



CAP TIPS #2 **To Improve Public Awareness**

“Notable Quotables”

Introduction

There are many quotations from noted leaders and famous people throughout the world's history that address *fairness*, *dignity*, and *respect*. This shows that these concepts are as old as civilization, and that respected people throughout history have sought to address them.

The guidance provided in CAP TIPS #1, *Tips to Promote the 2010 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme*, can help you secure important new quotations from people in your community and state – crime victims/survivors, those who serve them, and community and state leaders – as well as from national leaders in America's victim assistance field (from the OVC Oral History Project).

To augment these efforts, this CAP TIP features inspirational quotations that span 2000 years of the world, and feature a highly diverse group of authors.

How to Use Notable Quotables

The possibilities are endless!

The quotations that follow can be used in virtually *all* aspects of 2010 NCVRW planning, victim/survivor outreach, and community and public awareness. For example:

- Begin each meeting of your NCVRW Planning Committee by reading one of the quotations.
- If you find one quotation to be particularly inspiring, incorporate it into any theme artwork or include it at the bottom of any letterhead or email message designed specifically for 2010 NCVRW.
- Match a specific inspiring quotation to your target audience (for example, by gender, culture, or profession) and use it to seek their support, or to encourage their participation in your 2010 NCVRW activities.
- Provide sample quotations to people you are seeking as inspirational speakers for your NCVRW events.

- Include a quotation for “fairness,” “dignity” and “respect” in public presentations for NCVRW, and feature them in any audio/visual aids (such as PowerPoint presentations).
- Cite the quotations in any media interviews conducted in conjunction with NCVRW.
- Use quotations from early philosophers and leaders (Cicero, 106 BC – 43 BC; and Aristotle, 384 BC – 322 BC) to emphasize the point that concepts such as “dignity” have been explored and discussed throughout the ages.

Quotations for “Fairness”

“Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower

“The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places, but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater.”

J.R.R. Tolkien

“It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

Quotations for “Dignity”

“The kind of beauty I want most is the hard-to-get kind that comes from within – strength, courage, dignity.”

Ruby Dee

“When the dignity of one person is denied, all of us are denied.”

Hubert Humphrey

“What should move us to action is human dignity: the inalienable dignity of the oppressed, but also the dignity of each of us. We lose dignity if we tolerate the intolerable.”

Dominique de Menil

“The only kind of dignity which is genuine is that which is not diminished by the indifference of others.”

Dag Hammarskjöld

“The reward for doing right is mostly an internal phenomenon: self-respect, dignity, integrity, and self-esteem.”

Dr. Laura Schlessinger

“Human Dignity has gleamed only now and then and here and there, in lonely splendor, throughout the ages, a hope of the better men, never an achievement of the majority.”
James Thurber

“Where is there dignity unless there is honesty?”
Cicero

“Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them”
Aristotle

“One’s dignity may be assaulted, vandalized and cruelly mocked, but it cannot be taken away unless it is surrendered.”
Michael J. Fox

“There is a healthful hardiness about real dignity that never dreads contact and communion with others, however humble.”
Washington Irving

Quotations for “Respect”

“We confide in our strength without boasting of it; we respect that of others, without fearing it.”
Thomas Jefferson

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”
Nelson Mandela

“Civilization is built on a number of ultimate principles: respect for human life, the punishment of crimes against property and persons, the equality of all good citizens before the law.....or, in a word, justice.”
Max Nordau

“Justice requires that to lawfully constituted Authority, there be given that respect and obedience which is its due; that the laws which are made shall be in wise conformity with the common good; and that, as a matter of conscience, all men shall render obedience to these laws.”
Pope Pius XI

“That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people who doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong.”
William J. H. Boetcker

“Integrity combined with faithfulness is a powerful force and worthy of great respect.”
The Real Live Preacher

“We’ve got to work to save our children, and do it with full respect for the fact that if we do not, no one else is going to do it.”

Dorothy Height

“I’m not concerned with your liking or disliking me....All I ask is that you respect me as a human being.”

Jackie Robinson

“Respect for the truth comes close to being the basis for all morality.”

Frank Herbert

“Leadership is a two-way street, loyalty up and down. Respect for one’s superiors; care for one’s crew.”

Grace Murray Hopper

“Live with integrity, respect the rights of other people, and follow your own bliss.”

Nathaniel Branden

Quotations from Victim Assistance Pioneers OVC Oral History Project

“Well, just as we need a national standard of victims' rights and services as embodied in an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, I think we need a national set of standards and training and education and certification. No one, no crime victim in America should be deprived of fair treatment, dignity, compassionate support because of poorly trained service providers or because a prosecutor isn't inclined to create a victim assistance unit or a law enforcement agency is not willing to apply for a grant and to be held accountable for how he or she treats victims.”

*Roberta Roper
Survivor and Founder
Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center*

“What really reinforced.....not so much the written impact statement, but the right of victims to come to court and testify. There's a young lady out of Salinas, California, by the name of Cheryl Ward. I spent a lot of time with Cheryl, whose husband was murdered and her daughter raped. And it meant so much to her to be included and to influence and to be heard.....I think it gives dignity and respect and importance to someone to listen to victims and let them be included in the process, whether it turns out the way they want or not, just the fact that somebody respected them enough to consider them, means an awful lot to victims....”

*James Rowland
Former President of NOVA
and “Father of the Victim Impact Statement”*

“... the mission is, as I see it, is to ensure that there are victim services within a phone call away for anybody at anytime and that there... that the dignity of the victims will be honored in the justice system and other systems as a matter of right, everywhere and every time.”

*John Stein
International Organization for Victim Assistance*

“I think it broadened and you've heard from some of the other members (of the Task Force) that they brought their particular areas of expertise whether it was enhanced law enforcement, psychological, community development, corporate involvement,...into recognition that the scope of the problem was more pervasive than anybody had originally anticipated, that there was a complete disenfranchisement, that we had treated victims somewhat like inanimate objects to be present to say their piece and to be removed from the process and that that couldn't continue in our society, that they had to be treated with respect, involvement and certainly with tremendous input for the system to be effective, as well as basically just to give them the rights that they should be in an hour able to obtain.”

*Robert O. Miller
Former Governor of Nevada,
Member, 1982 President's Task Force on Victims of Crime*

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