

Famous Quotes from Mao

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President Barack Obama's communication's czar, Anita Dunn, loves to quote from former Chinese Communist dictator, Chairman Mao Tse-tung, since he stands as one of her two favorite philosophers, alongside Mother Theresa of Calcutta. She even told CNN yesterday that some leading Republican figures feel inspired by Chairman Mao, because they occasionally quote from him in their speeches as well.

Perhaps, the Dallas Blog readers will feel the same as Mrs. Dunn when they read some famous words of wisdom from Chairman Mao. If you don't feel the same as Mrs Dunn, then be careful, you might be accused of being a counter-Obama reactionary.

Here are a few quotes:

"Communism is not love. Communism is a hammer which we use to crush the enemy."

There is a serious tendency toward capitalism among the well-to-do peasants."

"Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

"War can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun."

"Passivity is fatal to us. Our goal is to make the enemy passive."

"All reactionaries are paper tigers."

"A revolution is not a dinner party, or writing an essay, or painting a picture, or doing embroidery."

"To read too many books is harmful."

"There is in fact no such thing as art for art's sake, art that stands alone above classes, art that is detached from or independent of politics. Proletarian literature and art are part of the whole proletarian revolutionary cause."

"People like me sound like a lot of big cannons."

"Political work is the life blood of all economic work."

"Swollen in head, weak in legs, sharp in tongue but empty in belly."

"The atom bomb is a paper tiger which the United States reactionaries use to scare people. It looks terrible, but in fact it isn't."

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