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Quotes about Class

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If experience has established any one thing in this world, it has established this: that it is well for any great class and description of men in society to be able to say for itself what it wants, and not to have other classes, the so-called educated and intelligent classes, acting for it as its proctors, and supposed to understand its wants and to provide for them. A class of men may often itself not either fully understand its wants, or adequately express them; but it has a nearer interest and a more sure diligence in the matter than any of its proctors, and therefore a better chance of success.

- Arnold, Matthew

Historically and politically, the petit-bourgeois is the key to the century. The bourgeois and proletariat classes have become abstractions: the petite-bourgeoisie, in contrast, is everywhere, you can see it everywhere, even in the areas of the bourgeois and the proletariat, what's left of them.

- Barthes, Roland

The ignorant classes are the dangerous classes.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Let the others have the charisma. I've got the class.

- Bush, George

Between richer and poorer classes in a free country a mutually respecting antagonism is much healthier than pity on the one hand and dependence on the other, as is, perhaps, the next best thing to fraternal feeling.

- Cooley, Charles Horton

The distinctions separating the social classes are false; in the last analysis they rest on force.

- Einstein, Albert

By bourgeoisie is meant the class of modern capitalists, owners of the means of social production and employers of wage labor. By proletariat, the class of modern wage laborers who, having no means of production of their own, are reduced to selling their labor power in order to live.

- Engels, Friedrich

When we say a woman is of a certain social class, we really mean her husband or father is.

- Fairbairns, Zoe

Let him who expects one class of society to prosper in the highest degree, while the other is in distress, try whether one side ;of the face can smile while the other is pinched.

- Fuller, Thomas

The traveler to the United States will do well to prepare himself for the class-consciousness of the natives. This differs from the already familiar English version in being more extreme and based more firmly on the conviction that the class to which the speaker belongs is inherently superior to all others.

- Galbraith, John Kenneth

All the world over, I will back the masses against the classes.

- Gladstone, William E.

Lady Hodmarsh and the duchess immediately assumed the clinging affability that persons of rank assume with their inferiors in order to show them that they are not in the least conscious of any difference in station between them.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

The want of education and moral training is the only real barrier that exists between the different classes of men. Nature, reason, and Christianity recognize no other. Pride may say Nay; but Pride was always a liar, and a great hater of the truth.

- Moodie, Susanna

Throughout recorded time... there have been three kinds of people in the world, the High, the Middle, and the Low. They have been subdivided in many ways, they have borne countless different names, and their relative numbers, as well as their attitude towards one another, have varied from age to age: but the essential structure of society has never

altered. Even after enormous upheavals and seemingly irrevocable changes, the same pattern has always reasserted itself, just as a gyroscope will always return to equilibrium, however far it is pushed one way or the other. The aims of these three groups are entirely irreconcilable.

- Orwell, George

I am his Highness dog at Kew; pray tell me, sir, whose dog are you?

- Pope, Alexander

All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.

- Proverb, Arabian

For the duration of its collective life, or the time during which its identity may be assumed, each class resembles a hotel or an omnibus, always full, but always of different people.

- Schumpeter, Joseph A.

Mankind is divided into rich and poor, into property owners and exploited; and to abstract oneself from this fundamental division ;and from the antagonism between poor and rich means abstracting oneself from fundamental facts.

- Stalin, Joseph

Wearing overalls on weekdays, painting somebody else's house to earn money? You're working class. Wearing overalls at weekends, painting your own house to save money?

You're middle class.

- Sutton, Lawrence

The Americans never use the word peasant, because they have no idea of the class which that term denotes; the ignorance of more remote ages, the simplicity of rural life, and the rusticity of the villager have not been preserved among them; and they are alike unacquainted with the virtues, the vices, the coarse habits, and the simple graces of an early stage of civilization.

- Tocqueville, Alexis De

Each class of society has its own requirements; but it may be said that every class teaches the one immediately below it; and if the highest class be ignorant, uneducated, loving display, luxuriousness, and idle, the same spirit will prevail in humbler life.

- Unknown, Source

Other lands have their vitality in a few, a class, but we have it in the bulk of our people.

- Whitman, Walt

Really, if the lower orders don't set us a good example, what on earth is the use of them? They seem, as a class, to have absolutely no sense of moral responsibility.

- Wilde, Oscar

There is nothing to which men cling more tenaciously than the privileges of class.

- Woolf, Leonard Sidney

Classes struggle, some classes triumph, others are eliminated. Such is history; such is the history of civilization for thousands of years.

- Zedong, Mao

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- Alexander, Thea



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