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Quotes about Causes

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No cause is left but the most ancient of all, the one, in fact, that from the beginning of our history has determined the very existence of politics, the cause of freedom versus tyranny.

- Arendt, Hannah

The power of a movement lies in the fact that it can indeed change the habits of people. This change is not the result of force but of dedication, of moral persuasion.

- Biko, Steven

Men are blind in their own cause.

- Broun, Heywood

The humblest citizen of all the land when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of Error.

- Bryan, William Jennings

In war, events of importance are the result of trivial causes.

- Caesar, Julius

Take away the cause, and the effect ceases.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Ours is an abiding faith in the cause of human freedom. We know it is God's cause.

- Dewey, Thomas E.

A good cause can become bad if we fight for it with means that are indiscriminately murderous. A bad cause can become good if enough people fight for it in a spirit of comradeship and self-sacrifice. In the end it is how you fight, as much as why you fight, that makes your cause good or bad.

- Dyson, Freeman

Truth never damages a cause that is just.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The history of progress is written in the blood of men and women who have dared to espouse an unpopular cause, as, for instance, the black man's right to his body, or woman's right to her soul.

- Goldman, Emma

It is only after an unknown number of unrecorded labors, after a host of noble hearts have succumbed in discouragement, convinced that their cause is lost; it is only then that cause triumphs.

- Guizot, Madame

The little trouble in the world that is not due to love is due to friendship.

- Howe, Edgar Watson

We are all ready to be savage in some cause. The difference between a good man and a bad one is the choice of the cause.

- James, William

If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him that you are his sincere friend. Therein is a drop of honey that catches his heart, which, say what you will, is the great high-road to his reason, and which, when once gained, you will find but little trouble in convincing his judgment of the justice of your cause.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Respectable men and women content with good and easy living are missing some of the most important things in life. Unless you give yourself to some great cause you haven't even begun to live.

- Merrill, William P.

The silent majority distrusts people who believe in causes.

- Moore, Brian

It isn't until you begin to fight in your own cause that you (a) become really committed to

winning, and (b) become a genuine ally of other people struggling for their freedom.

- Morgan, Robin

Perhaps misguided moral passion is better than confused indifference.

- Murdoch, Iris

Great causes and little men go ill together.

- Nehru, Jawaharlal

You say it is the good cause that hallows even war? I tell you: it is the good war that hallows every cause.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A man who has never lost himself in a cause bigger than himself has missed one of life's mountaintop experiences. Only in losing himself does he find himself. Only then does he discover all the latent strengths he never knew he had and which otherwise would have remained dormant.

- Nixon, Richard M.

It is not a field of a few acres of ground, but a cause, that we are defending, and whether we defeat the enemy in one battle, or by ;degrees, the consequences will be the same.

- Paine, Thomas

A bad cause will never be supported by bad means and bad men.

- Paine, Thomas

If you want to be an orator, first get your great cause.

- Phillips, Wendell

No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life, in a great cause.

- Roosevelt, Theodore

No cause is helpless if it is just. Errors, no matter how popular, carry the seeds of their own destruction.

- Scoville, John W.

Life is not an easy matter. You cannot live through it without falling into frustration and cynicism unless you have before you a great idea which raises you above personal misery, above weakness, above all kinds of perfidy and baseness.

- Trotsky, Leon



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