now that strength which in old days Moved earth and heaven, that which we are,— One equal temper of heroic hearts, Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.	Alfred, Lord Tennyson (from his poem <i>Ulysses</i>)
"Europe was created by history. America was created by philosophy."	Margaret Thatcher
"I stand before you tonight in my Red Star chiffon evening gown, my face softly made up and my fair hair gently waved, the Iron Lady of the Western world. A Cold War warrior, an Amazon philistine, even a Peking plotter. Well, am I any of these things ...? Yes—if that's how they wish to interpret my defence of values and freedoms fundamental to our way of life."	Margaret Thatcher
"The facts of life are conservative."	Margaret Thatcher
"The pursuit of equality is a mirage ... What is more desirable and more practical than the pursuit of equality is the pursuit of equality of opportunity. And opportunity means nothing unless it includes the right to be unequal and the freedom to be different."	Margaret Thatcher, 1975

<p>"The men in the Soviet politburo don't have to worry about the ebb and flow of public opinion. They put guns before butter, while we put just about everything before guns. They know that they are a super power in only one sense—the military sense. They are a failure in human and economic terms."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1976</p>
<p>"Choice in a free society implies responsibility on the part of the individual. There is no hard and fast line between economic and other forms of personal responsibility to self, family, firm, community, nation, God. Morality lies in choosing between feasible alternatives. A moral being is one who exercises his own judgment in choice, on matters great and small, bearing in mind their moral dimension, i.e. right and wrong. Insofar as his right to choose is taken away by the state, the party or the union, his moral facilities i.e. his capacity for choice, atrophy, and he becomes a moral cripple in the same way as we should lose the facility of walking, reading, seeing, if we were prevented from using them over the year."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1977</p>
<p>"People are really rather afraid that this country might be rather swamped by people with a different culture ... We are not in politics to ignore peoples' worries: we are in politics to deal with them."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1978</p>
<p>"Where there is discord, may we bring harmony. Where there is error, may we bring truth. Where there is doubt, may we bring faith. And where there is despair, may we bring hope."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher in 1979, paraphrasing St. Francis of Assisi.</p>
<p>"Pennies don't fall from heaven, they have to be earned here on earth."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1979</p>
<p>"To those waiting with bated breath for that favourite media catchphrase, the U-turn, I have only one thing to say: You turn if you want to. The lady's not for turning."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1980</p>
<p>"My policies are based not on some economics theory, but on things I and millions like me were brought up with: an honest day's work for an honest day's pay; live within your means; put by a nest egg for a rainy day; pay your bills on time; support the police."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1981</p>
<p>"Do you think, Mr. Frost, that I spend my days prowling round the pigeonholes of the Ministry of Defense to look at the chart of each and every ship? If you do you must be bonkers."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher to David Frost, 1982</p>
<p>"I personally have always voted for the death penalty because I believe that people who go out prepared to take the lives of other people forfeit their own right to live. I believe that that death penalty should be used only very rarely, but I believe that no-one should go out certain that no matter how cruel, how vicious, how hideous their murder, they themselves will not suffer the death penalty."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1984</p>
<p>"At one end of the spectrum are the terrorist gangs within our borders, and the terrorist states which finance and arm them. At the other are the hard left operating inside our system, conspiring to use union power and the apparatus of local government to break, defy and subvert the law."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1984</p>
<p>"Of course, people tell me that I shouldn't gloat. Well, I am gloating."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher in 1985, on her victory over the miners' strike</p>
<p>"Don't you think that's the way to persuade more companies to come to this region and get more jobs—because I want them—for the people who are unemployed. Not always standing there as moaning minnies. Now stop it!"</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1985</p>
<p>"Socialists cry 'Power to the people,' and raise the clenched fist as they say it. We all know what they really mean—power over people, power to the State."</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1986</p>
<p>"From France to the Philippines, from Jamaica to Japan, from Malaysia to Mexico, from Sri Lanka to Singapore, privatisation is on the move...The policies we have pioneered are catching on in country after country. We Conservatives believe in popular capitalism—believe in a property-owning democracy. And it works! ... The great political reform of the last century was to enable more and more people to have a vote. Now the great Tory</p>	<p>Margaret Thatcher, 1986</p>

reform of this century is to enable more and more people to own property. Popular capitalism is nothing less than a crusade to enfranchise the many in the economic life of the nation. We Conservatives are returning power to the people. That is the way to one nation, one people."

"A world without nuclear weapons may be a dream but you cannot base a sure defence on dreams." Margaret Thatcher, 1987

"There is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women, and there are families. And no government can do anything except through people, and people must look to themselves first." Margaret Thatcher, 1987

"If you ever get **trial by television** or guilt by accusation, that day freedom dies because you have not had it done with all of the careful rules that have developed in a court of law. Press and television rely on freedom. Those who rely on freedom must uphold the rule of law and have a duty and a responsibility to do so and not try to substitute their own system for it." Margaret Thatcher, 1988

"A man may climb Everest for himself, but at the summit he plants his country's flag." Margaret Thatcher, 1988

"Remember George, this is no time to go wobbly." Margaret Thatcher, to GHW Bush, 1990

"The honourable gentleman is saying that he would rather that the poor were poorer, provided that the rich were less rich. So long as the gap is smaller, they would rather have the poor poorer. One does not create wealth and opportunity that way." Margaret Thatcher, 22 Nov 1990

"Douglas, Douglas, you would make Neville Chamberlain look like a warmonger." Margaret Thatcher to Douglas Hurd, 1993

"We now know that bin Laden's terrorists had been planning their outrages for years. The propagation of their mad, bad ideology—decency forbids calling it a religion—had been taking place before our eyes. We were just too blind to see it." Margaret Thatcher in *Statecraft* (2002)

"The habit of ubiquitous interventionism, combining pinprick strikes by precision weapons with pious invocations of high principle, would lead us into endless difficulties. **Interventions must be limited in number and overwhelming in their impact."** Margaret Thatcher in *Statecraft* (2002)

"Don't believe that military interventions, no matter how morally justified, can succeed without clear military goals. Don't fall into the trap of imagining that the West can remake societies. **Don't take public opinion for granted—but don't either underrate the degree to which good people will endure sacrifices for a worthwhile cause.** Don't allow tyrants and aggressors to get away with it. And when you fight—fight to win." Margaret Thatcher in *Statecraft* (2002)

"For every idealistic peacemaker willing to renounce his self-defence in favour of a weapons-free world, there is at least one warmaker anxious to exploit the other's good intentions." Margaret Thatcher in *Statecraft* (2002)

"It is always important in matters of high politics to know what you do not know. Those who think they know, but are mistaken, and act upon their mistakes, are the most dangerous people to have in charge." Margaret Thatcher in *Statecraft* (2002)

"The desire to achieve grand utopian plans often poses a grave threat to freedom." Margaret Thatcher in *Statecraft* (2002)

"Beware of any government that takes too much *from* you in order to do too much *for* you." Margaret Thatcher

"If my critics saw me walking over the Thames they would say it was because I couldn't swim." Margaret Thatcher

"If you just set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing." Margaret Thatcher,

"If you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman."	Margaret Thatcher
"It may be the cock that crows, but it is the hen that lays the eggs."	Margaret Thatcher
"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing; it's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it."	Margaret Thatcher
"Of course it's the same old story. Truth usually is the same old story."	Margaret Thatcher
"One only gets to the top rung of the ladder by steadily climbing up one at a time, and suddenly all sorts of powers, all sorts of abilities which you thought never belonged to you— suddenly become within your own possibility and you think, "Well, I'll have a go, too."	Margaret Thatcher
"People think that at the top there isn't much room. They tend to think of it as an Everest. My message is that there is tons of room at the top."	Margaret Thatcher
"Standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous; you get knocked down by the traffic from both sides."	Margaret Thatcher
"To me, consensus seems to be the process of abandoning all beliefs, principles, values and policies. So it is something in which no one believes and to which no one objects. If you just set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing."	Margaret Thatcher
"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."	Margaret Thatcher
"Utopia never comes. We should not like it if it did."	Margaret Thatcher [43 total]
"The Koran is based on hallucinations."	Theophanes, c. 770
"I was being pursued not by bigots in white robes but by left-wing zealots draped in flowing sanctimony."	Justice Clarence Thomas, of his 1991 confirmation hearings
"There are really only two ways to interpret the Constitution—try to discern as best we can what the framers intended, or make it up."	Justice Clarence Thomas
"Romanticism and the cult of sentimentalism in the West, aided by globalized communication media, found the Third World an object of "compassion" and guilt, which mass media turned into a commodity of suffering that Westerners could consume and vicariously enjoy those feelings without any efforts to ameliorate it. The result is cheap sentiment and guilt serving the Marxist ideology of undermining Western culture."	Bruce Thornton, talking to Niram Ferretti, December 2018
"The U.S., or at least some of its citizens, do not accept the rejection of nationalism and the cession of sovereignty to transnational technocratic elites, for national sovereignty is the sine qua non of political freedom."	Bruce Thornton, talking to Niram Ferretti, December 2018
"A nation cannot survive if it has no internal solidarity predicated on shared principles, and the confidence that your way of life is the best for you and worthy of fighting for. But when the migrants are Muslims, the danger is much greater. From its birth Islam has been a supremacist, intolerant faith. It does not accept the West's notions of coexistence with infidels, who must convert, die, or if Christian and Jewish, live as second-class subjects without equality under the law."	Bruce Thornton, talking to Niram Ferretti, December 2018
"The Democrats, of course, want to raise taxes. They only want to target the rich, they say. A word of advice to anyone in the middle class: don't stand anywhere near that target."	Fred Thompson, 4 May 2007
"When one makes concession to one's enemies, one regrets it afterwards, and the fewer concessions one makes the safer one is likely to be."	Thucydides
"I will never leave anywhere to the terrorists, and neither will my children. ...The second	Yoni Tidi, to Hugh Hewitt, 21 Dec

