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Quotes about Repression

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In the groves of their academy, at the end of every vista, you see nothing but the gallows.

- Burke, Edmund

The only justification for repressive institutions is material and cultural deficit. But such institutions, at certain stages of history, perpetuate and produce such a deficit, and even threaten human survival.

- Chomsky, Noam

If repression has indeed been the fundamental link between power, knowledge, and sexuality since the classical age, it stands to reason that we will not be able to free ourselves from it except at a considerable cost.

- Foucault, Michel

What progress we are making. In the Middle Ages they would have burned me. Now they are content with burning my books.

- Freud, Sigmund

People with a culture of poverty suffer much less from repression than we of the middle class suffer and indeed, if I may make the suggestion with due qualification, they often have a hell of a lot more fun than we have.

- Friel, Brian

We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stifle is a false opinion; and even if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still.

- Mill, John Stuart

Blow the dust off the clock. Your watches are behind the times. Throw open the heavy curtains which are so dear to you -- you do not even suspect that the day has already dawned outside.

- Solzhenitsyn, Alexander



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