

Z Quotations

"...having principles doesn't always mean following the rules; you can't change the world, or have any fun, without breaking a few."

Stephanie Zacharek, in interview of Robert Redford

Zagajewski, Adam:

via NYT ad: 'his poems pull us from whatever routine threatens to dull our senses, from whatever might lull us into mere existence.'

via reviewer Tobin: '... great pull in his work between a tragic conscience and a voice always on the verge of bursting with comic pleasure.'

via Philip Boehm - the author's poems 'pull us from whatever routine threatens to dull our senses, from whatever might lull us into mere existence.'

"I lost two homelands, but I sought a third: a space for the imagination."

Zaidi, Ali:

"...[throughout American history] whenever we have achieved a phase change it's been young people making it happen."

"...a conservative, in the oldest, most classical sense: someone who has a dark view of humankind."

"Partisanship today is more about identity."

Fareed Zakaria

Zamyatin, Yevgeny, 'We' pre-1984:

via translator Gregory Zilboorg: 'a few words about the method by which Zamyatin often tries to drive home his main ideas. It is the method of 'laughter through tears' to use an old expression of Gogol's. It is the form dictated by a profound love for humanity...'

Zankovsky:

"Collective hatred becomes much more dangerous than individual hatred. It's a process in which hatred gets legitimized." (also Albright)

"Municipal liberty is the first and most important of democratic institutions, since nothing is more natural or worthy of respect than the right that the citizens of any settlement have of arranging by themselves the affairs of their common life, and of resolving, as best suits them, the interests and needs of their locality."

Emiliano Zapata

Zapatista subcomandante Marcos (via Tufekci):

"Yes, Marcos is gay. Marcos is gay in San Francisco, black in South Africa, an Asian in Europe, a Chicano in San ysidro, an anarchist in Spain, a Palestinian in Israel, a Mayan Indian in the streets of San Cristobal, a Jew in Germany, a Gypsy in Poland, a Mohawk in Quebec, a pacifist in Bosnia, a single woman on the metro at 10 pm, a peasant without land, a gang member in the slums, an unemployed worker, an unhappy student and, of course, a Zapitista in the mountains.

Marcos is all the exploited, marginalized, oppressed minorities, resisting and saying 'Enough'. He is every minority who is now beginning to speak and every majority that must shut up and listen. He is every untolerated group searching for a way to speak. Everything that makes power and the good consciences of those in power uncomfortable - this is Marcos." Ref. 27, p. 109, Tufekci

Don Quixote...

"I have a dead brother. Who doesn't have a dead brother? I have a dead brother, killed by a bullet to the head at dawn on January 1, 1994. Very early came that bullet. Very early death entered my brother's forehead. He used to laugh. Not now. I can't keep him in my pocket,

but I kept the bullet that killed him. I asked the bullet where it came from. It answered, 'From a gun'. From a government soldier's gun, serving those in power who themselves serve others. That deadly bullet has no country. Nor does the fight to keep brothers and of others in our pockets. That's why Zapatistas wear uniforms with many pockets. Not to keep bullets, but to keep brothers." from film A Place Called Chiapis, about 1 hr. in...

end Marcos

"[Father said if she ever] had to go into hiding, the best place would be the most obvious, where those pursuing her would never look...
you have to hide in the mouth of the wolf, under the official' nose, and watch that they don't devour you...
Of course we must talk, we must tell the stories. Otherwise, they will be forgotten and the enemies will have won."

Rose Zar (Zarnowiecki)

Zaragoza:

"Only one thing is unacceptable: lying." Federico Mayor Zaragoza

Zatorre:

"...music offers a unique opportunity to better understand the organization of the human brain. Like language, music exists in all human societies. Like language, music is a complex, rule-governed activity that seems specific to humans. Similarly, music appears to be associated with a specific brain architecture. Sensitivity to musical structure develops early in life, without conscious effort, in a large majority of the population.

...the ubiquity of music, its developmental features, and its neurobiological substrates suggest that it may be appropriate to consider it akin to functions that result from the action of evolutionary forces--that is, as having biological foundations. "

R J Zatorre and I Peretz, Preface to The Biological Foundations of Music; Ann NY Academy of Sciences 930 (2001) p. ix.

