

But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever. John Adams

If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animated contest of freedom — go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen! –Samuel Adams

“Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victim 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

“[I]f the public are bound to yield obedience to laws to which they cannot give their approbation, they are slaves to those who make such laws and enforce them.” –Candidus in the Boston Gazette, 1772

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“It does not take a majority to prevail. What it takes is an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men” Samuel Adams

*"Fear is the foundation of most government."* - [John Adams](#)

*"A government, for protecting business only, is but a carcass, and soon falls by its own corruption and decay."* - [Amos Bronson Alcott](#)

*"Our Congress is the finest body of men money can buy."* - [Maury Amsterdam](#)

*"It is often said that men are ruled by their imaginations; but it would be truer to say they are governed by the weakness of their imaginations."* - [Walter Bagehot](#)

*"Being nice to governments doesn't work, they are such lying bastards."* - [Joy Baluch](#)

*"Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies."* - [Honore De Balzac](#)

*"Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else."* - [Frederic Bastiat](#)

*"Governing today means giving acceptable signs of credibility. It is like advertising and*

*it is the same effect that is achieved -- commitment to a scenario."* - [Jean Baudrillard](#)

*"Beaverbrook is so pleased to be in the government that he is like the town tart who finally married the Mayor."* - [Beverley Baxter](#)

*"The worst thing in the world next to anarchy, is government."* - [Henry Ward Beecher](#)

*"The object of government in peace and in war is not the glory of rulers or of races, but the happiness of the common man."* - [Baron William Henry Beveridge](#)

*"A government must not waiver once it has chosen it's course. It must not look to the left or right but go forward."* - [Otto Von Bismarck](#)

*"The art of government is not to let me grow stale."* - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)

*"Public instruction should be the first object of government."* - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)

*"Large legislative bodies resolve themselves into coteries, and coteries into jealousies."* - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)

*"The government must always be a step ahead of the popular movement."* - [Count Boytzwnburg](#)

*"But their determination to banish fools foundered ultimately in the installation of absolute idiots."* - [Basil Bunting](#)

*"Nothing turns out to be so oppressive and unjust as a feeble government."* - [Edmund Burke](#)

*"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair."* - [George Burns](#)

*"The point to remember is what government gives it must first take away"* - [John S. Caldwell](#)

"By definition, a government has no conscience. Sometimes it has a policy, but nothing more." - [Albert Camus](#)

"Men are to be guided only by their self-interests. Good government is a good balancing of these; and, except a keen eye and appetite for self-interest, requires no virtue in any quarter. To both parties it is emphatically a machine: to the discontented, a taxing-machine; to the contented, a machine for securing property. Its duties and its faults are not those of a father, but of an active parish-constable." - [Thomas Carlyle](#)

"In the long-run every Government is the exact symbol of its People, with their wisdom and unwisdom; we have to say, Like People like Government." - [Thomas Carlyle](#)

"Thou camest out of thy mother's belly without government, thou hast liv'd hitherto without government, and thou mayst be carried to thy long home without government, when it shall please the Lord. How many people in this world live without government, yet do well enough, and are well look'd upon?" - [Miguel De Cervantes](#)

"Good government is the outcome of private virtue." - [John Jay Chapman](#)

"Many forms of Government have been tried, and will be tried in this world of sin and woe. No one pretends that democracy is perfect or all-wise. Indeed, it has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those others that have been tried from time to time." - [Winston Churchill](#)

"Though the people support the government; the government should not support the people." - [Grover Cleveland](#)

"The three great ends which a statesman ought to propose to himself in the government of a nation, are -- 1. Security to possessors; 2. Facility to acquirers; and, 3. Hope to all." - [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)

"Nations it may be have fashioned their Governments, but the Governments have paid them back in the same coin." - [Joseph Conrad](#)

"You can only govern men by serving them. The rule is without exception." - [Victor](#)

## Cousin

*"Remember that a government big enough to give you everything you want is also big enough to take away everything you have."* - [Davy Crockett](#)

*"I say to myself that I mustn't let myself be cut off in there, and yet the moment I enter my bag is taken out of my hand, I'm pushed in, shepherded, nursed and above all cut off, alone. Whitehall envelops me."* - [Richard Crossman](#)

