

A compilation by Deanna Newberg in my duty as a faithful patriot to the country our founding fathers built.

Words of Wisdom and Caution from History!

**Important quotes for Americans to ponder today!
Light the fire of liberty in your heart and mind!**

Arm Yourself with Knowledge!

It is my hope that these quotes will spark some questions in your mind and light the fire of liberty in your heart. There is wisdom to be gleaned from the words of those who have gone before us. Some of these words, from our founding fathers and those that love liberty, are enlightening and some are cautionary. Others give a glimpse into the minds of dictators. The loss of liberties since 9/11 should concern all Americans. We are on the path to an America that none of us will recognize. Is this the legacy we want to leave our children? I think not.

The greatest danger we face in this nation is not from Muslim terrorists, but from our own government that continues to subvert the Constitution, destroy the bill of rights, and spew out propaganda for its own unlawful purposes. Our government is turning to fascism and rule by an oligarchy right before our eyes. It is time to remind those we have elected that, in America, government is the servant of the people and not the other way around.

We have strayed from the Constitution and the government our founding fathers put into place. Our founding fathers trusted us with the safekeeping of our freedoms and our republican form of government. We have fallen asleep on the job and become complacent which is exactly what they feared would happen. Now we are starting to see and feel the repercussions of our lack of attention to our government's activities. Illegal war, spying on American citizens, the end of habeas corpus, the passing of a national ID, 750 billion dollar bailout of Wall Street at taxpayers expense, and internment camps on U.S. soil under the direction of FEMA are just a few things that have taken place since we turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to our responsibility of holding our government accountable. We have an unlawful government.

Folks, it is up to us. Our form of government will not save itself. The awakening of those Americans who are still asleep at the wheel and the enforcing of the will of the people are our only hope at turning this country around and getting back to what our founding fathers built.

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"There is no nation on earth powerful enough to accomplish our overthrow. Our destruction, should it come at all, will be from another quarter, from the inattention of the people to the concerns of their government, from their carelessness and negligence. I must confess that I do apprehend some danger. I fear that they may place too implicit a confidence in their public servants, and fail properly to scrutinize their conduct; that in this way they may be made the dupes of designing men, and become the instruments of their own undoing."
- **Daniel Webster** (June 1, 1837) U.S. Secretary of State, 1841-42; 1850-52

"If those in charge of our society - politicians, corporate executives, and owners of press and television - can dominate our ideas, they will be secure in their power. They will not need soldiers patrolling the streets. We will control ourselves." --**Howard Zinn, historian and author**

"In the beginning of change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for it costs nothing to be a patriot." -**Mark Twain**

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Federal Reserve/Honest Money

I believe that **banking institutions are more dangerous** to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their money, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them, will deprive the people of their property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered. *The issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the people, to whom it properly belongs.* - **Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson** (letter to the Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin-1802)

FACT-The Federal Reserve is **NOT** a government entity.

"... we conclude that the [Federal] Reserve Banks are **not** federal ... but are independent privately owned and locally controlled corporations... without day to day direction from the federal government."

-**9th Circuit Court**, Lewis vs United States, June 24, 1982

Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad.

-**Aldous Huxley**

The Federal Reserve Bank is nothing but a banking fraud and an unlawful crime against civilization. Why? Because they "**create**" the money made out of nothing, and our Uncle Sap Government issues their "Federal Reserve Notes" and stamps our Government approval with NO obligation whatever from these Federal Reserve Banks, Individual Banks or National Banks, etc. -**H.L. Birum, Sr.**, American Mercury magazine, August 1957, p. 43

We make money the old fashioned way. We print it.

-**Art Rolnick**, former Chief Economist, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank

No State shall... coin money; **emit bills of credit**, make any thing but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts..."

-**United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 10, Clause 1**

Some people think the Federal Reserve Banks are US government institutions. They are not... they are private credit monopolies which prey upon the people of the US for the benefit of themselves and their foreign and domestic swindlers, and rich and predatory money lenders. **The sack of the United States by the Fed is the greatest crime in history.** Every effort has been made by the Fed to conceal its powers, but the truth is the Fed has usurped the government. It controls everything here and it controls all our foreign relations. It makes and breaks governments at will.

-**Louis McFadden**, (1876-1936) US Congressman (R-PA) (1915-1935), Chairman of House Banking and Currency Committee. Poisoned in 1936, June 10, 1932

When a well-packaged web of lies has been sold gradually to the masses over generations, the truth will seem utterly preposterous and its speaker a raving lunatic.

-- **Dresden James**

I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.

-**Thomas Jefferson** (to Gov. William Plumer, 1816)

By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens. There is no subtler, no surer means of overturning the existing basis of society than to debauch the currency. The process engages all the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction, and does it in a manner which not one man in a million is able to diagnose.

-**John Maynard Keynes**, (1883-1946) British economist, *The Economic Consequences Of The Peace*

debauch= To reduce the value, quality, or excellence of; debase

Few of us can easily surrender our belief that society must somehow make sense. The thought that The State has lost its mind and is punishing so many innocent people is intolerable. And so the evidence has to be internally denied.

-**Arthur Miller**

No generation has a right to contract debts greater than can be paid off during the course of its own existence."

