



Quotes: Why vote?

Indlovu yabulawa yibunyonyo
The elephant was killed by an ant.

Albert Einstein

The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

Utajeyi nzuyanda katunulwiida (Tonga)
Do not destroy what you claim to defend.

Muromo haupi chinopa (Shona)
The mouth does not give, but hands

Eleanor Roosevelt

Remember always that you not only have the right to be an individual, you have an obligation to be one.

HH the Dalai Lama

Responsibility does not only lie with the leaders of our countries or with those who have been appointed or elected to do a particular job. It lies with each of us individually. Peace, for example, starts within each one of us. When we have inner peace, we can be at peace with those around us. When our community is in a state of peace, it can share that peace with neighboring communities, and so on.

Induce kayakhimuzi (Ndebele)
A gun or a club cannot build a home.

Holocaust Museum, Washington, DC

Thou shalt not be a victim. Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander.



Amandla enhlanzi asemanzini (Ndebele)

The power of the fish is in the water

Stanley Milgram

The disappearance of a sense of responsibility is the most far-reaching consequence of submission to authority.

Tatenda mavura tadya chakata (Shona)

We believe in the blossoms after eating the fruit

Aristotle

If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost.

Moto mushuma ndiwo unonyautsa muto.(Shona)

Mulilo muche nguyemaunna musinza (Tonga)

It is a low fire that warms the soup

Eugene McCarthy

As long as the differences and diversities of mankind exist, democracy must allow for compromise, for accommodation, and for the recognition of differences.

Kuturika denga remba kubatirana (Shona).

To put a roof onto the walls of a hut needs joining hands.

Jesse Jackson

In politics, an organized minority is a political majority.

Mbiri matende/ inoputsika (Shona)

Fame is like a gourd, it breaks (i.e. Do not rely on the promises of an important person, rather wait for actual results)