Zax, Taylor

"The timing of history is delicate, and the life of Hitler remains one of the most incomprehensible examples of how quickly the touch of the wrong person, at the wrong time, can shatter an order that appeared stable." review on Hitler bks, NYT:

"The normal distribution is the abnormal case."

R Zeckhausen SRA 2010

"How do you change the attitudes of a quarter billion people?"

"You humor them, lad. And then you confound them with leadership."

Zed in Rex Ewing's Hydrogen bk, p. 249.

Zapatero:

"Machismo is what keeps the old order going. It's what poisons the human drive for dignity. It locks up the human spirit and kills personal freedom....for a younger generation growing up on the Internet and comfortable interacting in social media, the hierarchically organized flow of authority and power from the top down is old school."

Jose Luiz Rodriguez Zapatero via Rifkin patriarchy

"The real threats to France and the rest of the West are the nihilistic and revolutionary reflexes of a certain cross-section of alienated youths."

Robert Zaretsky

“...listening to music may be thought of as both recapitulating the past and predicting the future.”
Robert J Zatorre and Valorie N Salimpoor

Zaw, U Khin Maung: Myanmar human rights lawyer
“The case is lost, but the cause is won.”

Zeff:

“The biggest experience...is that it connects you with feelings that you’ve never been connected with before.”

“...MDMA. Beautiful trip. Just full of beauty and love and good feeling and acceptance of your self and realization of your own perfection....I’m being guided all the time...”

“Transformation is the only word that will fit. From one way of looking at things to another one...”

Stollaroff quote at end:

“...our society has sunk so deeply into unconsciousness...the general public, unfamiliar with the power of our minds, remains...locked in mass hypnotism....Our birthright of wisdom and compassion has been sacrificed on the altar of self-interest, materialism, and reductionism...”

Leo Zeff, the secret chief
“Penicillin for the soul.”

Leo Zeff on MDMA

“The ‘normalization of deviance:’ the more frequently exceptional things happen, the less we think of them as exceptional.”

Amy Zegart

“...there’s a degree of villany that is so disturbing and so beyond our ability to process...it leaves you asking questions.”

Ra’ad Zeid Al-Hussein, UN Human Rights evil

"In the history of physics we have always found something deeper. That deeper thing is usually more counterintuitive than what we had before and takes awhile to get used to."

Anton Zeilinger

"Taxation without comprehension is as inimical to democracy as taxation without representation."
Lawrence A Zelman

Zeldin, Alexander:

“...we need to find a way to talk about things that we don’t want to see.”

Zelenskiy, :

“The fight is here; I need ammunition, not a ride.”

“What do attempts at appeasement lead to?” The post-World War II security order, he said, was a poor match for the predations of leaders like Mr. Putin. “They do not keep up with new threats. They are not effective for overcoming them. This is a cough syrup when you need a coronavirus vaccine.”

“They will die in uniforms because of decisions made by men in suits.”

“...if you want to know Russia’s plans, look at what Russia accuses others of.”

“This is the final exam for Europe,”

via Igor Novikov: ‘In a time of crisis, he is a lens that channels the energies of the people into a single beam of light.’

King, Angus: “[Zelensky] channeled his inner Churchill.”

“The U.N. system must be reformed immediately so the veto isn’t the right to die.”

“This is not a war of two armies. It is a war of two world views.”

Where is the peace that the United Nations was created to guarantee. Where is the security that the Security Council must guarantee?”

end Zelensky

"...new form of political warfare, a strategy that takes advantage of freedoms in order to discredit them..."

Philip Zelikow, paper Strategic Corruption

"Do not speak unless you can improve on silence.

Great doubt: great awakening.

Little doubt: little awakening.

No doubt: no awakening.

Zen Maxim

Zencey:

"...cheap energy and a physical and social world designed for cars and consumers aren't ecologically sustainable. Neither is the perpetual-growth economy that produced them. We seem to be discovering that they aren't socially sustainable either."

"Infinite-Planet Theory...Wilderness Planet ... Garden Planet ... Factory Planet...Hayek...John Stuart Mill...

All economic value is produced by intelligence operating on matter using energy....any further increase in production has to come from the development of intelligence...Ponzi...economics ... Soddy...

"...entropy is the ghost in our machines, haunting them with a relentless degradation that wears out their usefulness..."

...economists are at least partially responsible for terrorism ...

