



## Testimony

### The English version of the best-selling Témoignage by Nicolas Sarkozy

“As far as I can remember, taking action has always been one of my watchwords. I have always been fascinated by the possibility of changing the everyday life, of making the impossible conceivable, of finding rooms to manoeuvre. Being in politics was no family tradition. Furthermore, I had no influential connections, I wasn't rich, I was no state servant and I had a foreign-sounding name...

Still, if I decided to get involved in politics, that's because nothing else could have allowed me to take action not against, nor without, but with the French people. I like the idea of a common action, aiming at the same goal, to restore hope for millions of people. So many of them have given up already. Given up to believe in a more promising tomorrow. Given up to believe in a happier future for their children.

With this book, I would like to explain that nothing is impossible for who dares to try, for who dares to undertake. In a changing world, nothing could be worst for our country as well as for all the French than maintaining the status quo.

I like to build up, to act, to solve problems. Nothing ventured, nothing gained and every effort pays off. That is what I believe in. That is why I am in politics, and why, according to me, it is worth conquering the greatest responsibilities. That is what I want to tell you.”

Nicolas Sarkozy

## Quotes on Foreign affairs

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### On learning from other countries

“ Our public debate is not sufficiently influenced by what others are doing: their successes, their ideas, and their setbacks. I have often wondered about the origin of our propensity to try everything that does not work and to frighten ourselves with everything that works for others. We would have so much to learn from the Danes, the Spanish, the English, the Germans and even...yes, the Americans. ”

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