*"The constitution is not neutral. It was designed to take the government off the backs of people."* - [William O. Douglas](#)

*"Of all tasks of government the most basic is to protect its citizens against violence."* - [John Foster Dulles](#)

*"Every form of government tends to perish by excess of its basic principles."* - [William J. Durant](#)

*"In a healthy nation there is a kind of dramatic balance between the will of the people and the government, which prevents its degeneration into tyranny."* - [Albert Einstein](#)

*"Nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced."* - [Albert Einstein](#)

*"The less government we have the better."* - [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

*"Truth is the glue that holds government together."* - [Gerald R. Ford](#)

*"Those who govern, having much business on their hands, do not generally like to take the trouble of considering and carrying into execution new projects. The best public measures are therefore seldom adopted from previous wisdom, but forced by the occasion."* - [Benjamin Franklin](#)

*"An educated people can be easily governed."* - [\(Frederick II\) Frederick The Great](#)

*"The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem."* - [Milton Friedman](#)

*"Governments never learn. Only people learn."* - [Milton Friedman](#)

*"Many people want the government to protect the consumer. A much more urgent problem is to protect the consumer from the government."* - [Milton Friedman](#)

*"It would be foolish to suggest that government is a good custodian of aesthetic goals. But, there is no alternative to the state."* - [John Kenneth Galbraith](#)

*"The contented and economically comfortable have a very discriminating view of government. Nobody is ever indignant about bailing out failed banks and failed savings and loans associations. But when taxes must be paid for the lower middle class and poor, the government assumes an aspect of wickedness."* - [John Kenneth Galbraith](#)

*"It is hard to feel individually responsible with respect to the invisible processes of a huge and distant government."* - [John W. Gardner](#)

*"To rule is not so much a question of the heavy hand as the firm seat."* - [Jose Ortega Y Gasset](#)

*"It is the duty of government to make it difficult for people to do wrong, easy to do right."* - [William E. Gladstone](#)

*"The best government is that which teaches us to govern ourselves."* - [Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe](#)

*"A government that is big enough to give you all you want is big enough to take it all away."* - [Barry Goldwater](#)

*"Even to observe neutrality you must have a strong government."* - [Alexander Hamilton](#)

*"All good government must begin at home."* - [H. R. Haweis](#)

*"When any government, or church for that matter, undertakes to say to it's subjects, this you may not read, this you must not see, this you are forbidden to know the end result is tyranny and oppression, no matter how holy the motive." - [Robert Heinlein](#)*

*"Well, fancy giving money to the Government! Might as well have put it down the drain."  
- [A. P. Herbert](#)*

*"Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. [The Motto Of The U.S. Postal Service]" - [Herodotus](#)*

*"The greater the hold of government upon the life of the individual citizen, the greater the risk of war." - [John Hospers](#)*

*"The government is best which makes itself unnecessary." - [Karl Wilhelm Von Humboldt](#)*

*"Nothing is more surprising than the easiness with which the many are governed by the few." - [David Hume](#)*

*"Government can be bigger than any of the players on the field as a referee, but it has no right to become one of the players." - [Austin Igleheart](#)*

*"There are no necessary evils in government. Its evils exist only in its abuses." - [Andrew Jackson](#)*

*"As long as our government is administered for the good of the people, and is regulated by their will; as long as it secures to us the rights of persons and of property, liberty of conscience and of the press, it will be worth defending." - [Andrew Jackson](#)*

*"Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights." - [Thomas Jefferson](#)*

*"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only*

*legitimate object of good government."* - [Thomas Jefferson](#)

*"My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government."* - [Thomas Jefferson](#)

*"I have no ambition to govern men. It is a painful and thankless office"* - [Thomas Jefferson](#)

*"That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part."* - [Thomas Jefferson](#)

*"A man without a vote is man without protection."* - [Lyndon B. Johnson](#)

*"I would not give half a guinea to live under one form of government rather than another. It is of no moment to the happiness of an individual."* - [Samuel Johnson](#)