...people who think that fundamental disagreement over values can be solved by getting everyone to accept the values that they themselves hold ... are *zealots*. It should not be surprising that zealotry is met by zealotry."

"A moral code that takes innocence as its highest ideal is one suited to infants and minor children ..

moral arguments have their greatest force on youthful and open minds, those who haven't developed the cognitive inertia that tends to accumulate over time....evidence and argument sometimes fail to outweigh the cumulative mass of habit, routine custom, the weight of previous choices.

...on a finite planet, the road to serfdom is paved with good free-market intentions."

Eric Zencey

Zerofsky, Elisabeth: see pdf NYT Mag

"...an increasingly muscular Catholic wing of postliberal conservatives."

Zhang, Wen-hong:

"Fighting the pandemic is like catching mice in a china shop."

China's 'Dr. Fauci'.

Zhao, Jianfeng:

"If justice cannot be served in this case, this place will fall into a very long and very dark night. .. happiness will be superficial and many things will be meaningless."

"Research without Google would be like life without electricity."

Xiong Zhenqin quoted in Nature

"[Democracy is] the natural form of a modern society."

Zhou Youguang

"...spending on health...is a strategic investment essential for each nation's socioeconomic development."

Chen Zhu, Health Minister, China

"Liberals proved better at finger-pointing than at self-reflection. They spend more time explaining the rise of populism than the fall of liberalism. ... Most people feel at home with like-minded and like-looking people; they trust those whom they know."

Jan Zielonka

Philip Zimbardo, The Lucifer Effect, 2007:

"Dehumanization is one of the central processes in the transformation of ordinary, normal people into indifferent or even wanton perpetrators of evil...."

"...the human mind can rationalize anything. Once you start on that slippery slope of evil, there is no going back for the vast majority of people."

"give someone an identity label of the kind that you would like them to have ... to do the action that you want to elicit from them."

heroism ... see book

definition: "Evil consists in intentionally behaving in ways that harm, abuse, demean, dehumanize, or destroy innocent others - or using one's authority and systemic power to encourage or permit others to do so on your behalf."

quoting CP Snow: "When you think of the long and gloomy history of man, you will find far more hideous crimes have been committed in the name of obedience than have been committed in the name of rebellion."

quoting Jonathan Swift: "The historical account of humans is a heap of conspiracies, rebellions, murders, massacres, revolutions, banishments, the very worse effects that avarice, faction, hypocrisy, perfidiousness, cruelty, rage, madness, hatred, envy, lust, malice, and ambition could produce ... I cannot but conclude the bulk of your natives to be the most pernicious race of little odious vermin that nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth."

quoting Haile Sellasie: "Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."

Zimmer, Hans:

"It's really the women that craft the destiny of everybody...shared dreaming." on Dune music

"We need a distinction between the complicated and the complex."

Brenda Zimmerman

Zinn:

"To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness. What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives. If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something. If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction. And if we do act, in however small a way, we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future. The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now as we think human beings should live, in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory." H Zinn

"Civil disobedience is the deliberate violation of law for a social purpose."

"To urge the right of citizens to disobey unjust laws, and the duty of citizens to disobey dangerous laws, is of the very essence of democracy, which assumes that government and its laws are not sacred, but are instruments serving certain ends: life, liberty, happiness. The instruments are dispensable. The ends are not."

"If a specific act of civil disobedience is a morally justifiable act of protest, then the jailing of those engaged in that act is immoral and should be opposed."

Howard Zinn

http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/1899.Howard_Zinn

"...there is also...the bubbling of change under the surface of obedience."

"...there is no such thing as a pure fact, innocent of interpretation. Behind every fact ... is a judgment. The judgment ... that this fact is important, and that other facts, omitted, are not important."

...most histories understate revolt, overemphasize statesmanship, and thus encourage impotency among citizens."

"...the government of the United States was behaving almost exactly as Karl Marx described a capitalist state: pretending neutrality to maintain order, but serving the interests of the rich."

"The historian's distortion is more than technical, it is ideological."

"Where progress has been made, wherever any kind of injustice has been overturned, it's been because people acted as citizens, and not as politicians. They didn't just moan. They worked, they acted, they organized, they rioted if necessary to bring their situation to the attention of people in power."

"The future is an infinite succession of presents..."

"...what leaps out from ... history is its utter unpredictability."

"...a gradual osmosis of truth seeps through the cracks of the propaganda system- a realization of having been lied to and deceived..."