- **George Washington** to James Madison 1789

The 2008 budget deficit hit an all-time high of \$454.8 billion. The red ink probably will be a lot worse next year as the costs of the government's rescue of the financial system and the economic hard times clobber the federal balance sheet, economists predict. Big banks started falling in line Tuesday behind a rejiggered bailout plan that will have the government forking over as much as \$250 billion in exchange for partial ownership — putting the world's bastion of capitalism and free markets squarely in the banking business. **By JEANNINE AVERSA**, AP Economics Writer Tue Oct 14, 6:14 PM

If the public debt should once more be swelled to a formidable size... we shall be committed to the English career of debt, corruption, and rottenness, closing with revolution.

-**Thomas Jefferson**, (to Gallatin, 1809)

Capitalism will always have dramas. It is governments that turn them into crisis.

- **William Emmott**, editor *The Economist*, 11 Sept. 1999

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

--**Thomas Jefferson**

A great industrial Nation is controlled by its system of credit. Our system of credit is concentrated. The growth of the Nation and all our activities are in the hands of a few men.

We have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated Governments in the world - no longer a Government of free opinion, no longer a Government by conviction and vote of the majority, but a Government by the opinion and duress of small groups of dominant men.

–**Woodrow Wilson**, (1856-1924) 28th US President (Just before he died, Wilson is reported to have stated to friends that he had been "deceived" and that "I have betrayed my Country". He referred to the *Federal Reserve Act* passed during his Presidency.)

The Federal Reserve (Banks) are one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever seen. There is not a man within the sound of my voice who does not know that this Nation is run by the International Bankers.

-**Louis McFadden**, (1876-1936) US Congressman (R-PA) (1915-1935), Chairman of House Banking and Currency Committee. Poisoned in 1936, Speech in Congress, June 10, 1932

Give me control over a man's economic actions, and hence over his means of survival, and except for a few occasional heroes, I'll promise to deliver to you men who think and write and behave as I want them to. -**Benjamin A. Rooge**

The issue which has swept down the centuries and which will have to be fought sooner or later is the people versus the banks.

–**Lord Acton**, John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton (1834-1902), First Baron Acton of Aldenham

“(The Great Depression resulting from the Stock Market crash) was not accidental. It was a carefully contrived occurrence....The international bankers sought to bring about a condition of despair here so they might emerge as rulers of us all.”

-**Louis McFadden**, (1876-1936) US Congressman (R-PA) (1915-1935), Chairman of House Banking and Currency Committee. poisoned in 1936., testified in Congress (1933) There were at least two attempts on his life by gunfire. He died of suspected poisoning after attending a banquet.

In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.

-**George Orwell**

History records that the money changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit, and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling the money and its issuance.

–**James Madison**, (1751-1836), Father of the Constitution for the USA, 4th US President

All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise not from defects in their Constitution or Confederation, nor from want of honor or virtue, so much as downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit, and circulation.

–**John Adams**, (1735-1826) Founding Father, 2nd US President, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson in 1787

When a government is dependent upon bankers for money, they and not the leaders of the government control the situation, since the hand that gives is above the hand that takes. Money has no motherland; financiers are without patriotism and without decency; their sole object is gain. –**Napoleon Bonaparte**, (1769-1821) French emperor

In the absence of the gold standard, there is ***no way to protect savings from confiscation through inflation***. There is no safe store of value. The financial policy of the welfare state requires that there be no way for the owners of wealth to protect themselves. Stripped of its academic jargon, the welfare state is nothing more than a mechanism by which governments confiscate the wealth of the productive members of a society to support a wide variety of welfare schemes. The abandonment of the gold standard made it possible for the welfare statist to use the banking system as a means to an unlimited expansion of credit (debt creation).

- **Allan Greenspan** (#8) in The Objectivist newsletter published in 1966, reprinted in Ayn Rand's Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal

A disordered currency is one of the greatest political evils.
–**Daniel Webster**

Gold is not necessary. I have no interest in gold. We will build a solid state, without an ounce of gold behind it. Anyone who sells above the set prices, let him be marched off to a concentration camp. That's the bastion of money.
–**Adolph Hitler**

The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it comes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism - ownership of government by an individual, by a group.
–**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

The real menace of our Republic is the invisible government which like a giant octopus sprawls its slimy legs over our cities states and nation. *At the head is a small group of banking houses generally referred to as 'international bankers.'* This little coterie... run our government for their own selfish ends. It operates under cover of a self-created screen...[and] seizes...our executive officers... legislative bodies... schools... courts... newspapers and every agency created for the public protection."
–**John F. Hylan** Mayor of New York 1918-1925

David Rockefeller, President of Chase Manhattan Bank, briefed President Johnson today on his recent meeting with Premier Nikita Khrushchev of Russia.
- **Chicago Tribune** article, published September 1964

It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their selfish purposes. –**Andrew Jackson** 1832

Under the surface, the Rothschilds long had a powerful influence in dictating American financial laws. The law records show that they were powers in the old Bank of the United States [*abolished by Andrew Jackson*].
–**Gustav Myers**, author, History of the Great American Fortunes

You are a den of vipers and thieves. I intend to rout you out, and by the grace of the Eternal God, will rout you out.

