

THE EXTRA POINT

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1113 Quotations about Organizations

Today, we look for wisdom, guidance, and clarity. We look at the word *organization* and to how people — past and present — have viewed it. I'm Jerry Roberts, and that's coming next, on The Extra Point.

The word is *organization* and 13 people left us with how they felt about it.

1. *"Quality is the result of a carefully constructed cultural environment. It has to be the fabric of the organization, not part of the fabric."*

— Phil Crosby, actor

2. *"The political lesson of Watergate is this: Never again must America allow an arrogant, elite guard of political adolescents to by-pass the regular party organization and dictate the terms of a national election."*

— President Gerald R. Ford

3. *"The problem of social organization is how to set up an arrangement under which greed will do the least harm. Capitalism is that kind of a system."*

— Milton Friedman, economist

4. *"I think the players win the championship, and the organization has something to do with it, don't get me wrong. But don't try to put the organization above the players."*

— Michael Jordan, owner, Charlotte Hornets

Since he's now an owner of the NBA's Charlotte team, I wonder if he feels the same way.

5. *"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."*

— Vince Lombardi, Green Bay Packers coach

6. *"You can tell the tree by the fruit it bears. You see it through what the organization is delivering as far as a concrete program. If the tree's fruit sours or grows brackish, then the*

time has come to chop it down — bury it and walk over it and plant new seeds."

— Activist Huey Newton

I think both Democrats and Republicans need to take a look at what's in their garden.

7. *"The trouble with organizing a thing is that pretty soon folks get to paying more attention to the organization than to what they're organized for."*

— Author Laura Ingalls Wilder

8. *"Manners are the lubricating oil of an organization. It is a law of nature that two moving bodies in contact with each other create friction. This is as true for human beings as it is for inanimate objects."*

— Peter Drucker, management expert

9. *"Research shows that the climate of an organization influences an individual's contribution far more than the individual himself."*

— W. Edwards Deming, statistician and educator

10. *"You can't build any kind of organization if you're not going to surround yourself with people who have experience and a skill base beyond your own."*

— Starbucks CEO, Howard Schultz

11. *"If a leader doesn't convey passion and intensity then there will be no passion and intensity within the organization and they'll start to fall down and get depressed."*

— U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell

12. *"Positive leadership, conveying the idea that there is always a way forward, is so important. Critical to doing that is reinforcing the idea that everyone is included."*

— Alan Mulally, former CEO of Ford Motor Co.

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13. *"I won't belong to any organization that would have me as a member."*
Comedian Groucho Marx

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