Congress was willing to impeach Nixon for breaking into a building,
but still not impeach Bush for breaking into a country.

They were willing to impeach Clinton because of his sexual shenanigans,
but will not impeach Bush for turning the wealth of the country over to the superrich...

Truth has a power of its own...

A poem can inspire a movement.

A pamphlet can spark a revolution.

Civil disobedience can arouse people and provoke us to think.

When we organize with one another, when we get involved,

when we stand up and speak out together,

we can create a power no government can suppress...

...to break that addiction [to war] we need to teach history, because when you look at the history of wars, you see how war corrupts everyone involved...

...war is terrorism...

...there are two reasons...which help explain the vulnerability of the press and of the citizenry to outrageous lies whose consequences bring death to tens of thousands of people: One reason is the dimension of time ...an absence of historical perspective...The other is in the dimension of space...an inability to think outside the boundaries of nationalism...penned in by the arrogant perspective that this country is the center of the universe, exceptionally virtuous, admirable, superior.

[from Joe - "history is a vaccine to inoculate us against lies and fantasy."]

Howard Zinn

"why is it necessary to declare me dead again and again?" Karl Marx in play by Zinn

Howard Zinn once said, 'There is not a flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people.'

"Knowing the nature of the political and judicial system of this country, its inherent bias against the poor, against people of color, against dissidents, we cannot become dependent on the courts, or on our political leadership. Our culture—the media, the educational system—tries to crowd out of our political consciousness everything except who will be elected President and who will be on the Supreme Court, as if these are the most important decisions we make. They are not. They divert us from the most important job citizens have, which is to bring democracy alive by organizing, protesting, engaging in acts of civil disobedience that shake up the system."

end Howard Zinn

"Trump is deluded and compulsive. He has no conscience."

John Zinner

"Remember, your safety is YOUR responsibility."
Zion Park Shuttle

Zito, Salena:

"The press took Trump literally, but not seriously; his supporters take him seriously, but not literally."

"...here there is always socialism for the rich...
Now is the time for monsters."
Slavoj Zizek

"Every group of grownups that has looked at the issue recognizes that the real problem is related to well construction,"
Mark Zoback, a Stanford University geophysicist

Zoellner, Tom on AZ and Gabby Giffords:

Arizona's notoriously inflammatory political discourse, which often amounts to conjuring up demons that must then be vanquished.

"The real thing about Arizona is that we're all afraid," says Bill Hart, a senior policy analyst at Arizona State University's Morrison Institute for Public Policy. "The culture is changing, the economy is in a shambles, people's futures are not ensured. And so it's a springboard for ambitious politicians on all levels to play on that fear."

Or you could consider Arizona's longtime love affair with guns. The state has some of the loosest gun laws in the country. You can carry a concealed pistol here without any permit or special training or even a background check for felonies. Only two other states -- Alaska and Vermont -- have laws this loose. There is no waiting period to buy a gun in Arizona, no law barring the mentally ill from buying guns, and no limit on the amount of ammunition in a gun's magazine.

The act of carrying a handgun is about more than freedom, though; it involves -- and encourages -- the assumption that the universe is hostile and capricious.

Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, the head of law enforcement in Pima County, surrounding Tucson city limits, is a friend of Giffords. He framed the mass-murder in stark terms in an emotional press conference: "I think it's time as a country that we need to do a little soul-searching...When you look at unbalanced people, how they respond to the vitriol

that comes out of certain mouths, about tearing down the government -- the anger, the hatred, the bigotry that goes on in this country is getting to be outrageous, and unfortunately Arizona, I think, has become sort of the capital. We have become the mecca for prejudice and bigotry."

Dan Ranieri, executive director of the La Frontera behavioral health centers in Tucson. "It defines a person just by an illness and it absolves people of their responsibilities. This event happened because of the extremism and the isolation of (people in) Arizona. And you have to talk about both."

James A. Clarke: "All assassins have a history of social disconnection. And the neighborhoods here are some of the coldest and most distant that I've ever experienced."

Arizona State Sen. Lori Klein announced that she carries a pistol in her purse even when she's on the Senate floor. "I pack," she bragged. In its first session after the shootings, the Legislature proudly declared the Colt Single-Action Army Revolver the official state

firearm. It also cut \$510 million from the state's health care budget, including services to the mentally ill.