–**Andrew Jackson**, (1767-1845) 7th US President, upon evicting from the Oval Office a delegation of international bankers discussing the Bank Renewal Bill, 1832

The incorporation of a bank, and the powers assumed by this bill (chartering the first Bank of the United States), *have not, been delegated to the United States by the Constitution.*

–**Thomas Jefferson**, (1743-1826), US Founding Father, drafted the Declaration of Independence, 3rd US President, in opposition to the chartering of the first Bank of the United States (1791)

A power has risen up in the government greater than the people themselves, consisting of many and various powerful interests, combined in one mass, and held together by the cohesive power of the vast surplus in banks. –**John C. Calhoun**, (1782-1850) American statesman, June 27, 1836, <http://www.devvy.com/9612.html>

Fascism should more appropriately be called Corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power.

–**Benito Mussolini**

When a government takes over a people's economic life it becomes absolute, and when it has become absolute it destroys the arts, the minds, the liberties and the meaning of the people it governs.

–**Maxwell Anderson**, (1888-1959), *The Guaranteed Life*

IRS/Taxes

Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state lives at the expense of everyone.

–**Frederic Bastiat**, (1801-1850) French economist, statesman, and author. *The Law*, by Frederic Bastiat, 1850

The Act of Congress which we are impugning before you is communistic in its purposes and tendencies, and is defended here upon principles as communistic, socialistic - what shall I call them - populistic as ever have been addressed to any political assembly in the world.

–**Joseph H. Choate**, (1832-1917) attorney who successfully challenged the Income Tax Act of 1894, United States Supreme Court, *Pollock v. Farmers Loan & Trust Co.* (1898)

But how is this legal plunder to be identified? Quite simply, see if the law takes from some persons what belongs to them, and gives it to other persons to whom it does not belong. See if the law benefits one citizen at the expense of another by doing what the citizen himself cannot do without committing a crime.

–**Frederic Bastiat**, (1801-1850), *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat

Our properties within our own territories [should not] be taxed or regulated by any power on earth but our own. –**Thomas Jefferson**

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

- **Thomas Jefferson**

The *Supream Power cannot take from any Man any part of his Property* without his own consent. For the preservation of Property being the end of Government, and that for which Men enter into Society, it necessarily supposes and requires, that the People should *have Property...* -**John Locke**, Second Treatise of Government, 1698

Property=life, liberties, estate, fruits of labor

The great and *chief end* therefore, of Mens uniting into Commonwealths, and putting themselves under Government, *is the Preservation of their Property.* -**John Locke**, Second Treatise of Government, 1698

The purpose of the IRS is to collect the proper amount of tax revenues at the least cost to the public, and in a manner that warrants the highest degree of public confidence in our integrity, efficiency and fairness. To achieve that purpose, we will encourage and achieve the highest possible degree of **voluntary compliance** in accordance with the tax laws and regulations..."

-**Internal Revenue Service Manual**, Chapter 1100, section 1111.1

Our tax system is based on individual self-assessment and **voluntary compliance.**
-**Mortimer Caplin**, Internal Revenue Audit Manual (1975)

Let me point this out now. Your income tax is 100 percent voluntary tax, and your liquor tax is 100 percent enforced tax. Now, the situation is as different as night and day. Consequently, your same rules just will not apply...

-**Dwight E. Avis**, former head of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the IRS, testifying before a House Ways and Means subcommittee in 1953

Only the rare taxpayer would be likely to know that he could refuse to produce his records to IRS agents... Who would believe the ironic truth that the cooperative taxpayer fares much worse than the individual who relies upon his constitutional rights.

-**Judge Cummings**, U.S. Federal Judge, in *US. v. Dickerson* (7th Circuit 1969)

In a recent conversation with an official at the Internal Revenue Service, I was amazed when he told me that 'If the taxpayers of this country ever discover that the IRS operates on 90% bluff the entire system will collapse'.

-**Henry Bellmon**, US Senator, 1969

Thus, if there exists a law which sanctions slavery or monopoly, oppression or robbery, in any form whatever, it must not even be mentioned. For how can it be mentioned without damaging the respect which it inspires? Still further, morality and political economy must be taught from the point of view of this law; from the supposition that it must be a just law merely because it is a law. Another effect of this tragic perversion of the law is that it gives an exaggerated importance to political passions and conflicts, and to politics in general.

-**Frederic Bastiat**, (1801-1850) French economist, statesman, and author. He did most of his writing during the years just before -- and immediately following -- the French Revolution of February 1848, *The Law* (1848)

Fear is the key element for the IRS in achieving its mission. Without fear, the IRS would have a difficult time maintaining our so-called system of voluntary compliance..."

–**Santo Presti**, former IRS Criminal Investigation Agent and author of "IRS In Action"

Our federal tax system is, in short, utterly impossible, utterly unjust and completely counterproductive, [it] reeks with injustice and is fundamentally un-American... it has earned a rebellion and it's time we rebelled.

–**Ronald Reagan**, (1911-2004) 40th US President, May 1983, Williamsburg, VA

...whenever the Legislators *endeavour to take away, and destroy the Property of the People*, or to reduce them to Slavery under Arbitrary Power, they put themselves into a state of War with the People, who are thereupon absolved from any farther Obedience, and are left to the common Refuge, which God hath provided for all Men, against Force and Violence. –**John Locke**, Second Treatise of Government, 1698

Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience. –**C.S. Lewis**

On Liberty and the Patriot's Duty

Life, liberty, and property do not exist because men have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty, and property existed beforehand that caused men to make laws in the first place.

