

# **Sagacious Axioms**

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Sagacious axioms from the past revitalized for the present:

We hang petty thieves and appoint the great ones to office....  
Aesop

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by  
being governed by those who are dumber.... Plato

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a  
bridge even when there is no river...Nikita Khrushchev

When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become  
president. I'm beginning to believe it.... Clarence Darrow

I offered my opponents a deal. If they stop telling lies about  
me, I will stop telling the truth about them.... Adlai Stevenson

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a  
matter to be left to the politicians.... Charles de Gaulle

Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member  
of the government; but then I repeat myself.... Mark Twain

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the  
facts.... Will Rogers

I contend that for a nation to try and tax itself into prosperity  
is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up  
by the handle.... Winston Churchill

What happens if a politician drowns in a river? That is  
pollution. And what happens if all of them drown? That is a  
solution.... John Adams

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always  
depend on the support of Paul.... Will Rogers

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and  
campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each