we start leaving, whether it be London, or whether it be Judea and Samaria, the West Bank, or Jerusalem, or Los Angeles, or New York: the second we start leaving, that's the second we might as well get down on our knees and say Allahu Akbar."	2006
"I cannot conceive a more wretched sight in the world than that presented by different coteries (they do not deserve the name of parties) which now divide the Union. It is a shame to see what coarse insults, what petty slanders and what impudent calumnies fill the papers that serve as their mouthpieces."	Alexis de Tocqueville, 1831
"Every measure which establishes legal charity on a permanent basis and gives to it an administrative form creates thereby a class unproductive and idle, living at the expense of the class which is industrious and given to work.."	Alexis de Tocqueville, <i>Memoir on Pauperism</i> , 1835
"Democracy extends the sphere of personal independence; socialism confines it. Democracy values each man at his highest; socialism makes of each man an agent, an instrument, a number. Democracy and socialism have but one thing in common—equality. But note well the difference. Democracy aims at equality in liberty. Socialism desires equality in constraint and in servitude."	Alexis de Tocqueville, 12 Sept 1848
"The principle of self-interest rightly understood produces no great acts of self-sacrifice, but it suggests daily small acts of self-denial. By itself it cannot suffice to make a man virtuous, but it disciplines a number of persons in habits of regularity, temperance, moderation, foresight, <i>self-command</i> ; and if it does not lead men straight to virtue by the will, it gradually draws them in that direction by their habits."	Alexis de Tocqueville
"Great parties overturn society, the little ones pester more than they disturb it; the first often make one pity humanity, the second despise it."	Alexis de Tocqueville
"Fear of disorder and love of well-being unconsciously lead democracies to increase the functions of the central government."	Alexis de Tocqueville
"When the past no longer illuminates the future, the spirit walks in darkness."	Alexis de Tocqueville
"It profits me but little, after all, that a vigilant authority always protects the tranquility of my pleasures and constantly averts all dangers from my path, without my care or concern, if this same authority is the absolute master of my liberty and my life."	Alexis de Tocqueville
" Poor men in America would often appear rich in comparison with the poor of Europe."	Alexis de Tocqueville
"He who seeks in liberty anything other than liberty itself is destined for tyranny."	Alexis de Tocqueville
" <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> is of course a fundamentally religious and Catholic work; unconsciously so at first, but consciously in the revision."	J.R.R. Tolkien
"It will not do to leave a live dragon out of your plans if you live near one."	J.R.R. Tolkien
"Democrats are divided on <i>how</i> they would like to lose the war."	Robert Tracinski, 4 Nov 2006
"Modern journalism is all about deciding which facts the public shouldn't know because they might reflect badly on Democrats."	Jim Treacher (<i>Daily Caller</i>), 28 Aug 2014
"A desire for wealth is the source of all progress. Civilization comes from what men call greed. Let your mercenary tendencies be combined with honesty and they cannot take you astray."	Anthony Trollope, in his novel <i>Can You Forgive Her</i> (1865)
"One cannot lift the lower one-third up by pulling the upper two-thirds down."	Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (1884-1951)
"To me, 'bipartisan foreign policy' means a mutual effort, under our indispensable two-party system, to unite our official voice at the water's edge so that America speaks with maximum authority against those who would divide and conquer us and the free world.... In a word, it simply seeks <i>national security ahead of partisan advantage</i> ."	Sen. Arthur Vandenberg
"A politician is never more dangerous than in the midst of a commotion in which myth	Alvaro Vargas Llosa, 8 Oct 2008

replaces reality."

"If you want peace, prepare for war." (in Latin: *Si vis pacem, para bellum*. What Vegetius actually wrote was *Igitur qui desiderat pacem, praeparet bellum...*)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Si_vis_pacem,_para_bellum

Vegetius (Publius Flavius Vegetius Renatus), c. 390 AD

"Don't immanentize the eschaton!" (Don't try to build heaven on earth.)

Eric Voegelin,
in *The New Science of Politics* (1951)

"The presence of a substantial population of pre-modern primitives steeped in anti-Christian, anti-Western hatred invites jihadism and allows it to fester."

Michael Walsh, 11 March 2017

"The idea that others see the world in a way that is not only incompatible with, but utterly opposed to, the way we see it, is the thorn ever-present in the rose bushes of multiculturalism."

David Warren, Ottawa Citizen, 12 March 2006

"Character, not circumstances, makes the man."

Booker T. Washington

"No man who continues to add something to the material, intellectual, and moral well-being of the place in which he lives is left long without proper reward."

Booker T. Washington

"There is a class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs, and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, because they do not want to lose their jobs. There is a certain class of race-problem solvers who don't want the patient to get well."

Booker T. Washington

"With the newer methods of labor, which teach promptness and system, and emphasize the worth of the beautiful,—the moral value of the well-painted house, and the fence with every paling and nail in its place,—we are bringing to bear upon the South an influence that is making it a new country in industry, education, and religion."

Booker T. Washington
(*Atlantic Monthly*, September 1896)

"The West has given the world the symphony and the novel. A culture that engendered the spiritual creations of Mozart and Beethoven, Wagner and Schubert, of Raphael and Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Rembrandt does not need lessons in spirituality from societies whose vision of heaven resembles a cosmic brothel stocked with virgins for men's pleasure."

Ibn Warraq (*Why the West is Best*, 2011)

"Western values—the basis of the West's self-evident economic, social, political, scientific, and cultural success—are clearly superior to any other set of values devised by mankind."

Ibn Warraq (*Why the West is Best*, 2011)

"Ariel Sharon has always been disliked by "liberal" people, whose whole worldview requires looking through the telescope from the wrong end."

David Warren, 7 Jan 2006
(in the *Ottawa Citizen*)

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master."

George Washington

"Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected."

George Washington

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

George Washington, 8 Jan 1790

"There is a rank due to the United States among nations which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."

George Washington,
State of the Union address, 3 Dec 1793

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports....And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion."

George Washington (Farewell Address)

"If Obama isn't willing to voice his concerns and objections with Wright and stand up for his country as it is being slandered by his pastor, what can we expect from Obama when he is asked to stand up against some of the world's worst dictators?... Spending 20 years at Trinity United Church of Christ under the leadership of Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. doesn't

Peter Wehner, 20 March 2008

tell us everything we need to know about Barack Obama — but it may well tell us enough." (Mr. Wehner did leave his church because of the minister's vile views.)

"The Soviets wanted peace: a piece of France, a piece of Germany, a piece of Great Britain..."

Caspar Weinberger

"There will be no true glory for our soldiers in Iraq until they are recognized not as victims, but as aggressive warriors. Stories of their bravery deserve to be recorded and read by the next generation. *Unsung*, the noblest deeds will die."

Bing West, USMC ret.

"Backlash is the word mainstream liberals use to describe the sound the silent majority makes when it finally gets around to piping up. The family unit is shattered: That's progress. Somebody says, Uh, maybe it was better when it wasn't shattered: That's backlash."

Diana West, 5 May 2006

"Liberty of the press is the right of the lonely pamphleteer who uses carbon paper or a mimeograph just as much as of the large metropolitan publisher who utilizes the latest photocomposition methods."

Justice Byron White, 1972
(*Branzburg v. Hayes*)

"Contrary to doomsayers throughout history, the destruction of the Barbary Pirates did not result in the recruitment of more Pirates. The destruction of the Barbary Pirates resulted in *the destruction of the Barbary Pirates*."

Bill Whittle, 6 Nov 2006

"Sometimes all the solutions are awful, and it is the mark of a responsible adult, and a responsible adult *nation*, to realize that some problems you can not get around. Some problems you have to go *through*."

Bill Whittle, 6 Nov 2006

"Warming (and warming alone), through its primary antidote of withdrawing carbon from production and consumption, is capable of realizing the environmentalist's dream of an egalitarian society based on rejection of economic growth in favor of a smaller population's eating lower on the food chain, consuming a lot less, and sharing a much lower level of resources much more equally."

Aaron Wildavsky

"The premise of the multiculturalist ideology is wrong. Cultures are not equal. They are different, because their roots are different. That is why the multiculturalists try to destroy our roots."

Geert Wilders, 25 March 2011

"This is the new Egypt: On Monday, people demonstrate for freedom; on Tuesday, the same people beat up women because they, too, demand freedom."

Geert Wilders, 25 March 2011

"The truth is that Islam is evil, and the reality is that Islam is a threat to us... There are many moderate Muslims, but there is no such thing as a moderate Islam."

Geert Wilders, 25 March 2011

"The truth that Islam is evil has always been obvious to our ancestors. That is why they fought. It was very clear to them that our civilization was far superior to Islam. It is not difficult to understand why our culture is far better than Islam. We Europeans, whether we be Christians, Jews, agnostics or atheists, believe in reason. We have always known that nothing good could be expected from Islam. While our culture is rooted in Jerusalem, Athens and Rome, Islam's roots are the desert and the brain of Muhammad."

