

President Bush, Selected Quotes

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WAR ON TERROR

"Our war on terror begins with al-Qaida, but it does not end there. It will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped, and defeated."¹

"We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbour them."²

"Every nation, in every region, now has a decision to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists. From this day forward, any nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime."³

"...this crusade, this war on terrorism, is going to take a while, and the American people must be patient."⁴

"After the chaos and carnage of September 11th, it is not enough to serve our enemies with legal papers."⁵

"No act of the terrorists will change our purpose, or weaken our resolve, or alter their fate."⁶

"The deliberate and deadly attacks which were carried out yesterday against our country were more than acts of terror. They were acts of war."⁷

"We did not seek this war on terror, but this is the world as we find it."⁸

"Our war on terror is well begun, but it is only begun. This campaign may not be finished on our watch -- yet it must be and it will be waged on our watch."⁹

¹ Address to a Joint Session of Congress on Terrorist Attacks, Delivered 20 September 2001

² Bush addresses the nation, 9/11/01

³ Address to Joint Session of Congress and the American people made on Sept. 20, 2001

⁴ White House, September 16, 2001

⁵ State of the Union 2004

⁶ May 1, 2003 from the USS Abraham Lincoln, of the coast of San Diego, CA

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/wariniraq/gwbushiraq5103.htm>

⁷ Address from Cabinet Room following Cabinet Meeting, 12 September 2001

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/gwbush911cabinetroomaddress.htm>

⁸ "5 Step Plan for Democracy in Iraq" Delivered on May 24, 2004, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/wariniraq/gwbushiraq52404.htm>

⁹ State of the Union 2002

"And all nations that fight terror, as if the lives of their own people depend on it, will earn the favorable judgment of history."¹⁰

"All governments that support terror are complicit in a war against civilization."¹¹

THE TERRORISTS

"Our enemies in Iraq are good at filling hospitals, but they don't build any. They can incite men to murder and suicide, but they cannot inspire men to live in hope and add to the progress of their country. The terrorists only influence is violence and their only agenda is death."¹²

¹⁰ Bush addresses the 58th U.N. General Assembly Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003 at U.N. headquarters.

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¹² George W. Bush: 5 Step Plan for Democracy in Iraq, Delivered on 24 May 2004, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/wariniraq/gwbushiraq52404.htm>