*"Safety of the state is the highest law."* - [Justinian](#)

*"It is function of government to invent philosophies to explain the demands of its own convenience."* - [Murray Kempton](#)

*"The basis of effective government is public confidence."* - [John F. Kennedy](#)

*"Of the best rulers, The people only know that they exist; the next best they love and praise the next they fear; and the next they revile. When they do not command the people's faith, some will lose faith in them, and then they resort to oaths! But of the best when their task is accomplished, their work done, the people all remark, We have done it ourselves."* - [Lao-Tzu](#)

*"The supply of government exceeds demand."* - [Lewis H. Lapham](#)

*"To govern is to choose. To appear to be unable to choose is to appear to be unable to govern."* - [Nigel Lawson](#)

"Any cook should be able to run the country." - [Vladimir Ilyich Lenin](#)

"Generosity is a part of my character, and I therefore hasten to assure this Government that I will never make an allegation of dishonesty against it wherever a simple explanation of stupidity will suffice." - [Leslie Baron Lever](#)

"You could afford your house without the government if it weren't for the government." - [Rush Limbaugh](#)

"A Government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." - [Abraham Lincoln](#)

"It is perfectly true that that government is best which governs least. It is equally true that that government is best which provides most." - [Walter Lippmann](#)

"Freedom of men under government is to have a standing rule to live by, common to every one of that society, and made by the legislative power vested in it; a liberty to follow my own will in all things, when the rule prescribes not, and not to be subject to the inconstant, unknown, arbitrary will of another man." - [John Locke](#)

"Government has no other end, but the preservation of property." - [John Locke](#)

"Nothing is so galling to a people not broken in from the birth as a paternal, or in other words a meddling government, a government which tells them what to read and say and eat and drink and wear." - [Thomas B. Macaulay](#)

"We must judge a government by its general tendencies and not by its happy accidents." - [Thomas B. Macaulay](#)

"What is government itself but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? 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." - [James Madison](#)

"Every country has the government it deserves." - [Joseph De Maistre](#)

*"Congress is so strange. A man gets up to speak and says nothing. Nobody listens, then everybody disagrees."* - [Boris Marshalov](#)

*"The whole duty of government is to prevent crime and to preserve contracts."* - [Lord Melbourne](#)

*"Government is actually the worst failure of civilized man. There has never been a really good one, and even those that are most tolerable are arbitrary, cruel, grasping and unintelligent."* - [H. L. Mencken](#)

*"Not wishing to be disturbed over moral issues of the political economy, Americans cling to the notion that the government is a sort of automatic machine, regulated by the balancing of competing interests."* - [C. Wright Mills](#)

*"To administer is to govern: to govern is to reign. That is the essence of the problem."* - [Comte De Mirabeau](#)

*"It is very easy to accuse a government of imperfection, for all mortal things are full of it."* - [Michel Eyquem De Montaigne](#)

*"Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought."* - [Dwight Whitney Morrow](#)

*"The government can destroy wealth but it cannot create wealth, which is the product of labor and management working with creation."* - [Bill Murray](#)

*"No government is safe unless fortified by goodwill."* - [Cornelius Nepos](#)

*"For its part, Government will listen. We will strive to listen in new ways -- to the voices of quiet anguish, to voices that speak without words, the voices of the heart, to the injured voices, and the anxious voices, and the voices that have despaired of being heard."* - [Richard M. Nixon](#)

*"If you join government, calmly make your contribution and move on. Don't go along to get along; do your best and when you have to -- and you will -- leave, and be something else."* - [Peggy Noonan](#)

*"The government is huge, stupid, greedy and makes nosy, officious and dangerous intrusions into the smallest corners of life -- this much we can stand. But the real problem is that government is boring. We could cure or mitigate the other ills Washington visits on us if we could only bring ourselves to pay attention to Washington itself. But we cannot."* - [P. J. O'Rourke](#)

*"Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys."* - [P. J. O'Rourke](#)

*"Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one."* - [Thomas Paine](#)

*"That state is best ordered when the wicked have no command, and the good have."* - [Pittacus](#)