–**Frederic Bastiat**, (1801-1850) French economist, statesman, and author. He did most of his writing during the years just before -- and immediately following -- the French Revolution of February 1848. June 1850, *The Law*, by Frederic Bastiat, 1850 <http://liberty-tree.ca/research/TheLaw>

Those who expect to reap the blessings of liberty must undergo the fatigues of supporting it.

-**Thomas Payne**

The price good men pay for **indifference to public affairs** is to be ruled by evil men.
- **Plato 429-347 B.C.**

And that the said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the press, or the rights of conscience; or to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms; or to raise standing armies, unless necessary for the defense of the United States, or of some one or more of them; or to prevent the people from petitioning, in a peaceable and orderly manner, the federal legislature, for a redress of grievances; or to subject the people to unreasonable searches and seizures of their persons, papers or possessions.

–**John Adams**, (1722-1803), was known as the "Father of the American Revolution.", *Debates and Proceedings in the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, 1788 (Pierce & Hale, eds., Boston, 1850)

The price of Liberty is eternal vigilance. - **Thomas Jefferson**

The strength and power of despotism consists wholly in the fear of resistance.
-Thomas Paine

Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights. **-Thomas Jefferson**, (To Dr. Price, 1789)

All men having power ought to be mistrusted. **-James Madison**

Loyalty to the country always. Loyalty to the government when it deserves it.
-Mark Twain

I have no reason to suppose, that he, who would *take away my Liberty*, would not when he had me in his Power, take away every thing else. **-John Locke**, The Second Treatise of Government, 1698

Do not regard the critics as questionable patriots. What were Washington and Jefferson and Adams but profound critics of the colonial status quo?
-Adlai Ewing Stevenson

The free-thinking of one age is the common sense of the next.
-Matthew Arnold, (1822-1887), 1875

It is proof of a base and low mind for one to wish to think with the masses or majority, merely because the majority is the majority. Truth does not change because it is, or is not, believed by a majority of the people. **-Giordano Bruno**, (1548-1699), *On Shadows of Ideas*

A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing he cares about more than his personal safety; is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free unless made and kept by the exertions of better men than himself.
-John Stewart Mill

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.

-Thomas Paine, *The Crisis*, Number 1, Dec. 23, 1776

Find out just what people will quietly submit to, and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress.

-Frederick Douglass, African-American slave, and later abolitionist

As a man is said to have a right to his property, he may be equally said to have a property in his rights. **-James Madison**

Among the natural rights of the colonists are these: first, a right to life; secondly, to liberty; thirdly to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can.

–**Samuel Adams**, (1722-1803), was known as the "Father of the American Revolution."

It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds.

–**Samuel Adams**, (1722-1803), was known as the "Father of the American Revolution."

The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men.

–**Samuel Adams**, (1722-1803), was known as the "Father of the American Revolution."

A tyrant must put on the appearance of uncommon devotion to religion. Subjects are less apprehensive of illegal treatment from a ruler whom they consider god-fearing and pious. On the other hand, they do less easily move against him, believing that he has the gods on his side. –**Aristotle**

It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt. –**John Philpot Curran (1750–1817)**

Do not separate text from historical background. If you do, you will have perverted and subverted the Constitution, which can only end in a distorted, bastardized form of illegitimate government. —**James Madison**

Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

–**John Quincy Adams**

Since the general civilization of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations. - **James Madison** – 1788

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.

–**Thomas Jefferson, (letter to Colonel Charles Yancey, January 6, 1816)**

Good intentions will always be pleaded for every assumption of authority. It is hardly too strong to say that the Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. ***There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters.***

–**Daniel Webster (1782-1852)**, US Senator

To be governed is to be watched, inspected, spied upon, directed, law-driven, numbered, regulated, enrolled, indoctrinated, preached at, controlled, checked, estimated, valued, censured, commanded, by creatures who have neither the right nor the wisdom nor the virtue to do so. To be governed is to be at every operation, at every transaction noted, registered, counted, taxed, stamped, measured, numbered, assessed, licensed, authorized, admonished, prevented, forbidden, reformed, corrected, punished. It is, under pretext of public utility, and in the name of the general interest, to be placed under contribution, drilled, fleeced, exploited, monopolized, extorted from, squeezed, hoaxed, robbed; then, at the slightest resistance, the first word of complaint, to be repressed, fined, vilified, harassed, hunted down, abused, clubbed, disarmed, bound, choked, imprisoned, judged, condemned, shot, deported, sacrificed, sold, betrayed; and to crown all, mocked, ridiculed, derided, outraged, dishonored. That is government; that is its justice; that is its morality."

–**Pierre-Joseph Proudhon**, (1809-1865) French mutualist political philosopher, *The General Idea of the Revolution in the 19th Century*, 1851
<http://books.google.com/books?id=apVMk2aEzQC>

There doubtless are many causes for the loss of freedom, but surely a major cause has been the growth of government and its increasing control of our lives. Today, government, directly or indirectly, controls the spending of as much as half our national income.

–**Milton Friedman**, Nobel laureate in Economics – 1998

All might be free if they valued freedom and defended it as they should.

–**Samuel Adams**, (1722-1803), was known as the "Father of the American Revolution.

None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.

— **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

A nation of well informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins. - **Benjamin Franklin**

Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it.

