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Young, Meritocracy, 30

"We have had to remember that nearly all of us are going to try to give our children good jobs for their offspring: The function of merit, whose efficiency depends upon observing the principles of selection of merit, is to prevent such selfishness from doing any serious harm. The family is the guardian of the individual, the state the guardian of collective efficiency, and this function the State is able to perform because citizens are themselves divided in their interests."

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"The most rebellious knew instinctively that the fastest progress occurs anywhere when the old have to surrender their power before their span of life is complete--the essence of every social revolution is the earlier transfer of authority from one generation to another."

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