

To : DC (cc: Ray Price, Hobart Lewis)

From: Safire

Re : Recent Best Nixon Quotes

May 28, 1968.

PROMISES: One thing worse than not keeping a promise is making a promise that can't be kept. March 28, 1968.

✓ *ORDER: Change is the essence of progress. But there can be no progress without order, no freedom without order, no justice without order. March 7, 1968.*

ENTHUSIASM: We need the same energy in positive causes that negative causes enlist. We need helping hands, not marching feet. March 28, 1968.

RUNAWAY GOVERNMENT: This nation became great not because of what government did for people, but what people did for themselves.

INFLATION: Only if we can make substantial progress toward balancing the federal budget are millions of Americans going to be able to balance their family budget.

VOTING AGE: I have always supported the 18-year old vote since the proposition has first been suggested. The reason is not because they are old enough to fight. It is because they are smart enough to vote.

SPENDING: In a contest of promises, the man who promises to spend has a clear edge over the man who promises not to spend. The appeal of the spender today is to those people who do not stop to think.

LEADERSHIP: When respect for America falls so low that a fourth-rate military power like North Korea dares to seize an American naval vessel on the high seas, then I say it's time for new leadership in Washington---leadership that will restore respect for America around the world.

CIVIL RIGHTS: It is time to move past the old civil rights, and to bridge the gap between freedom and dignity, between promise and fulfillment. April 25, 1968.

✓ *CHANGE: Ours is a chance today to change America and, by our example, to help America change the world. April 25, 1968.*

WELFARE: We must make welfare payments a temporary expedient, not a permanent way of life; something to be escaped from, not to. May 2, 1968.

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FAILURE OF PAST: The old ways have failed, because the Crisis of the Old Order is not the crisis of today. In the ruins of downtown Washington, of Detroit and Watts and Newark, lie the ruins of a philosophy of government that has outlived its origins and no longer speaks to its time. May 2, 1968.

NEW ALIGNMENT: No man can predict the ultimate shape of the new alignment that is happening in America today. But I know this: It is alive, it is moving forward, it is rooted in reality, and it calls out for you to come aboard. May 16, 1968.

UNITY: We will not seek the false unity of consensus---we will forge a unity of goals, recognized by men who also value their own diversity. May 16, 1968.

YOUTH: To the young people of America today, I say this: It's true that you are inheriting a world you never made. But this was also true of every generation. The great, exciting difference is that you live in a world you can change. Feb. 3, 1968.

EDUCATION: Education is not the gathering of information; it is the discipline of the mind. And it can only be gained in an atmosphere that accepts a certain amount of discipline. April 26, 1968.

TAXES: If we really want to do something about our dollar, the thing to do is not to keep Americans from spending more abroad but to get this Administration to spend less at home. Feb. 28, 1968.

(BEST QUOTES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS)

Selected from "The Quotable Richard M. Nixon

AMERICA: I believe in the American dream, because I have seen it come true in my own life. 1960.

✓ *CAUSES: A man who 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. 1962.*

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GOVERNMENT: *We must never forget that the strength of America is not in its government, but in its people. And we say tonight there is no limit to the goals America can reach, provided we stay true to the great American traditions. 1960.*

The role of government is not to take responsibility from people, but to put responsibility on them. It is not to dictate to people, but to encourage and stimulate the creative productivity of 180,000,000 free Americans. That is the way to progress in America. 1960.

INFLATION: *When inflation sets in...the consumer takes a beating; the Administration takes a powder, the farmer takes the rap. 1966.*

LAWLESSNESS: *The man who sits silent while society's laws are being openly violated is silently collaborating with the enemies of that society. And the nation which accepts public lawlessness as a legitimate means of dissent has passed a significant milestone on the road to anarchy. 1966.*

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: *My philosophy has always been: don't lean with the wind. Don't do what is politically expedient. Do what your instinct tells you is right...The politician who sways with the polls is not worth his pay. And I believe the people eventually catch up with the man who merely tells them what he thinks they want to hear. 1962.*

CONGRESS: *What this country needs, what the President needs, is a Congress that will stand up to him in defense of the dollar at home and stand up with him in defense of freedom abroad. 1966.*

THOUGHT: *Woodrow Wilson's distinction between men of thought and men of action no longer can be made; the man of thought who will not act is ineffective; the man of action who will not think is dangerous. 1967.*

WAR: *This generation will have to live with the thought that there will never again be a declared war. A limited conflict would be escalated by a declaration of war; a major conflict would be over before war could be declared. 1966.*

APPEASEMENT: *Whenever we have tried to purchase peace at any price, the price is always an installment payment on a bigger war. 1965.*

WAR ON POVERTY: *The war on poverty has been first in promises, first in politics, first in press releases, and last in performance. 1966.*

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YOUTH: Never before has a generation of under-25 Americans felt itself so estranged from the rest of our society, so alienated and isolated. This generation is neither "lost" nor "beat;" it is lonely, partly due to the natural rebelliousness of youth against any established authority, but due largely to an outdated paternalism on the part of our national leaders. 1966.