–**Judge Learned Hand (1872–1961)**

Absolute power corrupts even when exercised for humane purposes. The benevolent despot who sees himself as a shepherd of the people still demands from others the submissiveness of sheep.

–**Eric Hoffer**, (1902-1983) American author, philosopher, awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom

Despot= A ruler with absolute power; A person who wields power oppressively; a tyrant.

The jaws of power are always open to devour, and her arm is always stretched out, if possible, to destroy the freedom of thinking, speaking, and writing.

–**John Adams**, (1735-1826) Founding Father, 2nd US President, 1765

The history of mankind is a history of the subjugation and exploitation of a great majority of people by an elite few by what has been appropriately termed the 'ruling class'. The ruling class has many manifestations. It can take the form of a religious orthodoxy, a monarchy, a dictatorship of the proletariat, outright fascism, or, in the case of the United States, corporate statism. In each instance the ruling class relies on academics, scholars and 'experts' to legitimize and provide moral authority for its hegemony over the masses.

Ed Crane Source: 1986

Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

-George Santayana

If men, through fear, fraud, or mistake, should in terms renounce or give up any natural right, the eternal law of reason and the grand end of society would absolutely vacate such renunciation. The right to freedom being the gift of Almighty God, it is not in the power of man to alienate this gift and voluntarily become a slave.

-Samuel Adams,

(1722-1803), was known as the "Father of the American Revolution." Samuel Adams instigated the Boston Tea Party, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, called for the first Continental Congress, and served as a member of Congress until 1781.

The Constitution preserves the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation where the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms.

-James Madison

Undoubtedly some think that the Second Amendment is outmoded. That is perhaps debatable, but what is not debatable is that it is not the role of this Court to pronounce the Second Amendment extinct.

-Justice Antonin Scalia, District of Columbia v. Heller, June 26, 2008, striking down D.C.'s gun ban as unconstitutional

What, Sir, is the use of a militia? It is to prevent the establishment of a standing army, the bane of liberty. ...Whenever Governments mean to invade the rights and liberties of the people, they always attempt to destroy the militia, in order to raise an army upon their ruins.

-Elbridge Gerry, (1744-1814) of Massachusetts, Signer of the Declaration of Independence and Member of the Constitutional Convention, spoken during floor debate over the Second Amendment, 1 Annals of Congress at 750, August 17, 1789

Arms in the hands of the citizen may be used at individual discretion for the defense of the country, **the overthrow of tyranny**, or private self defense. **-John Adams**

The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed the subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by so doing. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that the supply of arms to the underdogs is a sine qua non for the overthrow of any sovereignty. **-Adolph Hitler**, (1889-1945) German Nazi Dictator, Hitler's Table Talks 1941-1944, Edited by H.R. Trevor-Roper (London: Widenfeld and Nicolson, 1953), pp. 425-426.

That rifle hanging on the wall of the working-class flat or labourer's cottage is the symbol of democracy. It is our job to see that it stays there. –**George Orwell**, [Eric Arthur Blair] (1903-1950) British author, *Orwell: The Authorized Biography*, Michael Shelden, (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1991), p. 328

The measures adopted to restore public order are: First of all, the elimination of the so-called subversive elements. ... They were elements of disorder and subversion. On the morrow of each conflict I gave the categorical order to confiscate the largest possible number of weapons of every sort and kind. This confiscation, which continues with the utmost energy, has given satisfactory results.

–**Benito Mussolini**, (1883-1945), Italian dictator during WW2, Speech delivered by Prime Minister Benito Mussolini before the Italian Senate, June 8, 1923. Reproduced in *Mussolini as Revealed in His Political Speeches* (London & Toronto: J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd., 1923), pp. 308-309

The diversity in the faculties of men, from which the rights of property originate, is not less an insuperable obstacle to a uniformity of interests. The protection of these faculties is the first object of government. –**James Madison**

Timid men...prefer the calm of despotism to the boisterous sea of liberty.
–**Thomas Jefferson** (to Mazzei, 1796)

despotism= a form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator (not restricted by a constitution or laws or opposition etc.)

There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty.

–**John Adams**, (1735-1826) Founding Father, 2nd US President, Journal, 1772

He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

–**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.

- **Samuel Adams**, (speech at the Philadelphia State House, August 1, 1776)

The ordinary man is passive. Within a narrow circle, home life, and perhaps the trade unions or local politics, he feels himself master of his fate. But otherwise he simply lies down and lets things happen to him. –**George Orwell**, [Eric Arthur Blair] (1903-1950) British author, *Inside the Whale*, 1940

A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government.
–**Edward Abbey**

You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments: rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the universe."

–**John Adams**, (1735-1826) Founding Father, 2nd US President

I shall stand by the Union...with absolute disregard of personal consequences. What are personal consequences...in comparison with the good or evil which may befall a great country in a crisis like this? Let the consequences be what they will...No man can suffer too much, and no man can fall too soon, if he suffer or if he fall in defense of the liberties and constitution of his country.

–**Daniel Webster** (July 17, 1850 address to the Senate)

To those who scare peace loving people with phantoms of lost liberty, my message is this: your tactics aid terrorists for they erode our national unity and diminish our resolve. They give ammunition to America's enemies and pause to America's friends.

–**John Ashcroft**, US Attorney General, "Critics Aid Terrorists, AG Argues," Boston Globe, 7 December 2001

Those who give up essential liberties for temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. - Benjamin Franklin

The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the law of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence.