*"The punishment which the wise suffer who refuse to take part in the government, is to live under the government of worse men."* - [Plato](#)

*"It is easy to rule over the good."* - [Titus Maccius Plautus](#)

*"For Forms of Government let fools contest; whatever is best administered is best."* - [Alexander Pope](#)

*"In the councils of a state, the question is not so much, what ought to be done? As, what can be done?"* - [French Proverb](#)

*"Office without pay makes thieves."* - [German Proverb](#)

*"Who so taketh in hand to frame any state or government ought to presuppose that all men are evil, and at occasions will show themselves so to be."* - [Sir Walter Raleigh](#)

*"Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them."* - [Ronald Reagan](#)

*"Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."* - [Ronald Reagan](#)

*"Governments tend not to solve problems, only to rearrange them."* - [Ronald Reagan](#)

*"Today, if you invent a better mousetrap, the government comes along with a better mouse."* - [Ronald Reagan](#)

*"A government is the only vessel that leaks from the top."* - [James Reston](#)

*"The ship of state is the only known vessel that leaks from the top."* - [James Reston](#)

*"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."* - [Will Rogers](#)

*"Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for."* - [Will Rogers](#)

*"It is the duty of the President to propose and it is the privilege of the Congress to dispose."* - [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#)

*"The government is us; we are the government, you and I."* - [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

*"There is something to be said for government by a great aristocracy which has furnished leaders to the nation in peace and war for generations; even a democrat like myself must admit this. But there is absolutely nothing to be said for government by a plutocracy, for government by men very powerful in certain lines and gifted with the money touch, but with ideals which in their essence are merely those of so many glorified pawnbrokers."* - [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

*"I don't judge a regime by the damning criticism of the opposition, but by the ingenuous praise of the partisan."* - [Jean Rostand](#)

*"The body politic, as well as the human body, begins to die as soon as it is born, and carries itself the causes of its destruction."* - [Jean Jacques Rousseau](#)

*"There is no nonsense so arrant that it cannot be made the creed of the vast majority by adequate government action." - [Bertrand Russell](#)*

*"The mechanism that directs government cannot be virtuous, because it is impossible to thwart every crime, to protect oneself from every criminal without being criminal too; that which directs corrupt mankind must be corrupt itself; and it will never be by means of virtue, virtue being inert and passive, that you will maintain control over vice, which is ever active: the governor must be more energetic than the governed." - [Marquis De Sade](#)*

*"In our consumer confidence surveys, we ask people whether they think government economic policy is good, fair, or poor. Increasingly, the answer we get is just plain laughter." - [Jay Schmiedeskamp](#)*

*"The art of government is the organization of idolatry. The bureaucracy consists of functionaries; the aristocracy, of idols; the democracy, of idolaters. The populace cannot understand the bureaucracy: it can only worship the national idols." - [George Bernard Shaw](#)*

*"Men are not governed by justice, but by law or persuasion. When they refuse to be governed by law or persuasion, they have to be governed by force or fraud, or both." - [George Bernard Shaw](#)*

*"Government is an evil; it is only the thoughtlessness and vices of men that make it a necessary evil. When all men are good and wise, government will of itself decay." - [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)*

*"No man undertakes a trade he has not learned, even the meanest; yet everyone thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades, that of government." - [Socrates](#)*

*"Society is well governed when its people obey the magistrates, and the magistrates obey the law." - [Solon](#)*

*"The Athenians govern the Greeks; I govern the Athenians; you, my wife, govern me; your son governs you." - [Themistocles](#)*

*"The government of the world I live in was not framed, like that of Britain, in after-dinner conversations over the wine." - [Henry David Thoreau](#)*

*"Government is at best but an expedient; but most governments are usually, and all governments are sometimes, inexpedient. The objections which have been brought against a standing army, and they are many and weighty, and deserve to prevail, may also at last be brought against a standing government."* - [Henry David Thoreau](#)

*"That government is best which governs least."* - [Henry David Thoreau](#)

*"This American government -- what is it but a tradition, though a recent one, endeavoring to transmit itself unimpaired to posterity, but each instant losing some of its integrity? It has not the vitality and force of a single living man; for a single man can bend it to his will."* - [Henry David Thoreau](#)