Geert Wilders, 25 March 2011

"In the West, our freedoms are embodied in our nation-states. This is why the multiculturalists are hostile to the nation-state and aim to destroy it. National identity is an inclusive identity: It welcomes everyone, whatever his religion or race, who is willing to assimilate into a nation by sharing the fate and future of a people. It ties the individual to an inheritance, a tradition, a loyalty, and a culture."

Geert Wilders, 25 March 2011

"A thief will take your money and be on his way. A congressman will take your money and then bore you with all the reasons you should be happy he took it."

Walter E. Williams, 4 Sept 2009

"There is no more radical a cultural division in all of history than that between the attachment ordinary people have for the family and the hostility intellectuals display toward it"

James Q. Wilson, 1995

"We will be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us, so that if we deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword throughout the world."	John Winthrop, 1630 (standing on the deck of the <i>Arabella</i> , off the coast of Massachusetts)
"The world is fighting Islamic terrorism, starvation, and disease, but Democrats are fighting for men to pee in the ladies' room. Insanity."	James Woods (actor), 2016
"Scratch a liberal, find a fascist."	James Woods (actor)
"Societies that pay a tribute to survive are destined to disappear."	Bat Ye'or, 1 July 2002
"The Iranians are playing three-dimensional chess in the Middle East, while the U.S. is playing with its hankie."	Michael Young, 13 Dec 2007
"CAIR can go to Hell, and they can take their 72 virgins with them."	Young Americans for Freedom (through spokesman Jason Mattera) in response to a threatening letter, 1 Aug 2007
"One of the most noble things you can do is kill the enemy."	Maj. Douglas A. Zembiec (Fallujah, 2004)
"Your father reminds us there are men willing to fight for people that they don't even know. Even now, as I write this letter in Iraq, I will honor him on the field of battle by slaying as many of our enemies as possible, and fight until our mission is accomplished."	Maj. Douglas A. Zembiec, to the children of his fallen friend, Maj. Ray Mendoza (2005)

Quotes from other interesting sources:

"The woozy left has made itself an apologist for a creedal wave that is racist, misogynist, homophobic, totalitarian, imperialist and genocidal. But at least they're not white!"	Martin Amis, 2007
"There is a vast plurality of people in Europe who thirst for the failure of Iraq just because they hate George Bush. I was against the war, but the minute it started, from the opening salvo of shock and awe, I wanted it to work."	Martin Amis, 2007
"Millennial Islamism is an ideology superimposed upon a religion—illusion upon illusion. It is not merely violent in tendency. Violence is all that is there."	Martin Amis, 10 Sept 2006
"The stout self-sufficiency or, if you prefer, the extreme incuriosity of Islamic culture has been much remarked. Present-day Spain translates as many books into Spanish, annually, as the Arab world has translated into Arabic in the past 1,100 years."	Martin Amis, 10 Sept 2006
"We should not delude ourselves that the motives behind it were dishonourable." (of the 2003 invasion of Iraq)	Martin Amis, 10 Sept 2006
"Suicide-mass murder is more than terrorism: it is horrorism. It is a maximum malevolence. The suicide-mass murderer asks his prospective victims to contemplate their fellow human being with a completely new order of execration."	Martin Amis, 10 Sept 2006
"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."	Susan B. Anthony, c. 1875 (see also: M.Brinkerhoff and V.Woodhull)
"The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one <i>big</i> thing."	Archilochus, c. 650 BC
"We cannot have any liberty without license to abuse it. The secularization of art enables the really gifted artist to develop his talents to the full; it also permits those with little or no talent to produce vast quantities of phony or vulgar trash."	Wystan Hugh Auden

[of New Deal liberals] "These people are talking the relativism which will ruin liberalism yet. Don't they know that the means can make the ends? Don't they realize that their method of arguing can justify anything? I wish we could find some way of getting rid of conservative morality without having these youngsters drop all morality."	Charles Beard (1874-1948)
"If we insist on our heroes being pure, then we aren't going to have any. Last year the shine on Mahatma Gandhi's halo came off, when we learned of his view that Indians were culturally superior to black Africans. Should this blot out all his remarkable achievements? I think not."	Nigel Biggar, Oxford professor, 2015
"As Britain knows, all predominant power seems for a time invincible but, in fact, it is transient. The question is: What do you leave behind?"	Tony Blair to US Congress, July 2003
"The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal."	Louis Brandeis (1856-1941)
"Publicity is justly commended as a remedy for social and industrial diseases. Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants; electric light the most efficient policeman."	Louis Brandeis (1856-1941)
"When a man steals to satisfy hunger, we may safely conclude that there is something wrong in society — so when a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is an evidence that either by education or circumstances she has been greatly wronged."	Mattie Brinkerhoff, 1869 (see also: V.Woodhull and S.B. Anthony)
"After a shooting spree, they always want to take the guns away from the people who didn't do it."	William S. Burroughs
"For decades, free nations tolerated oppression in the Middle East for the sake of stability. In practice, this approach brought little stability and much oppression, so I have changed this policy."	George W. Bush, September 2001
"Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them."	George W. Bush, 20 Sept 2001
"America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining."	George W. Bush, 20 Sept 2001
"We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th century. By sacrificing human life to serve their radical visions, by abandoning every value except the will to power, they follow in the path of fascism, Nazism, and totalitarianism."	George W. Bush, 20 Sept 2001
"A liberated Iraq can show the power of freedom to transform that vital region, by bringing hope and progress into the lives of millions. America's interests in security, and America's belief in liberty, both lead in the same direction: to a free and peaceful Iraq. . . . The world has a clear interest in the spread of democratic values, because stable and free nations do not breed the ideologies of murder. They encourage the peaceful pursuit of a better life. And there are hopeful signs of a desire for freedom in the Middle East. . . . A new regime in Iraq would serve as a dramatic and inspiring example of freedom for other nations in the region."	George W. Bush, 26 Feb 2003 In other words: promoting democracy in the Middle East was NOT a postwar rationalization.
"No longer should we think tyranny is benign because it is temporarily convenient. Tyranny is never benign to its victims, and our great democracies should oppose tyranny wherever it is found."	George W. Bush, 2003
"The success of freedom is not determined by some dialectic of history. By definition, the success of freedom rests upon the choices and the courage of free peoples."	George W. Bush, 6 Nov 2003
"Whatever excuse they need, they have made up their minds to attack and they grab onto things to justify. If it's not Iraq, it's Israel. If it's not Israel, it's the Crusades. If it's not the Crusades, it's the cartoon."	George W. Bush, 25 Oct 2006
"The soft bigotry of low expectations."	George W. Bush, 8 Jan 2004
"There is a difference between honest critics who recognize what is wrong, and defeatists	George W. Bush, 18 Dec 2005

who refuse to see that anything is right."	
"Hindsight alone is not wisdom. And second-guessing is not a strategy."	George W. Bush, 31 Jan 2006
"I don't believe you can have political reconciliation if your capital city is burning."	George W. Bush, 2006
"This business about 'graceful exit' just simply has no realism to it whatsoever."	George W. Bush, 30 Nov 2006
"Capitalism punishes failure, while government punishes success."	Steve Chapman, 1 Dec 2005 (Chi.Trib)
"While for Europeans, inequality truly makes them less happy, in the United States only the moods of rich leftists are adversely affected."	Dalton Conley (NYU social scientist), 2009
"War is a series of catastrophies which end in a victory."	Georges Clemenceau
"America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone from barbarism to decadence without the usual interval of civilization."	Georges Clemenceau
"Stupidity is always astonishing, no matter how many times you encounter it."	Jean Cocteau
"The problem with the modern world is that stupidity has begun to think."	Jean Cocteau
"It is in truth not for glory, <i>nor riches</i> , nor honors that we are fighting, but <i>for freedom</i> — <i>for that alone</i> , which no honest man gives up but with life itself."	Declaration of Arbroath (Scottish lords, 1320)
"A great civilization cannot be destroyed from outside if it has not already destroyed itself from within."	Will Durant
"Anbody who comes out for peace is not for peace. Peace is the time it takes to reload your rifle."	Bob Dylan in <i>Rolling Stone</i> , June 1984
"If Algeria proposed a resolution that the Earth was flat and that Israel has flattened it, it would pass by a vote of 120 to 3, with 27 abstentions."	Abba Eban (3 Feb 2004, re UN Genl. Assembly)
"The Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity."	Abba Eban (Geneva Peace Conference, 21 Dec 1973)
"A consensus means that everyone agrees to say collectively what no one believes individually."	Abba Eban
"History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives."	Abba Eban
"International law is that law which the wicked do not obey and the righteous do not enforce."	Abba Eban
"A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have."	Gerald Ford, 1976
"The more the fruits of knowledge become accessible to men, the more widespread is the decline of religious belief."	Sigmund Freud
"Everyone must be the same and have the same. Social justice means we deny ourselves many things so that others may have to do without them as well."	Sigmund Freud
"As government becomes more involved in a firm, the firm acts less and less competitively and more and more like a job-protection organization. A symbiotic relationship develops in which the very concept of a public interest is lost. "	David Frum, 11 Dec 2008
"While Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Parsees and Jews, along with several million adherents of an animistic religion, all coexisted in relative harmony, one religion that would not accept compromise stood out from the rest: Islam. "	Mohandas K. Gandhi
"It's dishonor, sir. This great government, strong in gold, is breaking its promises to pay	Sen. Carter Glass, 1933 (to FDR)

