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Political Quotes

“Whilst we assert for ourselves a freedom to embrace, to profess and to observe the Religion which we believe to be of divine origin, we cannot deny an equal freedom to those whose minds have not yielded to the evidence which has convinced us. If this freedom were abused, it is an offense against God, not against Man. To God, therefore, not to Man, must an account of it be rendered.” James Madison

Will Rogers

Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for.

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you.

Lobbyists have more offices in Washington than the President. You see, the President only tells Congress what they should do. Lobbyists tell'em what they will do.

I don't blame Congress. If I had 600 billion at my disposal, I'd be irresponsible too.

Others

Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve. George Bernard Shaw

A conservative government is an organized hypocrisy. Benjamin Disraeli

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time. Winston Churchill

Government is too big and too important to be left to the politicians.

Whenever you have an efficient government you have a dictatorship. Harry S. Truman

It is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong. Voltaire

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice. Abraham Lincoln

It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive. Earl Warren

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Martin Luther King

When you are right you cannot be too radical; when you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative. Martin Luther King

I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law. Martin Luther King

Justice consists not in being neutral between right and wrong, but in finding out the right and upholding it, wherever found, against the wrong. T. Roosevelt

"Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action." Geo. Washington

"That government is best which governs the least, because its people discipline themselves." Thomas Jefferson

When there is a lack of honor in government, the morals of the whole people are poisoned. Herbert Hoover

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The true civilization is where every man gives to every other every right that he claims for himself.

A liberal is a man too broadminded to take his own side in a quarrel.

A law is something that must have a moral basis, so that there is an inner compelling force for every citizen to obey.

The people's good is the highest law.

Peace is not an absence of war; it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, and justice.

Victory attained by violence is tantamount to a defeat, for it is momentary. Gandhi

Corruption and Politicians

"Ninety eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them." Lily Tomlin

"The genius of our ruling class is that it has kept a majority of the people from ever questioning the inequity of a system where most people drudge along, paying heavy taxes for which they get nothing in return." Gore Vidal

Crime does not pay ... as well as politics.

When George Washington threw the dollar across the Rappahannock River, he didn't realize he was establishing a precedent for government spending.

The word 'politics' is derived from the word 'poly', meaning 'many', and the word 'ticks', meaning 'blood sucking parasites'.

Ninety percent of the politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation.

An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought.

"The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem."

Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed.

What luck for rulers that men do not think. Adolf Hitler

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

Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it. George Shaw

You're not to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who does it or says it.

It is found by experience that admirable laws and right precedents among the good have their origin in the misdeeds of others. 77AD

What power has law where only money rules. 66AD

Under every stone lurks a politician. Greek saying

Civilization degrades the many to exalt the few.

Artists use lies to tell the truth. Politicians use lies to cover the truth.

Young men fight wars, while old men wage them.

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About Bush and Cheney

So Dick Cheney wound up shooting his friend in the face in a hunting accident. Gee, I didn't know Cheney was so fond of guns. The military tried five times to get him to fire a gun. Jay Leno

On the 2004 Presidential campaign: Isn't it ironic that John Kerry, a true Vietnam War hero, gets labeled the coward, while George Bush, who dodged the war, is proclaimed the patriot?

Osama's Message to Bush: After numerous rounds of "We don't know if Osama is still alive," Osama himself decided to send George Bush a letter in his own handwriting to let him know he was still in the game.

Bush opened the letter and it appeared to contain a single line of coded message: 370HSSV-0773H

Bush was baffled, so he E-mailed it to Condi Rice. Condi and her aides had no clue either, so they sent it to the FBI. No one could solve it at the FBI so it went to the CIA, then to the NSA.

With no clue as to its meaning they eventually asked Britain's MI-6 for help. Within a minute MI-6 cabled the White House with this reply:

"Tell the President he's holding the message upside down."