*"In quiet and untroubled times it seems to every administrator that it is only by his efforts that the whole population under his rule is kept going, and in this consciousness of being indispensable every administrator finds the chief reward of his labor and efforts. While the sea of history remains calm the ruler-administrator in his frail bark, holding on with a boat hook to the ship of the people and himself moving, naturally imagines that his efforts move the ship he is holding on to. But as soon as a storm arises and the sea begins to heave and the ship to move, such a delusion is no longer possible. The ship moves independently with its own enormous motion, the boat hook no longer reaches the moving vessel, and suddenly the administrator, instead of appearing a ruler and a source of power, becomes an insignificant, useless, feeble man."* - [Count Leo Tolstoy](#)

*"The auditor is a watchdog and not a bloodhound."* - [Lord Justice Topes](#)

*"Whenever you have an efficient government, you have a dictatorship."* - [Harry S. Truman](#)

*"No more distressing moment can ever face a British government than that which requires it to come to a hard, fast and specific decision."* - [Barbara Tuchman](#)

*"It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress."* - [Mark Twain](#)

*"We have the best government that money can buy."* - [Mark Twain](#)

*"Government is either organized benevolence or organized madness; its peculiar magnitude permits no shading."* - [John Updike](#)

*"I love my government not least for the extent to which it leaves me alone."* - [John Updike](#)

*"Governments need to have both shepherds and butchers."* - [Voltaire](#)

*"It is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong."* - [Voltaire](#)

*"The best government is a benevolent tyranny tempered by an occasional assassination."*  
- [Voltaire](#)

*"It is doubtful that the government knows much more than the public does about how government [Economic] policies will work."* - [W. Allen Wallis](#)

*"Government is not reason and it is not eloquence. It is force! Like fire it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action."* - [George Washington](#)

*"Mankind, when left to themselves, are unfit for their own government."* - [George Washington](#)

*"The whole country is one vast insane asylum and they're letting the worst patients run the place."* - [Robert Welch](#)

*"The monarchy is a labor intensive industry."* - [Harold Wilson](#)

*"An ambassador is an honest person sent to lie abroad for their country."* - [Sir Henry Wotton](#)

*"Do not ask what the Government can do for you. Ask why it doesn't."* - Gerhard Kocher

*"Believe me - the Government will help you anytime it needs you."* - Gerhard Kocher

A people free to choose will always choose peace.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

A tree's a tree. How many more do you need to look at?

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Above all, we must realize that 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. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

All great change in America begins at the dinner table.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

All the waste in a year from a nuclear power plant can be stored under a desk.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Approximately 80% of our air pollution stems from hydrocarbons released by vegetation, so let's not go overboard in setting and enforcing tough emission standards from man-made sources.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Before I refuse to take your questions, I have an opening statement.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

But there are advantages to being elected President. The day after I was elected, I had my high school grades classified Top Secret.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Concentrated power has always been the enemy of liberty.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Don't be afraid to see what you see.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we've ever known.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Entrepreneurs and their small enterprises are responsible for almost all the economic

growth in the United States.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Facts are stubborn things.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Freedom is never more than one generation away 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](#)

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Going to college offered me the chance to play football for four more years.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Government always finds a need for whatever money it gets.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a loud voice at one end and no responsibility at the other.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.

[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](#)

Governments tend not to solve problems, only to rearrange them.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

History teaches that war begins when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

How can a president not be an actor?  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

How do you tell a communist? Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It's someone who understands Marx and Lenin.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I am not worried about the deficit. It is big enough to take care of itself.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I call upon the scientific community in our country, those who gave us nuclear weapons, to turn their great talents now to the cause of mankind and world peace: to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I favor the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and it must be enforced at gunpoint if necessary.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I never drink coffee at lunch. I find it keeps me awake for the afternoon.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I'm not worried about the deficit. It is big enough to take care of itself.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I've never been able to understand why a Republican contributor is a 'fat cat' and a Democratic contributor of the same amount of money is a 'public-spirited philanthropist'.  
[Ronald Reagan](#)