gold to widows and orphans to whom it has sold government bonds with a pledge to pay gold coin of the present standard of value. It is breaking its promise to redeem its paper money in gold coin of the present standard of value. It's dishonor, sir."	
"If you find yourself in a fair fight, you didn't plan your mission properly."	Col. David Hackworth (U.S. Army 1945-71)
"There is nothing sinister in so arranging one's affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible. ... Everybody does so, rich or poor; and all do right, for nobody owes any public duty to pay more than the law demands: taxes are enforced exactions, not voluntary contributions. To demand more in the name of morals is mere cant."	Learned Hand, 1947
"Doing nothing is always an option, and often it is the best option."	Daniel Hannan, 2010
"Never mind representative democracy, never mind natural justice. All that matters to the transnational elites is power."	Daniel Hannan, 2010
"Our Constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens."	Justice John Harlan (dissent in <i>Plessy v Ferguson</i> , 1896)
Heat is not the antithesis of light, but rather the <i>source</i> of it.	Christopher Hitchens
"Multiculturalism and multiethnicity ... is now one of the disguises for a <i>uniculturalism</i> , based on moral relativism and moral blackmail."	Christopher Hitchens
"The essence of tyranny is not iron law; it is capricious law."	Christopher Hitchens
"I shall never understand how the keepers and trustees of the King James Version threw away such a treasure."	Christopher Hitchens (this despite his atheism)
"If the defeatists had been listened to, Zaraqawi would by now be the most famous Muslim warrior in the history of the world... Instead, he's dog meat, which is what he ought to have been a long time ago."	Christopher Hitchens to Hugh Hewitt, 8 June 2006
"I shall go on keeping score about this until the last phony pacifist has been strangled with the entrails of the last suicide-murderer." [on an Iraq with Saddam still in power]	Christopher Hitchens, 20 March 2006
"...one must resist efforts to ventriloquize the dead. To me, Cindy Sheehan's posthumous conscription of her son is as objectionable as Billy Graham's claim, at the National Cathedral, that all the dead of Sept. 11, 2001 were now in paradise."	Christopher Hitchens, 29 May 2006
"Anyone who lost their 'innocence' on September 11 was too naïve by far, or too stupid to begin with."	Christopher Hitchens, 11 Sept 2006
"The motherland of the English-speaking peoples...will, on the demise of the present queen, have as head of state a strange middle-aged man with a soft spot for Islam and bizarre taste in wives."	Christopher Hitchens, 17 Oct 2007
"England is rapidly becoming a place where the good are afraid of the bad and the bad are not afraid of anything."	Peter Hitchens, 2007
"Every great cause begins as a movement, becomes a business, and eventually degenerates into a racket."	Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)
"There is no telling what extremes of cruelty and ruthlessness a man will go when he is freed from the fears, hesitations, doubts, and the vague stirrings of decency that go with individual judgment."	Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)
"A free society is as much a threat to the intellectual's sense of worth as an automated economy is a threat to the worker's sense of worth. Any social order...which can function well with a minimum of leadership will be an anathema to the intellectual."	Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)
"It is seldom that liberty of any kind is lost all at once."	David Hume

"All plans of government, which suppose great reformation in the manners of mankind, are plainly imaginary."	David Hume
"The survival of democracy depends on the ability of large numbers of people to make realistic choices in the light of adequate information. A dictatorship, on the other hand, maintains itself by censoring or distorting the facts, and by appealing, not to reason, not to enlightened self-interest, but to passion and prejudice."	Aldous Huxley (<i>Brave New World Revisited</i> , 1958: The Arts of Selling)
"Men more frequently require to be reminded than informed."	Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)
"Precautions are always blamed, because when successful they are deemed to have been unnecessary."	Benjamin Jowett
"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."	John F. Kennedy, 1962
"It is a paradoxical truth that tax rates are too high today, and tax revenues are too low, and the soundest way to raise the revenues in the long run is to cut the rates now."	John F. Kennedy, 1962
"A rising tide lifts all boats." [arguing in favor of tax cuts to spur the economy]	John F. Kennedy
"Although it is extremely unlikely that the fears of governmental tyranny which gave rise to the Second Amendment will ever be a major danger to our nation, the Amendment still remains an important declaration of our basic civilian-military relationships, in which every citizen must be ready to participate in the defense of his country. For that reason I believe the Second Amendment will always be important."	John F. Kennedy
"I think it is a mistake to begin to assign quotas on the basis of religion or race — color — nationality... We are too mixed, this society of ours, to begin to divide ourselves on the basis of race or color."	John F. Kennedy
"When the facts change, I change my mind. What do you do, sir?"	John Maynard Keynes
"There is no subtler, surer means of overturning the existing basis of society than to debauch the currency. The process engages all the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction, and it does it in a manner which not one man in a million is able to diagnose."	John Maynard Keynes
"By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens."	John Maynard Keynes
"Practical men who believe themselves to be quite exempt from any intellectual influences, are usually the slaves of some defunct economist."	John Maynard Keynes
"In the long run we are all dead."	John Maynard Keynes
"Do you know that Negroes are 10 percent of the population of St. Louis and are responsible for 58% of its crimes? We've got to face that. And we've got to do something about our moral standards. We know that there are many things wrong in the white world, but there are many things wrong in the black world, too. We can't keep on blaming the white man. There are things we must do for ourselves."	Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 1961 sermon
"If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."	Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., 23 June 1963
"A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God."	Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
"Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?' Vanity asks the question, 'Is it popular?' But conscience asks the question, 'Is it right?'"	Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
"Bush Derangement Syndrome." (Deep depression among moonbats after Bush won.)	Charles Krauthammer, Nov 2004
"One should be grateful for the saintly among us. And one should be vigilant that they	Charles Krauthammer

not get to make the decisions upon which the lives of others depend."	in "The Truth About Torture," 5 Dec 2005
"Most liberalism is angst- and guilt-ridden, seeing moral equivalence everywhere. <i>Syriana</i> is of a different species entirely—a pathological variety that burns with the certainty of its malign anti-Americanism. Osama bin Laden could not have scripted this film with more conviction."	Charles Krauthammer, 3 March 2006
"The enemy we are fighting is . . . totalitarian. It is inhumane. It has a violent ideology and a goal of expansionism and totalitarianism. It threatens our security, our values, our way of life as seriously, in my opinion, as fascism and communism did in the last century."	Joseph Lieberman, 2007
"The disarmament movement was, as the event has shown, tragically successful in disarming the nations that believed in disarmament. The net effect was to dissolve the alliance among the victors of the first World War, and to reduce them to almost disastrous impotence on the eve of the second World War."	Walter Lippmann, 1943
"If you haven't anything nice to say, come sit next to me."	Alice Roosevelt Longworth
"The president is the sole organ of the nation in its external affairs, and its sole representative with foreign nations."	John Marshall, before he became Chief Justice.
"Intention is the most sacred rule of interpretation."	Chief Justice John Marshall, in <i>Marbury v Madison</i> (1803)
"The power to tax involves the power to destroy."	Chief Justice John Marshall, in <i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> (1819)
"Let me save the American taxpayers \$125 million right now by telling all Americans now to eat seafood. Eat seafood. It is good for you."	John McCain, 27 April 2006 re budget for "seafood promotion strategy"
"We are engaged in a basic struggle: a struggle between humanity and inhumanity; between builders and destroyers. If fighting these people and preventing the export of their brand of radicalism and terror is not intrinsic to the national security and most cherished values of the United States, I don't know what is."	John McCain, 11 April 2007
"It is better for a candidate to lose a campaign than for our nation to lose a war."	John McCain
"It's very hard to negotiate with an adversary who is committed to your extinction."	John McCain, 16 March 2008
"Mr. Carter quite simply abdicated the whole responsibility of the presidency while in office. He left the nation at the mercy of its enemies at home and abroad. He was the worst president we ever had."	Eugene McCarthy
"Every word she writes is a lie, including 'and' and 'the'." (speaking of Lillian Hellman, on <i>The Dick Cavett Show</i>)	Mary McCarthy, 1979
"Almost everywhere one looks in American intellectual institutions there is a hypertrophy of the theoretical, galloping credentialism, and a withering of the real."	Walter Russell Mead, 8 Dec 2010
"Peace will come when the Arabs start to love their children more than they hate us."	Golda Meir
"The objection to Puritans is not that they try to make us think as they do, but that they try to make us do as they think."	H.L. Mencken
"The whole point of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed and hence clamorous to be led to safety by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."	H.L. Mencken
"When somebody says it's not about the money, it's about the money."	H.L. Mencken
"No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public."	H.L. Mencken paraphrased , 1926

That is actually the traditional paraphrase of what Mencken **actually wrote**:

"No one in this world, so far as I know — and I have searched the records for years, and employed agents to help me — has ever lost money by underestimating the intelligence of the great masses of the plain people. Nor has anyone ever lost public office thereby."

"The pacifists are in the West, but the missiles are in the East."

Francois Mitterand, 1983

"We are spending more money than we have ever spent before, and it does not work...I want to see this country prosperous. I want to see people get a job. I want to see people get enough to eat. We have never made good on our promises. I say after eight years of this administration we have just as much unemployment as when we started...and an enormous debt, to boot."

Henry Morgenthau, FDR's Treasury Secretary (supposedly in 1939, but that was after only 6 years of FDR)

"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan (1927-2003)

"Unable to distinguish between our friends and our enemies, he has essentially adopted our enemies' view of the world."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan (of Jimmy Carter in 1980)

"The liberal left can be as rigid and destructive as any force in American life."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"The steady expansion of welfare programs can be taken as a measure of the steady disintegration of the Negro family structure over the past generation in the United States."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"The issue of welfare is not what it costs those who provide it, but what it costs those who receive it."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"The role of social science lies not in the formulation of social policy, but in the measurement of its results."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"The central conservative truth is that it is culture, not politics, that determines the success of a society. The central liberal truth is that politics can change a culture and save it from itself."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"Somehow liberals have been unable to acquire from life what conservatives seem to be endowed with at birth: namely, a healthy skepticism of the powers of government agencies to do good."

