



In our personal ambitions we are individualists. But in our seeking for economic and political progress as a nation, we all go up or else all go down as one people. ---*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience. I don't believe you can stand for freedom for one group of people and deny it to others. ---*Coretta Scott King*

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future. ---*John F. Kennedy*

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. All great achievements require time. --*Maya Angelou*

There are three critical ingredients to democratic renewal and progressive change in America: good public policy, grassroots organizing and electoral politics. ---*Paul Wellstone*

Few business [people] are capable of being in politics, they don't understand the democratic process, they have neither the tolerance nor the depth it takes. Democracy isn't a business. ---*Malcolm Forbes*

My tastes are aristocratic, my actions democratic. ---*Victor Hugo*

A black agenda is jobs, jobs, jobs, quality education, investment in infrastructure and strong democratic regulation of corporations. The black agenda, at its best, looks at America from the vantage point of the least of these and asks what's best for all. ---*Cornel West*

Throughout history, when societies face tough economic times, we have seen democratic reforms deferred, decreased trust in government, persecution of minority groups, and a general shrinking of the democratic space. ---*Samantha Power*

Today's average American is more apt to rebel against a tennis shoe not coming in the right color than against the slow erosion of our democratic freedom. ---*Marianne Williamson*

There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge. ---*Isaac Asimov*

Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe. ---*Elie Wiesel*

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