I've often said there's nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

If the federal government had been around when the Creator was putting His hand to this state, Indiana wouldn't be here. It'd still be waiting for an environmental impact statement.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

If the Soviet Union let another political party come into existence, they would still be a one-party state, because everybody would join the other party.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

If we love our country, we should also love our countrymen.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Inflation is as violent as a mugger, as frightening as an armed robber and as deadly as a hit man.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire, it wafts across the electrified borders.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

It doesn't do good to open doors for someone who doesn't have the price to get in. If he has the price, he may not need the laws. There is no law saying the Negro has to live in Harlem or Watts.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

It's difficult to believe that people are still starving in this country because food isn't available.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

It's silly talking about how many years we will have to spend in the jungles of Vietnam when we could pave the whole country and put parking stripes on it and still be home by Christmas.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

It's true hard work never killed anybody, but I figure, why take the chance?

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Latinos are Republican. They just don't know it yet.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Let us not forget who we are. Drug abuse is a repudiation of everything America is.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Man is not free unless government is limited.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Mr Gorbachev, tear down this wall!

[Ronald Reagan](#)

My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

My philosophy of life is that if we make up our mind what we are going to make of our lives, then work hard toward that goal, we never lose - somehow we win out.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!

[Ronald Reagan](#)

No matter what time it is, wake me, even if it's in the middle of a Cabinet meeting.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

No mother would ever willingly sacrifice her sons for territorial gain, for economic advantage, for ideology.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

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

[Ronald Reagan](#)

One picture is worth 1,000 denials.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

One way to make sure crime doesn't pay would be to let the government run it.

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People do not make wars; governments do.

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Politics I supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

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Politics is just like show business. You have a hell of an opening, coast for a while, and then have a hell of a close.

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Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Protecting the rights of even the least individual among us is basically the only excuse the government has for even existing.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Recession is when a neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the democrats believe every day is April 15.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Some people wonder all their lives if they've made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Status quo, you know, is Latin for 'the mess we're in'.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don't interfere as long as the policy you've decided upon is being carried out.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

The best minds are not in government. If any were, business would steal them away.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

The 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 greatest security for Israel is to create new Egypts.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

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

[Ronald Reagan](#)

The problem is not that people are taxed too little, the problem is that government spends too much.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

The taxpayer - that's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

The thought of being President frightens me and I do not think I want the job.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

There are no easy answers' but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

They say hard work never hurt anybody, but I figure why take the chance.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

They say the world has become too complex for simple answers. They are wrong.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Thomas Jefferson once said, 'We should never judge a president by his age, only by his works.' And ever since he told me that, I stopped worrying.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, I did not take the oath I have just taken with the intention of presiding over the dissolution of the world's strongest economy.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

To sit back hoping that someday, some way, someone will make things right is to go on feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last - but eat you he will.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Today we did what we had to do. They counted on America to be passive. They counted wrong.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Today, if you invent a better mousetrap, the government comes along with a better mouse.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Trust, but verify.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Unemployment insurance is a pre-paid vacation for freeloaders.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Violence has been Nicaragua's most important export to the world.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We are never defeated unless we give up on God.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We can not play innocents abroad in a world that is not innocent.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We have the duty to protect the life of an unborn child.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We might come closer to balancing the Budget if all of us lived closer to the Commandments and the Golden Rule.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We should declare war on North Vietnam. We could pave the whole country and put parking strips on it, and still be home by Christmas.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We should measure welfare's success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many are added.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

We're in greater danger today than we were the day after Pearl Harbor. Our military is absolutely incapable of defending this country.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Welfare's purpose should be to eliminate, as far as possible, the need for its own existence.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

What we have found in this country, and maybe we're more aware of it now, is one problem that we've had, even in the best of times, and that is the people who are sleeping on the grates, the homeless, you might say, by choice.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

While I take inspiration from the past, like most Americans, I live for the future.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

Without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans.

[Ronald Reagan](#)

You know, if I listened to Michael Dukakis long enough, I would be convinced we're in an economic downturn and people are homeless and going without food and medical attention and that we've got to do something about the unemployed.

[Ronald Reagan](#)