–**John Adams**, (1735-1826) Founding Father, 2nd US President, Defense of the Constitutions of the Government of the United States

At all times sincere friends of freedom have been rare, and its triumphs have been due to minorities...

–**Lord Acton**, [John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton] (1834-1902), First Baron Acton of Aldenham

On every question of construction (of The Constitution), let us carry ourselves back to the time when The Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed. - **Thomas Jefferson**

"...The Bill of Rights is a literal and absolute document.

The First Amendment doesn't say you have a right to speak out unless the government has a 'compelling interest' in censoring the Internet. The Second Amendment doesn't say you have the right to keep and bear arms until some madman plants a bomb. The Fourth Amendment doesn't say you have the right to be secure from search and seizure unless some FBI agent thinks you fit the profile of a terrorist. The government has no right to interfere with any of these freedoms under any circumstances."

–**Harry Browne**, (1933-2006) American libertarian writer, politician, and free-market investment analyst. Libertarian candidate for US President 1996 & 2000, 1966

Still, if you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not so costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance for survival. There may be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no chance of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.

–**Sir Winston Churchill**, (1874-1965) Prime Minister of England, *The Gathering Storm*, bk.I ch.19 p.348 (Houghton Mifflin, 1948)

At any given moment there is an orthodoxy, a body of ideas which it is assumed all right-thinking people will accept without question. It is not exactly forbidden to state this or that or the other, but it is "not done"... Anyone who challenges the prevailing orthodoxy finds himself silenced with surprising effectiveness. A genuinely unfashionable opinion is almost never given a fair hearing, either in the popular press or in the highbrow periodicals. —**George Orwell**, (1903-1950) British author

Any single man must judge for himself whether circumstances warrant obedience or resistance to the commands of the civil magistrate; we are all qualified, entitled, and morally obliged to evaluate the conduct of our rulers. This political judgment, moreover, is not simply or primarily a right, but like self-preservation, a duty to God. As such it is a judgment that men cannot part with according to the God of Nature. It is the first and foremost of our inalienable rights without which we can preserve no other.
—**John Locke**, (1632-1704) English philosopher and political theorist, considered the ideological progenitor of the American Revolution.

War/Terrorism/Propaganda/Loss of Liberties

The cry has been that when war is declared, all opposition should therefore be hushed. A sentiment more unworthy of a free country could hardly be propagated. If the doctrine be admitted, rulers have only to declare war and they are screened at once from scrutiny. —**William Ellery Channing**, (1780-1842), Life, 1848

To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public.
—**Theodore Roosevelt**, (1858-1919) 26th US President

How many does it take to metamorphose wickedness into righteousness? One man must not kill. If he does, it is murder... But a state or nation may kill as many as they please, and it is not murder. It is just, necessary, commendable, and right. Only get people enough to agree to it, and the butchery of myriads of human beings is perfectly innocent. But how many does it take?
—**Adin Ballou**, **The Non-Resistant**, 5 February 1845

How you can win the population for war: At first, the statesman will invent cheap lying, that impute the guilt of the attacked nation, and each person will be happy over this deceit, that calm the conscience. It will study it detailed and refuse to test arguments of the other opinion. So he will convince step for step even there from that the war is just and thank God, that he, after this process of grotesque even deceit, can sleep better.
—**Mark Twain**

I think the subject which will be of most importance politically is Mass Psychology. ...Its importance has been enormously increased by the growth of modern methods of propaganda ... Although this science will be diligently studied, it will be rigidly confined to the governing class. The populace will not be allowed to know how its convictions were generated.
—**Bertrand Russell** (1872-1970), philosopher, educator

An army of principles can penetrate where an army of soldiers cannot.—**Thomas Paine**

Commerce with all nations, alliance with none, should be our motto.
–**Thomas Jefferson** (To T. Lomax, 1799)

The power of the Executive to cast a man into prison without formulating any charge known to the law, and particularly to deny him the judgment of his peers, is in the highest degree odious and is the foundation of all totalitarian government whether Nazi or Communist.

–**Sir Winston Churchill** (1874-1965) Prime Minister of England, November 21, 1943

Of all the enemies of public liberty, war is perhaps the most to be dreaded, because it comprises and develops the germ of every other. –**James Madison**

It is the State which educates its citizens in civic virtue, gives them a consciousness of their mission, and welds them into unity.

–**Benito Mussolini** (1883-1945), Italian dictator during WW2, "The Political and Social Doctrine of Fascism," 1932

We, unlike Nazi Germany or Mussolini's Italy, have never stopped being a nation of laws, not of men. But witness how men with motives and a majority can manipulate law to cruel and unjust ends.

–**Robert Byrd**

It will be necessary for us to be a nation of men, and not laws.

