

# Ronald Wilson Reagan

## 40<sup>th</sup> President of the United States (1911-2004)

Long ago, President Ronald Reagan defined the nature of political conservatism using the image of a three-legged stool: (1) Law governed free-market economic practices, (2) superior national defense system, and (3) social ethics and laws that reflect the Judaic-Christian heritage. Ad hominem attacks on those who believe in and promote this stool aside (i.e., the use of “neo-con” or “war mongering”), our nation is at serious risk if any potential or current political leader fosters the significant dismantling of any of these legs.

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Although Ronald Reagan was the only actor to become President, he was one of the few politicians who was not acting.

Thomas Sowell, *Random Thoughts* ([www.jewishworldreview.com](http://www.jewishworldreview.com)), 24 June 2004

When Ronald Reagan said that the government was spending money like a drunken sailor, he apologized to the sailors, who were after all spending their own money.

Thomas Sowell, *Random Thoughts* ([www.jewishworldreview.com](http://www.jewishworldreview.com)), 21 September 2005

### Reagan Quotes:

Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose.

The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help.

The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant: It's just that they know so much that isn't so.

Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong.

I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress.

The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination.

Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.

If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program.

I've laid down the law, though, to everyone from now on about anything that happens: no matter what time it is, wake me, even if it's in the middle of a Cabinet meeting.

It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it

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keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.

No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.