

Dumb Mitt Romney Quotes

Top 10 Dumbest Mitt Romney Quotes



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1. "There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what. All right, there are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe the government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you-name-it. ... My job is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives." -Mitt Romney, in leaked comments from a fundraiser in May 2012

2. "Corporations are people, my friend ... of course they are. Everything corporations earn ultimately goes to the people. Where do you think it goes? Whose pockets? Whose pockets? People's pockets. Human beings, my friend." —Mitt Romney to a heckler at the Iowa State Fair who suggested that taxes should be raised on corporations as part of balancing the budget (August 2011)

3. "When you have a fire in an aircraft, there's no place to go, exactly, there's no -- and you can't find any oxygen from outside the aircraft to get in the aircraft, because the windows don't open. I don't know why they don't do that. It's a real problem." —Mitt Romney, suggesting it would be a good idea to crack a window at 35,000 feet, Beverly Hills fundraiser, Sept. 22, 2012

4. "I like being able to fire people who provide services to me." —Mitt Romney, using an

unfortunate choice of words while advocating for consumer choice in health insurance plans (January 2012)

5. "I'm not concerned about the very poor. We have a safety net there." —Mitt Romney (January 2012)

6. "I went to a number of women's groups and said 'Can you help us find folks?' and they brought us whole binders full of women." —Mitt Romney, on staffing his cabinet while he was governor of Massachusetts, presidential debate, Oct. 16, 2012

7. "As president, I will create 12 million new jobs." —Mitt Romney, during the second presidential debate
"Government does not create jobs. Government does not create jobs." —Mitt Romney, 45 minutes later (Oct. 16, 2012)

8. "My dad, as you probably know, was the governor of Michigan and was the head of a car company.
But he was born in Mexico... and had he been born of, uh, Mexican parents, I'd have a better shot at winning this. But he was unfortunately born to Americans living in Mexico. He lived there for a number of years. I mean, I say that jokingly, but it would be helpful to be Latino."
-Mitt Romney, in leaked comments from a Florida fundraiser, May 17 2012

9. "It's hard to know just how well [the [2012 London Olympics](#)] will turn out. There are a few things that were disconcerting. The stories about the private security firm not having enough people, the supposed strike of the immigration and customs officials, that obviously is not something which is encouraging." —Mitt Romney, insulting Britain on the eve of the Olympics by suggesting the country is not ready, NBC News interview, July 25, 2012

10. "I believe in an America where millions of Americans believe in an America that's the America millions of Americans believe in. That's the America I love." —Mitt Romney (January 2012)

Bonus Quotes:

"Actually, I didn't say that." —Mitt Romney, when asked about his oft-cited quote that 47 percent of Americans can't be persuaded to take personal responsibility, Washington Post interview, July 28, 2013

"Tomorrow we begin a new tomorrow." —Mitt Romney on his final day of campaigning, Nov. 5, 2012

"We use Ann sparingly right now so that people don't get tired of her." —Mitt Romney, referring to his wife while speaking to a room of wealthy donors in Florida, May 17, 2012

"I think the best answer is as little as possible." —Mitt Romney, when asked what he wears to bed at night, interview with ABC's "LIVE! with Kelly and Michael," Sept. 14, 2012

"The embassy in Cairo put out a statement after their grounds had been breached. ... An apology for America's values is never the right course. ... The statement that came from the administration was — was a statement which is akin to apology and I think was a — a severe miscalculation." —Mitt Romney, attempting to politicize the killings of American diplomats in Libya by falsely accusing [President Obama](#) of apologizing for America and getting the facts of the situation backwards (Sept. 12, 2012)

"Is \$100,000 middle income?" -George Stephanopoulos

"No, middle income is \$200,000 to \$250,000 and less." -Mitt Romney, ABC's "Good Morning America," Sept. 14, 2012

"When you give a speech you don't go through a laundry list, you talk about the things that you think are important." –Mitt Romney, when asked about failing to mention the troops in his nomination speech at the [Republican National Convention](#), Fox News interview (Sept. 7, 2012)

"Join me in welcoming the next president of the United States, Paul Ryan." –Mitt Romney, committing a gaffe while introducing his running mate, Norfolk, Va., Aug. 11, 2012

"I should tell my story. I'm also unemployed." –Mitt Romney, speaking in 2011 to unemployed people in Florida. Romney's net worth is over \$200 million.

"[My wife] drives a couple of Cadillacs." –Mitt Romney, campaigning for president in Michigan (February 2012)

"I'll tell you what, ten-thousand bucks? \$10,000 bet?" –Mitt Romney, attempting to make a wager with Rick Perry during a Republican presidential debate to settle a disagreement about health care (December 2011)

"PETA is not happy that my dog likes fresh air." –Mitt Romney in 2007, responding to criticism from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals following revelations that he had once put the family dog in a carrier and strapped it to the roof of his car during a 12-hour road trip

"I have some friends who are NASCAR team owners." –Mitt Romney, after being asked whether he follows NASCAR racing (February 2012)

"There were a couple of times I wondered whether I was going to get a pink slip" –Mitt Romney, attempting to identify with the problems of average folk (January 2012)

"I'm not sure about these cookies.

They don't look like you made them. No, no. They came from the local 7/11 bakery, or whatever." –Mitt Romney, visiting a local bakery while campaigning in Pittsburgh, PA, April 17, 2012 (The owner of the baker later told MSNBC he was offended by Romney's remarks.)

"I like those fancy raincoats you bought. Really sprung for the big bucks." –Mitt Romney to a group of NASCAR fans wearing plastic ponchos at the Daytona 500 (February 2012)

"It's not worth moving heaven and earth, spending billions of dollars just trying to catch one person." –Mitt Romney, speaking in 2007 about killing [Osama bin Laden](#)

"Who let the dogs out? Who, who." –Mitt Romney, during an [awkward photo op](#) with a group of African Americans kids at a Martin Luther King Day parade (January 2008)

"I'm Wolf Blitzer and yes, that's my real name." –CNN's Wolf Blitzer at the beginning of a November 2011 Republican presidential debate

"I'm Mitt Romney—and yes Wolf, that's also my first name." –Mitt Romney, getting his own name wrong (his first name is "Willard," and his middle name is "Mitt")

"I'm not familiar precisely with what I said, but I'll stand by what I said, whatever it was." —Mitt Romney (May 17, 2012)