–**Dick Cheney** (1941-) Vice President of the United States (reacting to the 9-11 attack as reported on PBS "Frontline" <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/cheney/view/>)

No good government but what is republican... the very definition of a republic is 'an empire of laws, and not of men. –**John Adams**, (1735-1826) Founding Father, 2nd US President, "Thoughts on Government" January, 1776

...the end of Law, is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge Freedom... **where there is no Law, there is no Freedom.** –**John Locke**, Second Treatise of Government, 1698

Where-ever Law ends, Tyranny begins, if the Law be transgressed into another's harm.
–**John Locke**, Second Treatise of Government, 1698

It is part of the general pattern of misguided policy that our country is now geared to an arms economy which was bred in an artificially induced psychosis of war hysteria and nurtured upon an incessant propaganda of fear. –**General Douglas MacArthur**, **Speech, May 15, 1951**

Only a totalitarian society would even claim absolute safety as a worthy ideal, because it would require total state control over its citizens' lives. Freedom is not defined by safety. Freedom is defined by the ability of citizens to live without government interference.

--**US Congressman Ron Paul**, in his "Texas Straight Talk" column, **August 2004**

Freedom of the mind requires not only, or not even especially, the absence of legal constraints but the presence of alternative thoughts. The most successful tyranny is not the one that uses force to assure uniformity, but the one that removes awareness of other possibilities. –**Alan Bloom**, (1930-1992), *The Closing of the American Mind*, 1987

Government schools will teach children that government is wonderful.
–Neal Boortz, (1945-) Radio talk show host, columnist

Under the influence of politicians, masses of people tend to ascribe the responsibility for wars to those who wield power at any given time. In World War I it was the munitions industrialists; in World War II it was the psychopathic generals who were said to be guilty. This is passing the buck.

The responsibility for wars falls solely upon the shoulders of these same masses of people, for they have all the necessary means to avert war in their own hands. In part by their apathy, in part by their passivity, and in part actively, these same masses of people make possible the catastrophes under which they themselves suffer more than anyone else.

To stress this guilt on the part of the masses of people, to hold them solely responsible, means to take them seriously. On the other hand, to commiserate masses of people as victims, means to treat them as small, helpless children. The former is the attitude held by genuine freedom fighters; the latter that attitude held by power-thirsty politicians. -
Wilhelm Reich, The Mass Psychology of Fascism

Why of course the people don't want war ... But after all it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and ***it is always a simple matter to drag the people along***, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship ... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. ***All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger.***

— Hermann Goering, Nazi leader, at the Nuremberg Trials after World War II

Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists. -George W. Bush

Every member of the society spies on the rest, and it is his duty to inform against them. All are slaves and equal in their slavery... The great thing about it is equality...Slaves are bound to be equal.

–Fyodor Dostoyevsky, (1821-1881), The Possessed

One of the best ways to get your self a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence. –Charles A. Beard, (1874-1948), 1935

All those who seek to destroy the liberties of a democratic nation ought to know that war is the surest and shortest means to accomplish it.

–Alexis de Tocqueville, (1805-1859) French historian, Democracy in America, 1835

**Americans may be held as 'enemy combatants,' appeals court rules
Government welcomes ruling upholding presidential power**

RICHMOND, Virginia (CNN), Wednesday, January 8, 2003 -- A federal appeals court Wednesday ruled President Bush has the authority to designate U.S. citizens as "enemy combatants" and detain them in military custody if they are deemed a threat to national security. <http://www.cnn.com/2003/LAW/01/08/enemy.combatants/>

I believe in adequate defense at the coastline and nothing else. If a nation comes over here to fight, then we'll fight. The trouble with America is that when the dollar only earns 6 percent over here, then it gets restless and goes overseas to get 100 percent. Then the flag follows the dollar and the soldiers follow the flag.

–**Major General Smedley Darlington Butler**, (1881-1940) Major General USMC, "Old Gimlet Eye" and "Hell Devil Darling", most highly decorated military man from the pre-World War II era., from a speech in 1933

For those who stubbornly seek freedom, there can be no more urgent task than to come to understand the mechanisms and practices of indoctrination. These are easy to perceive in the totalitarian societies, much less so in the system of 'brainwashing under freedom' to which we are subjected and which all too often we serve as willing or unwitting instruments. –**Noam Chomsky**, (1928-) American linguist and political writer

The mission of the Gestapo expanded steadily as, from 1933 onward, 'political criminality' was given a much broader definition than ever before and most forms of dissent and criticism were gradually criminalized. The result was that more 'laws' or law like measures were put on the books than ever.

–**Shelia Fitzpatrick**, [Accusatory Practices: Denunciation in Modern European History, 1789-1989, 1997](#)

The Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Act of 2007 (S.1959 / H.R.1955), with an estimated budget of \$22 million over four years, would establish a national bipartisan commission to examine and report upon the facts and causes of violent radicalization, homegrown terrorism, and ideologically based violence in the United States” through convening hearings and issuing reports and would establish a university-based “center of excellence” that would bring together academic specialists to recommend laws and other measures to combat homegrown terrorism and violent radicalization. *The bill would also broadly define “violent radicalization,” “homegrown terrorism,” and “ideologically-based violence.” The intent and language of S. 1959, its resulting commission, and its “center of excellence” will undoubtedly erode civil liberties.*
-<http://ccrjustice.org/learn-more/faqs/factsheet:-violent-radicalization-and-homegrown-terrorism-prevention-act-2007>

Whenever justice is uncertain and police spying and terror are at work, human beings fall into isolation, which, of course, is the aim and purpose of the dictator state, since it is based on the greatest possible accumulation of depotentiated social units.

–**Carl Gustav Jung**, (1875-1961), *The Undiscovered Self*, 1957

Thought that is silenced is always rebellious. Majorities, of course, are often mistaken. This is why the silencing of minorities is necessarily dangerous. Criticism and dissent are the indispensable antidote to major delusions.

