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Quotes about Tyranny

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Death is softer by far than tyranny.

- Aeschylus

In every tyrant's heart there springs in the end this poison, that he cannot trust a friend.

- Aeschylus

Tyranny and anarchy are never far apart.

- Bentham, Jeremy

The most insupportable of tyrannies is that of inferiors.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

No totalitarians, no wars, no fears, famines or perils of any kind can really break a man's spirit until he breaks it himself by surrendering. Tyranny has many dread powers, but not the power to rule the spirit.

- Brightman, Edgar Sheffield

The tyrant grinds down his slaves and they don't turn against him, they crush those beneath them.

- Bronte, Emily

Tyrants seldom want pretexts.

- Burke, Edmund

Kings will be tyrants from policy, when subjects are rebels from principle.

- Burke, Edmund

If we must have a tyrant, let him at least be a gentleman who has been bred to the business, and let us fall by the axe and not by the butcher's cleaver.

- Byron, Lord

There is a secret pride in every human heart that revolts at tyranny. You may order and drive an individual, but you cannot make him respect you.

- Hazlitt, William

So long as men worship the Caesars and Napoleons, the Caesars and Napoleons will arise to make them miserable.

- Huxley, Aldous

Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the

mind of man.

- Jefferson, Thomas

No government power can be abused long. Mankind will not bear it. There is a remedy in human nature against tyranny, that will keep us safe under every form of government.

- Johnson, Samuel

A police state finds that it cannot command the grain to grow.

- Kennedy, John F.

The tyrant dies and his rule is over, the martyr dies and his rule begins.

- Kierkegaard, Soren

Tyranny is yielding to the lust of the governing.

- Moulton, Lord

Tyranny is always better organized than freedom.

- Peguy, Charles

The people always have some champion whom they set over them and nurse into greatness. This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector.

- Plato

Like Cato, give his little senate laws, and sit attentive to his own applause.

- Pope, Alexander

Rulers, who neither see, nor feel, nor know, but leech-like to their fainting country cling, till they drop, blind in blood, without a blow, -- a people starved and stabbed in the untilled field...

- Shelley, Percy Bysshe

There is no week nor day nor hour when tyranny may not enter upon this country, if the people lose their roughness and spirit of defiance.

- Whitman, Walt

The worst form of tyranny the world has ever known the tyranny of the weak over the strong. It is the only tyranny that lasts.

- Wilde, Oscar



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