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Ronald Wilson Reagan (February 6, 1911 – June 5, 2004) was the 40th President of the United States (1981–1989) and the 33rd Governor of California (1967–1975). Before entering politics, Reagan was also a broadcaster, film actor, and head of the Screen Actors Guild.

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

If you've seen one redwood, you've seen them all.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

I recently learned something quite interesting about video games. Many young people have developed incredible hand, eye, and brain coordination in playing these games. The air force believes these kids will be our outstanding pilots should they fly our jets.

- Reagan, Ronald

We are for aiding our allies by sharing some of our material blessings with those nations which share in our fundamental beliefs, but we are against doling out money government to government, creating bureaucracy, if not socialism, all over the world. We set out to help 19 countries. We are helping 107 We spent \$146 billion. With that money, we bought a 2-million-dollar yacht for Haile Selassie. We bought dress suits for Greek undertakers, extra wives for Kenya government officials. We bought a thousand TV sets for a place where they have no electricity.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

Double, no triple, our troubles and we'd still be better off than any other people on earth. It is time that we recognized that ours was, in truth, a noble cause.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

Let us ask ourselves; What kind of people do we think we are?

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

We have so many people who can't see a fat man standing beside a thin one without coming to the conclusion that the fat man got that way by taking advantage of the thin one!

- Reagan, Ronald

So in your discussions of the nuclear freeze proposals, I urge you to beware the temptation of pride -- the temptation blithely to declare yourselves above it all and label both sides equally at fault, to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong, good and evil.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don't interfere.

- Reagan, Ronald

Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

Honey, I forgot to duck.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

I will stand on, and continue to use, the figures I have used, because I believe they are correct. Now, I'm not going to deny that you don't now and then slip up on something; no one bats a thousand.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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!

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

Unemployment insurance is a pre-paid vacation for freeloaders.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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.

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald

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

- Reagan, Ronald



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