

**“Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid.” –Ronald Reagan**

**"The truth is that outside of its legitimate function, government does nothing as well or as economically as the private sector. Yet any time you and I question the schemes of the do-gooders, we're denounced as being opposed to their humanitarian goals." - Ronald Reagan 1964**

**"A tree's a tree. How many more do you need to look at?" -Ronald Reagan**

**"Approximately 80% of our air pollution stems from hydrocarbons released by vegetation, so let's not go overboard in setting and enforcing tough emission standards from man-made sources." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Don't be afraid to see what you see." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Government always finds a need for whatever money it gets." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves." - Ronald Reagan**

**"Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer." -Ronald Reagan**

**"History teaches that war begins when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap." -Ronald Reagan**

**"How do you tell a communist? Well, it's someone who reads Marx and Lenin. And how do you tell an anti-Communist? It's someone who understands Marx and Lenin." -Ronald Reagan**

**"I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress." -Ronald Reagan**

**"I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life." -Ronald Reagan**

**"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished the race; we kept them free; we kept the faith." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Man is not free unless government is limited." -Ronald Reagan**

**"No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!" -Ronald Reagan**

**"Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong." -Ronald Reagan**

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**One way to make sure crime doesn't pay would be to let the government run it." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." -Ronald Reagan**

**"People do not make wars; governments do." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Protecting the rights of even the least individual among us is basically the only excuse the government has for even existing." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the democrats believe every day is April 15." -Ronald Reagan**

**"The best minds are not in government. If any were, business would steal them away."  
-Ronald Reagan**

**"The problem is not that people are taxed too little, the problem is that government spends too much." -Ronald Reagan**

**"There are no easy answers' but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right." -Ronald Reagan**

**"To sit back hoping that someday, some way, someone will make things right is to go on feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last - but eat you he will." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Trust, but verify." -Ronald Reagan**

**"We are never defeated unless we give up on God." -Ronald Reagan**

**"We cannot play innocents abroad in a world that is not innocent." -Ronald Reagan**

**"We might come closer to balancing the Budget if all of us lived closer to the Commandments and the Golden Rule." -Ronald Reagan**

**"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions." -Ronald Reagan**

**"We should measure welfare's success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many are added." -Ronald Reagan**

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**We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Welfare's purpose should be to eliminate, as far as possible, the need for its own existence." -Ronald Reagan**

**"When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure." -Ronald Reagan**

**"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.** We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." - Ronald Reagan, Address to the annual meeting of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, (30 March 1961)  
Later variant : **"Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction.** It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. Those who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again." - Ronald Reagan, California Gubernatorial Inauguration Speech (5 January 1967) -Ronald Reagan

"Shouldn't someone tag Mr. Kennedy's 'bold new imaginative program' with its proper age?" Reagan wondered. "Under the **tousled boyish haircut** it is still old **Karl Marx**—first launched a century ago. There is nothing new in the idea of a government being **Big Brother** to us all. **Hitler** called his state '**State Socialism**', and way before him it was relevant '**benevolent monarchy**'." - **Ronald Reagan**, In a 1960 letter to the GOP presidential candidate Richard Nixon, quoted in *The Right Moment: Ronald Reagan's First Victory and the Decisive Turning Point in American Politics* (2000) by Simon & Schuster, Matthew Dallek 0743213742, 9780743213745, p. 38. –Ronald Reagan

"But at the moment I'd like to talk about another way because this threat is with us and at the moment is more imminent. **One of the traditional methods of imposing statism or socialism on a people has been by way of medicine. It's very easy to disguise a medical program as a humanitarian project.** . . . Now, the American people, if you put it to them about socialized medicine and gave them a chance to choose, would unhesitatingly vote against it. We have an example of this. Under the Truman administration it was proposed that we have a compulsory health insurance program for all people in the United States, and, of course, the American people unhesitatingly rejected this." - Ronald Reagan Speaks Out Against Socialized Medicine (recording (1961)