"It has become policy only to oppose and obstruct...not propose and construct..."
John Zogby

Zoladz, Lindsay, NYT:
"...the power of simple, modern words arranged in unexpected ways...
an offbeat, infectious and ultimately liberating invitation to stop making sense."

Zolli, Andrew:
"The era of radical climate transparency is about to be born." Chief Impact Officer of Planet.

"A man needs a little madness—or else he cannot cut the cord—and live free."
Zorba the Greek

Zuboff, Shoshana:
"Surveillance capitalism has taken human experience, specifically private human experience, and unilaterally claimed it as something to be bought and sold in the marketplace. This new kind of marketplace trades in behavioral futures. It's like a form of derivative. But it's about us."
"surveillance capitalism [is] a parasitic economic logic in which the production of goods and services is subordinated to a new global architecture of behavioral modification,"
from NYT Knowledge Coup op-ed:
Jack Balkin, a professor at Yale Law School, observed, the intelligence community would have to "rely on private enterprise to collect and generate information for it," in order to reach beyond constitutional, legal, or regulatory constraints...
The revolutionary roots of surveillance capitalism are planted in this unwritten political doctrine of surveillance exceptionalism, bypassing democratic oversight, and essentially granting the new internet companies a license to steal human experience and render it as proprietary data....
Most significant, surveillance exceptionalism has meant that the United States and many other liberal democracies chose surveillance over democracy as the guiding principle of social order. ...
...surveillance capitalism's operations have no formal interest in facts....
...radically indifferent to meaning, facts and truth...
In 1966, Peter Berger and Thomas Luckmann wrote a short book of seminal importance, "The Social Construction of Reality." Its central observation is that the "everyday life" we experience as "reality" is actively and perpetually constructed by us. This ongoing miracle of social order rests on "common sense knowledge," which is "the knowledge we share with others in the normal self-evident routines of everyday life."..."All societies are constructions in the face of chaos," write Berger and Luckmann. Because norms are summaries of our common sense, norm violation is the essence of terrorism..."
Society renews itself as common sense evolves....norm violation is key to revenue....
The digital must live in democracy's house, not as an arsonist but as a member of the family, subject to and thriving on its laws and values....
A democratic information civilization cannot progress without new charters of epistemic rights that protect citizens from the massive-scale invasion and theft compelled by surveillance economics....
We each decide if and how our experience is shared, with whom and for what purpose....
Writing in 1967, Justice William Douglas argued that the authors of the Bill of Rights believed "the individual should have the freedom to select for himself the time and circumstances when he will share his secrets with others and decide the extent of that sharing." That "freedom to select" is the elemental epistemic right to know ourselves, the cause from which all privacy flows....
...my feelings are unsale-able because they are inalienable.
...the real issue, which is that their property claim itself is illegitimate.
First...we end the data collection operations of commercial surveillance...outlaw the massive-scale extraction of human experience...
...disrupt the financial incentives that reward surveillance economics....

Democratic societies have outlawed markets that trade in human organs and babies. Markets that trade in human beings were outlawed, even when they supported whole economies.... Unless democracy revokes the license to steal and challenges the fundamental economics and operations of commercial surveillance, the epistemic coup will weaken and eventually transform democracy itself. We must make our choice. We may have democracy, or we may have surveillance society, but we cannot have both. We have a democratic information civilization to build, and there is no time to waste..”

Shoshana Zuboff

it seems plausible that people who
question their religion will be more comfortable questioning what
the sociologist Peter L. Berger called "official versions of reality."

Phil Zuckerman

has completely lost interest in the present

Zygar, Mikhail:

“[Putin] has completely lost interest in the present...top officials...understood their task and submissively tried to describe the president's thoughts in their own words...

Putin is completely fed up with his old guard: His contempt for them was clear. He seemed to relish their sniveling

...’Operation Successor’

he has really and truly come to believe that only he can save Russia. In fact, he believes it so much that he thinks the people around him are likely to foil his plans. He can't trust them, either.

...he seems to believe that complete isolation will make a large part of the most unreliable elements leave Russia: During the past two weeks, the protesting intelligentsia — executives, actors, artists, journalists — have hurriedly fled the country; some abandoned their possessions just to get out. I fear that from the point of view of Mr. Putin and Mr. Kovalchuk, this will only make Russia stronger.