Daniel Patrick Moynihan

"The question of whether America is 'Islamophobic'—now bandied about so casually, as though opposition to the mosque has revealed a nasty strain in the American psyche, akin to the terrible racism or anti-Semitism that once ran wild—is so deeply offensive. This loathsome term is nothing more than a thought-terminating cliché conceived in the bowels of Muslim think tanks for the purpose of beating down critics."

Abdur-Rahman Muhammad, *New York Daily News*, 5 Sept 2010

"Some liberals, most of which are ego-soaked, look for ways to support their self-perceived importance, so they champion imaginary causes for that purpose. They are adult-children who feel free to construct fantasies about their greatness. Their narcissism in part functions to blind them to inconvenient realities. So to compensate, they idealize the targets of their misdirected and pathological 'caring.'"

Marlin Newburn

"If I have seen further than others, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

Sir Isaac Newton

(Clinton and Gore) "were educated at fine universities at the moment those universities became factories for manufacturing the kind of people who prefer mankind to men and government to the individual."

Peggy Noonan, 2 Nov 2000

"If you had a first rate mind you'd see what isn't obvious, such as . . . the illustrative power of metaphor to speak to the existential challenge to postmodern man, which is to flourish within a democratic framework and negotiate its inevitable power centers while balancing the need for communal unity on the one hand with the necessity to find and unlock individual potential on the other. I don't think that sentence made sense, but you could speak it in a lot of places—a faculty dinner, the vice president's house—and elicit

Peggy Noonan, 2 Nov 2000

nods of approval. And not in spite of the fact that it is nonsense but because of it."

"The next president may well be forced to shepherd us through the first nuclear event since World War II, the first terrorist attack or missile attack. "Man has never had a weapon he didn't use," Ronald Reagan said in conversation, and we have been most fortunate man has not used these weapons to kill in the past 50 years. But half the foreign and defense policy establishment fears, legitimately, that the Big Terrible Thing is coming, whether in India-Pakistan, or in Asia or in lower Manhattan."

Peggy Noonan, 2 Nov 2000

"No one believes in comprehensive solutions. They believe in action they can see. No one believes in the wisdom of government, but they do believe it has a certain brute power."

Peggy Noonan, 18 May 2006

"You know why they call it birth control? Because it's meant to stop a birth from happening nine months later. We know when life begins. Everyone who ever bought a pack of condoms knows when life begins."

Peggy Noonan, 22 Aug 2008

1. Avoid fried meats which angry up the blood. 2. If you stomach disputes you, lie down and pacify it with cool thoughts. 3. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around gently as you move. 4. Go very light on the vices, such as carrying on in society. The social ramble ain't restful. 5. Avoid running at all times. 6. Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.

Satchel Paige: "How to Keep Young"

"Government is a necessary evil; let us have as little of it as possible."

Thomas Paine

"Diplomacy is the art of letting the other fellow have your way."

Lester Pearson (Canadian PM)

"Only the dead have seen the end of war."

Plato

"A man becomes perfect in courage by fighting against and conquering the cowardice within him."

Plato

"Negotiating with Obama is like playing chess with a pigeon. The pigeon knocks over all the pieces, shits on the board and then struts around like it won the game."

Vladimir Putin

"The ordinary theme and argument of all history is war."

Sir Walter Raleigh

"Americans do not want to be governed by Democrats or by Republicans: they want to govern themselves."

Scott Rasmussen, Nov 2010

"I mean, in one week he went from saying he's going to sit down for tea with our enemies, but then he's going to bomb our allies. He's gone from Jane Fonda to Dr. Strangelove in one week."

Mitt Romney, August 2007, after Barack Hussein Obama said he might bomb Pakistan to get to Al Qaida and Osama

"When you see a problem, run toward it or it will only get worse."

Mitt Romney, August 2012

"The lessons of history, confirmed by the evidence immediately before me, show conclusively that **continued dependence upon relief induces a spiritual and moral disintegration fundamentally destructive to the national fiber. To dole out relief in this way is to administer a narcotic, a subtle destroyer of the human spirit...** It is in violation of the traditions of America."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1935

"All government employees should realize that the process of collective bargaining, as usually understood, cannot be transplanted into the public service. It has its distinct and insurmountable limitations when applied to public-personnel management. The very nature and purposes of government make it impossible for administrative officials to represent fully or to bind the employer in mutual discussions with government-employee organizations. The employer is the whole people."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1937

"There is certain information, as the Congress itself will readily recognize, which, in the interests of our own security and those of the nations that we are supporting, must of needs be kept in confidence."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 6 Jan 1941

"Their only interest is in a new one-way international law, which lacks mutuality in its observance, and, therefore, becomes an instrument of oppression." (of 'the dictators')	Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 6 Jan 1941
"The Nation's hands must not be tied when the Nation's life is in danger."	Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 6 Jan 1941
"One thing I want clearly understood: I won't give them up...I won't hand them to any United States marshal armed with a writ of habeas corpus." [concerning eight captured Nazi saboteurs.]	Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1942, to Attorney General Francis Biddle
"Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort."	Franklin Delano Roosevelt
"We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans."	Theodore Roosevelt
"There is no good reason why we should fear the future, but there is every reason why we should face it seriously, neither hiding from ourselves the gravity of the problems before us nor fearing to approach these problems with the unbending, unflinching purpose to solve them aright."	Theodore Roosevelt, 4 March 1905
"No weak nation that acts manfully and justly should ever have cause to fear us, and no strong power should ever be able to single us out as a subject for insolent aggression."	Theodore Roosevelt, 4 March 1905
"We may have come here on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."	Betsy Rose (often attrib. to Whitney Young)
"If Muslims insist that I, as a non-Muslim, should submit to their taboos ... they're asking for my submission."	Flemming Rose (<i>Jyllands-Posten</i> culture editor), Feb. 2006
"They are basically saying, 'If you say we are violent, we are going to kill you.'"	Flemming Rose (<i>Jyllands-Posten</i> culture editor), Feb. 2008
"If you give in to intimidation, you will not get less intimidation, you will get more intimidation."	Flemming Rose (<i>Jyllands-Posten</i> culture editor), Feb. 2008
"Israel Bashing is a way to clear people's conscience by finding a scapegoat and a target for their pacifist post-modernist views."	Eyal Rosenberg, 9 May 2007
"What's it going to take to get them to hit al Qaeda in Afghanistan? Does al Qaeda have to attack the Pentagon?" (after Clinton cabinet voted against massive missile strike).	Michael Sheehan, State Dept. counter-terrorism official, late 1990s
"The real trouble with us reformers is that we made reform a crusade against standards. Well, we smashed them all and now neither we nor anybody else have anything left."	J. Allen Smith, c. 1910
"Being a former president does not give one a unique privilege to invent information."	Kenneth Stein, 10 Dec 2006 re Jimmy Carter
"Liberals oppose a VAT because it is regressive and conservatives oppose it because it is a money machine, but a VAT might come when liberals realize it is a money machine and conservatives realize it is regressive."	Lawrence Summers
"No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the Legislature is in session."	Gideon Tucker, 1866
"No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while Congress is in session."	Mark Twain, 1866
"There is no distinctly American criminal class — except Congress."	Mark Twain
"If you don't read the newspapers, you are uninformed. If you do read the newspapers, you are misinformed."	Mark Twain
"In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made school boards."	Mark Twain
"Do not fear the enemy, for your enemy can only take your life. It is far better that you fear the media, for they will steal your honor. That awful power, the public opinion of a	Mark Twain

nation, is created in America by a horde of ignorant, self-complacent simpletons who failed at ditching and shoemaking and fetched up in journalism on their way to the poorhouse."

"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." (See similar quote from Winston Churchill) Mark Twain

"In this society we save whales, we save timber wolves and bald eagles and Coke bottles. Yet, everyone wanted me to throw away my baby." "Victoria," 1983 (quoted by Ronald Reagan)

"I don't know which is the more useful to the state, a well-powdered lord who knows precisely what time the king gets up in the morning and what time he goes to bed, and who gives himself airs of grandeur while playing the role of slave in a minister's antechamber, or a great merchant who enriches his country, sends orders from his office to Surat and to Cairo, and contributes to the well-being of the world." Voltaire

"You can never be too thin or too rich." Duchess of Windsor, 1930s (Wallis Simpson)

"An ambassador is an honest man sent abroad to lie for his country." Henry Wotton (English author and diplomat, 1568-1639)

"Any political group or institution that is not ideologically conservative will become, over time, liberal." George F. Will

Senator Reid, for example, has a liberal's reflex for discerning racism everywhere and for shouting "racist" as a substitute for argument. George F. Will, 25 May 2006

"The Times, a media corporation that is a fountain of detailed editorial instructions about how the rest of the world should conduct its business, seems confused about how it conducts its own." George F. Will, 26 Sept 2007

"The problem is not that Democrats are 'bought' by trial lawyers. The problem is that Democrats, who see victims everywhere, are actually disposed to believe the narrative of pandemic victimization of investors." George F. Will, 18 Nov 2007

