

Let us begin by committing ourselves to the truth—to see it like it is and tell it like it is—to find the truth, to speak the truth, and to live the truth

Nixon

Our fundamental values are under bitter and even violent attack.

Nixon

I had concentrated too much on substance and not enough on appearance.

Nixon

The press is the enemy.

Nixon

The greatest honor history can bestow  
is the title of peacemaker.

Nixon

It is not too strong a statement to  
declare that this is the way  
civilizations begin to die.

Nixon

Quit making national heroes of those  
who steal secrets and publish them in  
the newspapers.

Nixon

You can say I don't remember. You  
can say I can't recall.

Nixon

I shall be very lenient about amnesty.

Nixon

People have a perfect right to disagree with me.

Nixon

They are a bloody good bunch of killers.

General George Patton III

The people over there are backward... they just make a mess out of everything.

Lieut. George Coker (Vietnam War POW)

Our long national nightmare is over...  
here, the people rule.

Ford

When you have them by the balls,  
their hearts and minds will follow.

Roosevelt

This is a great adventure. This is your  
finest hour.

Churchill

This is a national security matter. You  
stay out of that.

Churchill

You will be better advised to watch  
what we do instead of what we say.

A.A. Milne

This country is going so far right you  
are not even going to recognize it.

Mitchell

We want to bridge the generation  
gap. We want to bridge the gap  
between the races.

Nixon

This will be an open administration,  
open to new ideas... open to critics...

Nixon

What we are trying to do here is to  
tear down an institution.

Jeb Magruder

I think the networks deserve a  
thorough goosing.

Hugh Scott

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