

# Government/Economics Quotes

## Government

1. Aggression unopposed becomes a contagious disease.  
Jimmy Carter, 39th American President 1971
2. Human rights is the soul of our foreign policy, because human rights is the very soul of our sense of nationhood.  
Jimmy Carter, 39th American President 1971
3. The best way to enhance freedom in other lands is to demonstrate here that our democratic system is worthy of emulation.  
Jimmy Carter, 39th American President 1971
4. Americans... still believe in an America where anything's possible - they just don't think their leaders do.  
Barack Obama, 44th American President 2009
5. I don't oppose all wars. What I am opposed to is a dumb war. What I am opposed to is a rash war.  
Barack Obama, 44th American President 2009
6. Issues are never simple. One thing I'm proud of is that very rarely will you hear me simplify the issues.  
Barack Obama, 44th American President 2009
7. Governments tend not to solve problems, only to rearrange them.  
Ronald Reagan, 40th American President 1981
8. An injured friend is the bitterest of foes.  
Thomas Jefferson, 3rd American President 1801
9. Conquest is not in our principles. It is inconsistent with our government.  
Thomas Jefferson, 3rd American President 1801
10. Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.  
George Washington, 1st American President 1797
11. Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.  
Abraham Lincoln, 16th American President 1861
12. And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.  
John F. Kennedy, 35th American President 1961
13. I do not look upon these United States as a finished product. We are still in the making.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd American President 1945

14. Every immigrant who comes here should be required within five years to learn English or leave the country.  
Theodore Roosevelt, 26th American President 1909
15. I never did give anybody hell. I just told the truth and they thought it was hell.  
Harry S. Truman, 33rd American President 1953
16. Always remember that others may hate you but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself.  
Richard M. Nixon, 37th American President 1969
17. No one need think that the world can be ruled without blood. The civil sword shall and must be red and bloody.  
Andrew Jackson, 7th American President 1829
18. All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree.  
James Madison, 4th American President 1809
19. I have never advocated war except as a means of peace.  
Ulysses S. Grant, 18th American President 1869
20. I just want you to know that, when we talk about war, we're really talking about peace.  
George W. Bush, 43rd American President 2001

## Economics

1. "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."  
~Edmund Burke Irish Philosopher and economist, 1729-1797
2. "Life, liberty, and property do not exist because men have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty, and property existed beforehand that caused men to make laws in the first place."  
Frederic Bastiat, French Economist 1801-1850
3. "Ignorance is an evil weed, which dictators may cultivate among their dupes, but which no democracy can afford among its citizens."  
William Beveridge, English Economist 1879-1963
4. "Infinite growth of material consumption in a finite world is an impossibility."  
E. F. Schumacher, English Economist 1911-1977

5. "The longer you wait, the less fun. If you wait until the bitter end, the whole economy can be destroyed."  
Jeffrey Sachs, American Economist 1954-
6. "Population, when unchecked, goes on doubling itself every 25 years or increases in a geometrical ratio."  
Thomas Malthus, English Economist 1766-1834
7. "Education: the inculcation of the incomprehensible into the indifferent by the incompetent."  
John Maynard Keynes, English Economist 1883-1946
8. "Long run is a misleading guide to current affairs. In the long run we are all dead."  
John Maynard Keynes, English Economist 1883-1946
9. "The best way to destroy the capitalist system is to debauch the currency."  
John Maynard Keynes, English Economist 1883-1946
10. "By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens."  
John Maynard Keynes, English Economist 1883-1946
11. "The biggest problem is not to let people accept new ideas, but to let them forget the old ones."  
John Maynard Keynes, English Economist 1883-1946
12. "Governments never learn. Only people learn."  
Milton Friedman, American Economist 1912-2006
13. "I'm in favor of legalizing drugs. According to my values system, if people want to kill themselves, they have every right to do so. Most of the harm that comes from drugs is because they are illegal."  
Milton Friedman, American Economist 1912-2006
14. "Democracy is the road to socialism."  
Karl Marx, German Economist & Philosopher 1818-1883
15. "From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."  
Karl Marx, German Economist & Philosopher 1818-1883
16. "Landlords, like all other men, love to reap where they never sowed."  
Karl Marx, German Economist & Philosopher 1818-1883
17. "Men's ideas are the most direct emanations of their material state."

Karl Marx, German Economist & Philosopher  
1818-1883

18. "Virtue is more to be feared than vice, because its excesses are not subject to the regulation of conscience."  
Adam Smith, Scottish Economist 1723-1790
19. "All money is a matter of belief."  
Adam Smith, Scottish Economist 1723-1790
20. "The real tragedy of the poor is the poverty of their aspirations."  
Adam Smith, Scottish Economist 1723-1790
21. "With the greater part of rich people, the chief enjoyment of riches consists in the parade of riches."  
Adam Smith, Scottish Economist 1723-1790