"Conservatism is a *political* philosophy concerned with *collective* aspirations and actions. But conservatism teaches that benevolent government is not always a benefactor. Conservatism's task is to distinguish between what government can and cannot do, and between what it can do but should not." George F. Will, 25 Nov 2007

"The regulator's motto is 'Dirigo, ergo sum'—I boss people around, therefore I am." George F. Will, 27 Apr 2008

"Campaign-finance reform, by steadily expanding government's control of the political campaigns that decide who controls government, advances liberalism's program of extending government supervision of life." George F. Will

"Citizen of the world and global citizenship are, strictly speaking, nonsense. Citizenship is defined by legal and loyalty attachments to a particular political entity with a distinctive regime and culture. Neither the world nor the globe is such an entity." George F. Will, 3 Aug 2008

"Men must no longer insult all womanhood by saying that freedom means the degradation of women. Every woman knows that if she were free, she would never bear an unwished-for child, nor think of murdering one before its birth." Victoria Woodhull, 1875 (see also: M.Brinkerhoff and S.B. Anthony)

Quotes from leftists and other lunatics:

"Who are we to judge?" millions of moonbats

"Everything's relative."	millions of moonbats
"One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter."	millions of moonbats
"We must demand that the individual shall be willing to lose the sense of personal achievement, and shall be content to realize his activity only in connection to the activity of the many."	Jane Addams (1860-1935), patron saint of patrician do-gooders and know-it-alls.
"There is only one way of preserving peace in the world, and getting rid of your enemy, and that is to come to some sort of agreement with him....The greatest enemy of mankind today is hate."	Margot Asquith, 1933 (!)
"You've betrayed Vietnam. Someday you're going to sell out Taiwan. And we're going to be around when you get tired of Israel."	Hafez Assad to Henry Kissinger, 1975
"This society is not a just and fair and decent place...What a country. It makes me want to puke."	William Ayers, terrorist friend of Barack Obama, 16 Sept 2001 (to NYT)
"Jihad and the rifle alone: no negotiations, no conferences, no dialogues."	Abdullah Azzam, mentor to Osama bin Laden
"Too often, much of late, the last couple three years, the mal-distribution of income in America has gone up way too much, the wealthy are getting way, way too wealthy, and the middle income class is left behind. Wages have not kept up with increased income of the highest income in America. This legislation will have the effect of addressing that mal-distribution of income in America."	Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT), 25 March 2010
"We have dreamed of this event. They did it, but we willed it." [of 9/11]	Jean Baudrillard, French social theorist
"Democrats shouldn't fool themselves. The American people haven't given them a mandate to govern; they have given them a mandate to stop Bush from governing."	Peter Beinart, <i>New Republic</i> , 10 Nov 2006
"Show me the man and I'll find you the crime."	Lavrentiy Beria (chief of Stalin's secret police)
"The Soviet Union is not now, nor will it be during the next decade, in the throes of a true systemic crisis, for it boasts enormous unused reserves of political and social stability that suffice to endure the deepest difficulties."	Seweryn Bialer, Columbia University Sovietologist, 1982
"I have never learned to fight for my freedom. I was only good at enjoying it."	Oscar van den Boogaard (the Dutch gay humanist) 2006
"Lord, if I could only have talked with Hitler, all this might have been avoided."	Sen. William Edgar Borah, September 1939
"We are now free of that inordinate fear of communism which once led us to embrace any dictator who joined us in that fear."	Jimmy Carter, June 1977
"Fishing privileges for the Soviet Union in United States waters will be severely curtailed."	Jimmy Carter, January 1980
"It is necessary to remove from the minds of men their individualism, loyalty to family tradition, national patriotism, and religious dogmas."	George Brock Chisholm, first Director General of the World Health Organization, 11 Sept 1954
"When you bring your skills to bear for profit, you are the moral equivalent of Adolf Eichmann."	Ward Churchill
"Israel's worst mistake is forgetting that Israel was a mistake."	Richard Cohen, 21 July 2006
"It's time for a new beginning, for an end to government of the few, by the few, for the few, and to replace it with shared responsibility for shared prosperity."	Hillary Clinton
"I certainly think the free market has failed."	Hillary Clinton

"We are going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good."	Hillary Clinton
"We can't just let business as usual go on, and that means something has to be taken away from some people."	Hillary Clinton
"I think it's time to send a clear message to what has become the most profitable sector in the entire economy, that they are being watched."	Hillary Clinton
"What I want to do is take those profits and apply them to alternative energy."	Hillary Clinton
"I really believe that it takes a village to raise a child."	Hillary Clinton
"I also believe that every new handgun sale or transfer should be registered in a national registry."	Hillary Clinton
"Should Churchill become Prime Minister he will then introduce fascist measures, and there will be no more general elections."	Sir Stafford Cripps, 1939
"To be sure, any increase in centralized power and responsibility, expedient or inexpedient, is injurious to certain aspects of traditional American democracy. But the fault in that case lies with the democratic tradition; and the erroneous and misleading tradition must yield before the march of constructive national democracy. The national advance will always be impeded by these misleading and erroneous ideas, and, what is more, it always should be impeded by them, because at bottom ideas of this kind are merely an expression of the fact that the average American individual is morally and intellectually inadequate to a serious and consistent conception of his responsibilities as a democrat. "	Herbert Croly, in <i>The Promise of American Life</i> (1909)
"In becoming responsible for the subordination of the individual to the demand of a dominant and constructive national purpose, the American state will in effect be making itself responsible for a morally and socially desirable distribution of wealth. "	Herbert Croly
"Never let knowing next to nothing stop you."	Laurie David, celebrity leftist (and global warming hysteric)
"I have no country to fight for; my country is earth, and I am a citizen of the world."	Eugene V. Debs
"I was forced to fictionalize things that were actually real."	Brian DePalma, 2007, on his fake films alleging atrocities by the U.S. military.
"Women have so much to lose. I mean, we could lose the right to our bodies... If you think that rape should be legal, then don't vote. But if you think that you have a right to your body, then you should vote."	Cameron Diaz, on <i>Oprah Winfrey Show</i> in October 2004, about the upcoming presidential election
"The harsh fact of the matter is when you're passing legislation that will cover 300 million American people in different ways, it takes a long time to do the necessary administrative steps that have to be taken to put the legislation together to control the people. "	Rep. John Dingell (D-MI), 25 March 2010
"Specific guarantees in the Bill of Rights have penumbras, formed by emanations from those guarantees that help give them life and substance."	William O. Douglas (in <i>Griswold v Connecticut</i> , 1965)
" When we get ready to take the U.S. we will not take it under the label of communism. We will not take it under the label of socialism. These labels are unpleasant to the American people and have been spared too much. We will take the United States under labels we have made very lovable. We'll take it under Liberalism, under Progressivism, under Democracy. But take it we will! "	Bella Dodd, at 1944 Communist convention in Madison Square Garden
"I detest Coca-Cola, I detest burgers, I detest sentimental and violent Hollywood movies that tell lies about history. I detest American imperialism, American infantilism, and American triumphalism about victories it didn't even win."	Margaret Drabble, 2003

"Even if the figures are right, the conclusion is wrong."	Dick "Turban" Durbin re Iraq, Sept 2007
You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war. [Was Einstein an adviser to Neville Chamberlain?]	Albert Einstein (1879-1955)
"The word God is nothing more than the expression and product of human weaknesses."	Albert Einstein (1879-1955)
"Mosques are our barracks, domes our helmets, minarets our bayonets."	Recep Erdogan (Turkish PM), 2009
"There is no moderate or immoderate Islam. There is only one Islam."	Recep Erdogan (Turkish PM), 2017
"So what is 20,000 dead in New York?"	Dario Fo, October 2001
"If I had to choose between betraying my country and betraying my friend, I hope I should have the guts to betray my country."	E.M. Forster
"I'm no more concerned than I would be if Arkansas lost a football game to Texas."	Sen. William Fulbright, 30 Apr 1975 (the day Saigon fell)
"The Russian system succeeds because, in contrast to the Western industrial economies, it makes full use of its manpower. The economy has made great national progress in recent years."	John Kenneth Galbraith, 1984
"Sir, allow me to salute your courage, strength and indefatigability."	George Galloway to Saddam Hussein, 1994
"Evil lies coiled within the human soul."	Al Gore (to an incredulous Ward Connerly)
"Family, economic, and political interests make Bush a threat to world peace."	Gunter Grass, January 2003
"If the missiles had remained in Cuba, we would have used them against the heart of the United States, including New York City. We will be victorious, even if it costs millions of atomic victims."	Che Guevara (to <i>London Daily Worker</i> , Nov 1962).
"The Negro is indolent and lazy, and spends his money on frivolities, whereas the European is forward-looking, organized, and intelligent."	Che Guevara
"Mexicans are a band of illiterate Indians."	Che Guevara
"I think America has done reprehensible things and is responsible in some way...[for 9/11]"	actress Maggie Gyllenhaal
"Some propositions are so dangerous that it may be ethical to kill people for believing them. "	Sam Harris, atheist, in <i>The End of Faith</i>
"These moral demands which the President places before every individual citizen of the United States are also the quintessence of the German state philosophy, which finds its expression in the slogan "The public weal transcends the interest of the individual.""	Adolf Hitler, 1934
"Why need we trouble to socialize banks and factories? We socialize human beings."	Adolf Hitler
"To feel and even think that the white race is inferior in every conceivable way is natural with regards to its history and current actions. Let the Western countries of the white race perish in blood and suffering. Long live the multicultural, racially mixed and classless ecological society! Long live anarchy!"	Tobias Hubinette (a Korean-Swedish leftist scumbag), 1996
"Why should humans get priority over other forms of life?"	Jeff Hoffman, environmental attorney
"There is nothing more painful for me, at this stage in my life, than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start to think about robbery and then look around and see it's somebody white and feel relieved. How humiliating."	"Reverend" Jesse Jackson, c.1993 [a rare moment of honesty from a racist black demagogue]

