Impromptu Prep for December 6, 2021

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*Directions: The following is a round’s worth of impromptu prompts. Take time to use these prompts to sharpen your impromptu skills.*

# “Political Quotes”

Gathered from BrainyQuotes at <https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/politics-quotes>.

## Speaker 1

* “We would all like to vote for the best man but he is never a candidate.” —Kin Hubbard
* “The modern conservative is engaged in one of man's oldest exercises in moral philosophy; that is, the search for a superior moral justification for selfishness.” —John Kenneth Galbraith
* “Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing.” —Bernard Baruch

## Speaker 2

* “Voters don't decide issues, they decide who will decide issues.” —George Will
* “Under every stone lurks a politician.” —Aristophanes
* “If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all.” —Noam Chomsky

## Speaker 3

* “Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed.” —Mao Zedong
* “A healthy democracy requires a decent society; it requires that we are honorable, generous, tolerant and respectful.” —Charles W. Pickering
* “It is enough that the people know there was an election. The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.” —Joseph Stalin

## Speaker 4

* “If you put the federal government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in 5 years there'd be a shortage of sand.” —Milton Friedman
* “If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal.” —Emma Goldman
* “I weep for the liberty of my country when I see at this early day of its successful experiment that corruption has been imputed to many members of the House of Representatives, and the rights of the people have been bartered for promises of office.” —Andrew Jackson

## Speaker 5

* “Politics determines who has the power, not who has the truth.” —Paul Krugman
* “A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves.” —Edward R. Murrow
* “An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.” —Winston Churchill

## Speaker 6

* “Ideas are more powerful than guns. We would not let our enemies have guns, why should we let them have ideas?” —Joseph Stalin
* “One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.” —Plato
* “The darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis.” —Dante Alighieri