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Quotes about Involvement

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To say yes, you have to sweat and roll up your sleeves and plunge both hands into life up to the elbows. It's easy to say no, even if it means dying.

- Anouilh, Jean

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. [Romans 14:7]

- Bible

I ask you to join in a re-United States. We need to empower our people so they can take more responsibility for their own lives in a world that is ever smaller, where everyone counts. We need a new spirit of community, a sense that we are all in this together, or the American Dream will continue to wither. Our destiny is bound up with the destiny of every other American.

- Clinton, Bill

I recommend limiting one's involvement in other people's lives to a pleasantly scant minimum. This may seem too stoical a position in these madly passionate times, but madly passionate people rarely make good on their madly passionate promises.

- Crisp, Quentin

The kind of relatedness to the world may be noble or trivial, but even being related to the

basest kind of pattern is immensely preferable to being alone.

- Fromm, Erich

America I'm putting my queer shoulder to the wheel.

- Ginsberg, Allen

The gap between the committed and the indifferent is a Sahara whose faint trails, followed by the mind's eye only, fade out in sand.

- Gordimer, Nadine

It is easy to talk of sitting at home contented, when others are seeing or making shows. But not to have been where it is supposed, and seldom supposed falsely, that all would go if they could; to be able to say nothing when everyone is talking; to have no opinion when everyone is judging; to hear exclamations of rapture without power to depress; to listen to falsehoods without right to contradict, is, after all, a state of temporary inferiority, in which the mind is rather hardened by stubbornness, than supported by fortitude. If the world be worth winning let us enjoy it, if it is to be despised let us despise it by conviction. But the world is not to be despised but as it is compared with something better.

- Johnson, Samuel

One must either take an interest in the human situation or else parade before the void.

- Rostand, Jean



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