<p>"These Negroes, they're getting pretty uppity these days, and that's a problem for us, since they've got something now they never had before: the political pull to back up their uppityness. Now we've got to do something about this — we've got to give them a little something, just enough to quiet them down, not enough to make a difference."</p>	<p>Senator Lyndon Baines Johnson, 1960 (typical liberal hypocrisy)</p>
<p>"I'll have those niggers voting Democratic for the next 200 years."</p>	<p>President Lyndon Baines Johnson to two governors aboard Air Force One</p>
<p>"At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."</p>	<p>Anthony Kennedy</p>
<p>"I want to comment on what this bill will not do. First, our cities will not be flooded with a million immigrants annually. Under the proposed bill, the present level of immigration remains substantially the same.... Secondly, the ethnic mix of this country will not be upset.... Contrary to the charges in some quarters, [the bill] will not inundate America with immigrants from any one country or area, or the most populated and deprived nations of Africa and Asia.... In the final analysis, the ethnic pattern of immigration under the proposed measure is not expected to change as sharply as the critics seem to think.... The bill will not flood our cities with immigrants. It will not upset the ethnic mix of our society. It will not relax the standards of admission. It will not cause American workers to lose their jobs."</p>	<p>Teddy Kennedy on 10 Feb 1965, during Senate debate of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 (the Hart-Celler Act)</p>
<p>"This amnesty will give citizenship to only 1.3 million illegal aliens. We will secure the borders. We will never again bring forth an amnesty bill like this."</p>	<p>Teddy Kennedy, on the 1986 Immigration Act</p>
<p>"Robert Bork's America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens' doors in midnight raids, school children could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists would be censored at the whim of government and the doors of the Federal Courts would be shut on the fingers of millions of citizens."</p>	<p>Teddy Kennedy, 1 July 1987</p>
<p>"You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework, and you make the effort to be smart, you can do well, and if you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."</p>	<p>John Kerry, 31 Oct 2006</p>
<p>"Those who know nothing of Islam pretend that Islam counsels against war. They are witless."</p>	<p>Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, 1942</p>
<p>"We do not worship Iran, we worship Allah. For patriotism is another name for paganism. I say let this land [Iran] burn. I say let this land go up in smoke, provided Islam emerges triumphant in the rest of the world."</p>	<p>Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini</p>
<p>"Without loyalty to a tribe, church, flag, or ideal, there would be no wars."</p>	<p>Arthur Koestler</p>
<p>"The federal government is basically an insurance company with an army, and the insurance side isn't bad."</p>	<p>Paul Krugman (before May 2011)</p>
<p>"A lie told often enough becomes the truth."</p>	<p>Vladimir Lenin</p>
<p>"The capitalists will sell us the very rope with which we will hang them."</p>	<p>Vladimir Lenin</p>
<p>"It would not matter if three-fourths of the human race perished. The important thing is that the remaining one-fourth be Communist."</p>	<p>Vladimir Lenin</p>
<p>"The way to crush the bourgeoisie is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation."</p>	<p>Vladimir Lenin</p>
<p>"Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted."</p>	<p>Vladimir Lenin</p>
<p>"Give us the child for 8 years and it will be a Bolshevik forever."</p>	<p>Vladimir Lenin</p>
<p>"The best way to destroy the capitalist system is to debauch the currency."</p>	<p>Vladimir Lenin</p>

"The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses."	Vladimir Lenin
"It is true that liberty is precious; so precious that it must be carefully rationed."	Vladimir Lenin
"Our program necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism."	Vladimir Lenin
"Democracy is indispensable to socialism."	Vladimir Lenin
"While we were off, Sarah Palin agreed to do commentary at Fox News, which is actually very similar to her day job, talking to a baby with Down syndrome."	Bill Maher, on his 19 Feb 2010 television show
"Liberating tolerance, then, would mean intolerance against movements from the Right and toleration of movements from the Left."	Herbert Marcuse
"Surely, no government can be expected to foster its own subversion, but in a democracy such a right is vested in the people (i.e. in the majority of the people). This means that the ways should not be blocked on which a subversive majority could develop, and if they are blocked by organized repression and indoctrination, their reopening may require apparently undemocratic means. They would include the withdrawal of toleration of speech and assembly from groups and movements which promote aggressive policies, armament, chauvinism, discrimination on the grounds of race and religion, or which oppose the extension of public services, social security, medical care, etc."	Herbert Marcuse
"Certain things cannot be said, certain ideas cannot be expressed, certain policies cannot be proposed."	Herbert Marcuse
"From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."	Karl Marx, <i>Critique of the Gotha Program</i> (1875)
"I will kill them all with chemical weapons. 'Who is going to say anything? The international community? Fuck them!'"	Ali Hassan al-Majid, as he prepared to gas Iraqi Kurds in 1988
"We are not fighting so that you will offer us something. We are fighting to eliminate you."	Hussein Massawi, ex Hezbollah leader
"Meaning has been in decline for a long time, almost since the start of civilization."	Bill McKibben
"I exhort the international community not to fall in a logic of war, seeking retribution for old and new controversies among nations and justifying actions against groups and sectors that have not found a pluralist disposition for the recognition and respect of their individual expressions in the existing institutional frameworks." (29 Oct 01) Typical turgid crap-speak from the lying lips of the queen of little-brown-victimhood.	Rigoberta Menchu, 29 Oct 2001
Ideals of liberty and the rights of man are "permanently allied with...the hierarchy of race."	Toni Morrison
"If anyone changes his religion, kill him (Baddala deenahu, faqtuhulu.)."	Muhammad (cf. Bukhari vol. 9, bk. 84, no. 57)
"The appeal to the decisiveness and masculine sobriety of the nation's youth with which Roosevelt calls his readers to battle is reminiscent of the ways and means by which Fascism awakened the Italian people."	Benito Mussolini, 1934, on FDR's book <i>Looking Forward</i>
"When it comes to feelings, a rat is a pig is a dog is a boy. There is no rational basis for saying that a human being has special rights."	Ingrid Newkirk, president of PETA
"Six million Jews died in concentration camps, but six billion broiler chickens will die this year in slaughterhouses."	Ingrid Newkirk, president of PETA
"Even if animal research resulted in a cure for AIDS, we'd be against it."	Ingrid Newkirk, president of PETA
"Humans are the biggest blight on the face of the Earth."	Ingrid Newkirk, president of PETA

"Radical Christianity is just as threatening as radical Islam in a country like America where we have separation of church and state....And as a result of the [9-11] attack and the killing of 3,000 innocent people, we invaded two countries and killed innocent people....We are bombing innocent people in other countries.... You'll never bring peace at the hands of war."

Rosie O'Donnell, 13 Sept 2006

"In this final phase of the ongoing struggle, the world of the infidels was divided between two superpowers—the United States and the Soviet Union. Now we have defeated and destroyed the more difficult and the more dangerous of the two. Dealing with the pampered and effeminate Americans will be easy."

Osama bin Laden

"We have seen in the last decade the decline of the American government and the weakness of the American soldier who is ready to wage Cold Wars and unprepared to fight long wars. This was proven in Beirut when the Marines fled after two explosions. It also proves they can run in less than 24 hours, and this was also repeated in Somalia. We are ready for all occasions. We rely on Allah."

Osama bin Laden, in 1998 interview with John Miller of ABC News

"I happen to be a proponent of a single-payer universal health care program."

Barack Obama

"Generally, the Constitution is a charter of negative liberties."

"If you've got a business—you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen."

Barack Obama

"I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody."

Barack Obama

"Under my plan of a cap and trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket."

Barack Obama

"I think the trick is figuring out how do we structure government systems that pool resources and hence facilitate some redistribution, because I actually believe in redistribution."

Barack Obama

"If they bring a knife to the fight, we bring a gun."

Barack Obama

"We need to talk to Iran and Syria because they're going to have responsibilities if Iraq collapses. They have been acting irresponsibly up until this point. But if we tell them that we are not going to be a permanent occupying force, we are in a position to say that they are going to have to carry some weight, in terms of stabilizing the region."

Barack Obama, July 2007
Michael Goodwin called these assumptions "beyond goofy."

"And it's not surprising then they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

Barack Obama, 6 April 2008, talking about small-town Americans

"We can't drive our SUV's and eat as much as we want and keep our homes on 72 degrees at all times, whether we're living in a desert, or living in the tundra, and then just expect that every other country's going to say okay, you guys just go ahead and keep on using 25% of the world's energy, even though you only account for 3% of the population."

Barack Obama, 17 May 2008 speech

"On this Memorial Day, as our nation honors its unbroken line of fallen heroes—and I see many of them in the audience here today..."

Barack Obama, 26 May 2008 speech

"What I'm not interested in doing is posing or pursuing some notion of American leadership or America winning or whatever other slogans they come up with that has no relationship to what is actually going to work to protect the American people and to protect the people in the region who are getting killed and to protect our allies and people like France. I'm too busy for that."

Barack Obama, 18 Nov 2015
— spoken with a petulant sneer

"Barack Obama will require you to work. He is going to demand that you shed your cynicism. That you put down your divisions. That you come out of your isolation, that

Michelle Obama, February 2008 speech

you move out of your comfort zone. That you push yourselves to be better. And that you engage. Barack will never allow you to go back to your lives as usual, uninvolved, uninformed."

"Like many young people coming out of college, with their MA's and BA's and PhD's and MPH's coming out so mired in debt that they have to forego the careers of their dreams, see, because when you're mired in debt, you can't afford to be a teacher or a nurse or social worker, or a pastor of a Church, or to run a small non-profit organization, or to do research for a small community group, or to be a community organizer, because the salaries that you'll earn in those jobs won't cover the cost of the degree that it took to get the job."

Michelle Obama, April 2008 speech

"The bar is shifting and moving on people all the time. And folks are struggling like never before, working harder than ever, believing that their hard work will lead to some reward, some payoff. But what they find is that they get there, and then the bar has changed. Things are different. It wasn't enough. So you have to work even harder. And see, what happens when you live in a nation where the vast majority of Americans are struggling every day to reach an every-shifting and moving bar, then what happens in that nation is that people do become isolated."

Michelle Obama, 2 May 2008 speech

"This House will in no circumstances fight for king and country."

Resolution passed by Oxford Union, 1933 (!)

"And all the dead air is alive/With the smell of America's God."

Harold Pinter, January 2003

"There are no hard distinctions between what is real and what is unreal, nor between what is true and what is false. A thing is not necessarily either true or false; it can be both true and false."

Harold Pinter, in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, Dec 2005

"Islam has a mandate to order the whole of human life. The Western idea of separation between religion and society is a hideous schizophrenia that would lead to the downfall of white civilization and therefore its replacement by Islam."

Sayyid Qutb

"It's clear that the ideologies of Communism, socialism and capitalism are all in trouble."

James Reston, NYT columnist, 1985

"Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trivial reasons."

Bertrand Russell

"What counts is results, and there can be no doubt that the Soviet planning system has been a powerful engine for economic growth.... The Soviet model has surely demonstrated that a command economy is capable of mobilizing resources for rapid growth."

Paul Samuelson, MIT economist and Nobel laureate, 1985

"Ah, yes, the horrendous massacres of civilians caused by the so-called suicide terrorists... Horrendous, yes, doubtless; condemnable, yes, doubtless, but Israel still has a lot to learn if it is not capable of understanding the reasons that can bring a human being to turn himself into a bomb."

Jose Saramago, 24 May 2002

"All human actions are equivalent...and doomed to failure."

Jean-Paul Sartre

"The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."

Margaret Sanger, *Woman and the New Race* (1920)

"The unbalance between the birth rate of the "unfit" and the "fit," admittedly the greatest present menace to civilization, can never be rectified by the inauguration of a cradle competition between these two classes."

Margaret Sanger, "The Eugenic Value of Birth Control Propaganda" (1921)

"The fertility of the feeble-minded, the mentally defective, the poverty-stricken classes, should not be held up for emulation to the mentally and physically fit though less fertile parents of the educated and well-to-do classes."

Margaret Sanger, "The Eugenic Value of Birth Control Propaganda" (1921)

"The most urgent problem today is how to limit and discourage the over-fertility of the mentally and physically defective."	Margaret Sanger, "The Eugenic Value of Birth Control Propaganda" (1921)
"The multiplication of the unfit is a world problem."	Margaret Sanger, "Human Conservation and Birth Control" (3 March 1938)
"Of 1,500 women admitted as charity obstetrical patients at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, 39% of the whites and 70% of the negroes were found to have a mental age of 11 years or less."	Margaret Sanger, "Human Conservation and Birth Control" (3 March 1938)
"There seems no inherent obstacle to the gradual advance of socialism in the United States through a series of New Deals."	Arthur Schlesinger Jr., 1947
"Those in the United States who think the Soviet Union is on the verge of economic and social collapse are wishful thinkers who are only kidding themselves."	Arthur Schlesinger Jr, 1982
"When school children start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of school children."	Albert Shanker, President of American Federation of Teachers, 1985
"You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'" [Usually attributed to Robert Kennedy, who said it this way: "There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"]	George Bernard Shaw (The Serpent to Eve, in <i>Back To Methuselah</i>)
"The only fundamental and possible socialism is the socialization of the selective breeding of Man." (he wanted a "human stud farm" in order to "eliminate the yahoo whose vote will wreck the commonwealth.")	George Bernard Shaw
"Some humans are non-persons, while some non-human animals are persons."	Peter Singer, "bioethicist"
"The biggest terrorist in the world is George W. Bush."	George Soros
"It is enough that the people know there was an election. The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything."	Joseph Stalin
"The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of millions is a statistic."	Joseph Stalin
"We don't let them have ideas. Why would we let them have guns?"	Joseph Stalin
"If the opposition disarms, well and good. If it refuses to disarm, we shall disarm it ourselves."	Joseph Stalin
"The only real power comes out of a long rifle."	Joseph Stalin
"Education is a weapon whose effects depend on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed."	Joseph Stalin
"I have been over into the future, and it works." (after a 1924 visit to the USSR)	Lincoln Steffens
"I don't believe in anarchistic violence, but in directed violence. That would be violence directed at the institutions which perpetuate capitalism, racism, and sexism, and the people who are the appointed guardians of those institutions, and accompanied by popular support."	Lynne Stewart, leading terrorist lawyer
"I hope it's not those guys in the flight schools in Minnesota."	George Tenet, 11 Sept 2001
"The narrative was right, but the facts were wrong."	Evan Thomas of <i>Newsweek</i> , on the wrongly accused 2006 Duke lacrosse team.
"The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism. But, under the name of 'liberalism,' they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day America will be a socialist nation, without knowing how it happened."	Norman Thomas (six-time Socialist Party candidate for President), 1944.

<p>"Can economic command significantly compress and accelerate the growth process? The remarkable performance of the Soviet Union suggests that it can. In 1920, Russia was but a minor figure in the economic councils of the world. Today it is a country whose economic achievements bear comparison with those of the United States."</p>	<p>Lester Thurow, MIT economist, former Dukakis adviser, future Clinton adviser, 1989</p>
<p>"Every transaction in the developed economies of the West can be interpreted as an act of aggression against the economic losers in the worldwide game."</p>	<p>Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury 2003-12</p>
<p>"A great deal of nonsense has been talked about the inalienable rights of the individual."</p>	<p>Woodrow Wilson</p>
<p>"The Declaration of Independence did not mention the questions of our day. It is of no consequence to us unless we can translate its general terms into examples of the present day."</p>	<p>Woodrow Wilson</p>
<p>"The process of formal amendment of the Constitution was made so difficult by the provisions of the Constitution itself that it has seldom been feasible to use it; and the difficulty of formal amendment has undoubtedly made the courts more liberal, not to say more lax, in their interpretation than they would otherwise have been. The whole business of adaptation has been theirs, and they have undertaken it with open minds, sometimes even with boldness and a touch of audacity."</p>	<p>Woodrow Wilson</p>
<p>"In face of such circumstances, must not government lay aside all timid scruple and boldly make itself an agency for social reform as well as for political control?"</p>	<p>Woodrow Wilson</p>
<p>"But the Constitution of the United States is not a mere lawyers' document: it is a vehicle of life, and its spirit is always the spirit of the age."</p>	<p>Woodrow Wilson</p>
<p>"Living political constitutions must be Darwinian in structure and in practice. Society is a living organism and must obey the laws of life, not of mechanics; it must develop."</p>	<p>Woodrow Wilson</p>
<p>"All that progressives ask or desire is permission—in an era when 'development,' 'evolution,' is the scientific word—to interpret the Constitution according to the Darwinian principle; all they ask is recognition of the fact that a nation is a living thing and not a machine."</p>	<p>Woodrow Wilson</p>
<p>"We bombed Hiroshima, we bombed Nagasaki, and we nuked far more than the thousands in New York and the Pentagon, and we never batted an eye. We have supported state terrorism against the Palestinians and black South Africans, and now we are indignant because the stuff we have done overseas is now brought right back into our own front yards? America's chickens are coming home to roost!"</p>	<p>Rev. Jeremiah Wright, 2001</p>
<p>"The government gives them the drugs, builds bigger prisons, passes a three-strike law and then wants us to sing <i>God Bless America</i>. No, no, no. Not God Bless America. God damn America, that's in the Bible for killing innocent people. God damn America for treating our citizens as less than human. God damn America for as long as she acts like she is God and she is supreme."</p>	<p>Rev. Jeremiah Wright, 2003</p>
<p>"The European Jesus is the blesser of the slave trade, the defender of racism and apartheid."</p>	<p>Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor to Barack and Michelle Obama for more than 20 years</p>
<p>"In this country, racism is as natural as motherhood, apple pie, and the Fourth of July."</p>	<p>Rev. Jeremiah Wright</p>
<p>"White America: U.S. of K.K.K.A."</p>	<p>Rev. Jeremiah Wright</p>
<p>"There are too many people and this [banning DDT] is as good a way to get rid of them as any."</p>	<p>Charles Wurster, Environmental Defense Fund, late 1960s</p>
<p>"A box-cutter can bring down a tower. A poem can build up a movement. A pamphlet can spark a revolution."</p>	<p>Howard Zinn, in his intro to Cindy Sheehan's <i>Dear President Bush</i>, 2006.</p>

"Dissent is the highest form of patriotism."

Howard Zinn (NOT Thomas Jefferson)

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