–**Alan Barth**, (1906-1979) served on the editorial board of *The Washington Post* for thirty years, *The Loyalty of Free Men*, 1951

No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.

–**James Madison**

It is the absolute right of the State to supervise the formation of public opinion. **If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it.** The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth becomes the greatest enemy of the State." **-Dr. Joseph M. Goebbels, Propaganda Minister of Nazi Germany**

All propaganda must be so popular and on such an intellectual level, that even the most stupid of those toward whom it is directed will understand it... Through clever and constant application of propaganda, people can be made to see paradise as hell, and also the other way around, to consider the most wretched sort of life as paradise. **-Adolph Hitler**, (1889-1945) German Nazi Dictator, 1935, Mein Kampf, p. 197. 14th Edition

"They disguise it, hypnotize it, television made you buy it...mesmerize the simple minded, propaganda leaves us blinded..." **-System of a Down**, Hypnotize

Communism and fascism or nazism, although poles apart in their intellectual content, are similar in this, that both have emotional appeal to the type of personality that takes pleasure in being submerged in a mass movement and submitting to superior authority. **-James A. C. Brown**, (1911-1964), Techniques of Persuasion, 1963

The voice of protest, of warning, of appeal is never more needed than when the clamor of fife and drum, echoed by the press, and too often by the pulpit, is bidding all men fall in and keep step and obey in silence the tyrannous word of command. Then, more than ever, it is the duty of the good citizen not to be silent. **-- Charles Eliot Norton**

We have every reason to assume the worst. **-George W. Bush**

Is there anybody listening? Is there anyone that sees what's going on? Read between the lines. Criticize the words their selling... What's behind the words--images they know will please us. Think for yourself...**-Queensrych**, Empire, Is There Anybody Listening?

No legislative act contrary to the Constitution can be valid. To deny this would be to affirm that the deputy is greater than his principal; that the servant is above his master; that the representative of the people is superior to the people.
- Alexander Hamilton, Federalist Paper No. 78.

A state of war only serves as an excuse for domestic tyranny.
-Alexander Solzhenitsyn Nobel laureate Literature 1970

If tyranny and oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy. **-James Madison**

There is no telling how many wars it will take to secure freedom in the homeland.
-George W. Bush In a speech on August 7, 2002

The Administration asserts the right to fill the ranks of the regular army by compulsion...Is this, sir, consistent with the character of a free government? Is this civil liberty? Is this the real character of our Constitution? No sire, indeed it is not....Where is it written in the Constitution, in what article or section is it contained, that you may take children from their parents, and compel them to fight the battles of any war in which the folly or the wickedness of government may engage it? Under what concealment has this power lain hidden which now for the first time comes forth, with a tremendous and baleful aspect, to trample down and destroy the dearest rights of personal liberty?
-**Daniel Webster (December 9, 1814 House of Representatives Address)**

Justifying conscription to promote the cause of liberty is one of the most bizarre notions ever conceived by man! Forced servitude, with the risk of death and serious injury as a price to live free, makes no sense.
-**Ron Paul**

conscription= compulsory enrollment, especially for the armed forces; draft.

Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will be America's heart, her benedictions, and her prayers. **But she does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy.** She is well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own. She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which assumed the colors and usurped the standards of freedom... **She might become the dictatress of the world. She would no longer be the ruler of her own spirit.** ~ **John Quincy Adams** Secretary of State to James Monroe and author of the Monroe Doctrine, 1821(Address, 4 July 1821)

I wouldn't go to war again as I have done to protect some lousy investment of the bankers. There are only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights. War for any other reason is simply a racket.
-**Major General Smedley Darlington Butler**, (1881-1940) Major General USMC, most highly decorated military man from the pre-World War II era., from a speech in 1933

The American future is an innumerable multitude of men, all equal and alike, incessantly endeavoring to procure the petty and paltry pleasures with which they glut their lives. Government becomes the parent, as "it provides for their security, foresees and supplies their necessities, facilitates their pleasures, manages their principal concerns, directs their industry, regulates the descent of property, and subdivides their inheritances: what remains, but to spare them all the care of thinking and all the trouble of living? Such a power does not destroy, but it prevents existence; it does not tyrannize, but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes, and stupefies a people, till each nation is reduced to nothing better than a flock of timid and industrious animals, of which the government is the shepherd. - **Alexis de Tocqueville**, 'Democracy in America,' Vol. 2, Part 4, Chap. 6 (1840)

Beware the leader who bangs the drums of war in order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor, for patriotism is indeed a double-edged sword. It both emboldens the blood, just as it narrows the mind. And when the drums of war have reached a fever pitch and the blood boils with hate and the mind has closed, the leader will have no need in seizing the rights of the citizenry. Rather, the citizenry, infused with fear and blinded by patriotism, will offer up all of their rights unto the leader and gladly so. How do I know? For this is what I have done. And I am Caesar. -**Julius Caesar**

Our government has kept us in a perpetual state of fear - kept us in a continuous stampede of patriotic fervor -with the cry of grave national emergency. Always, there has been some terrible evil at home, or some monstrous foreign power that was going to gobble us up if we did not blindly rally behind it.

-**General Douglas MacArthur** (1880-1964) WWII Supreme Allied Commander of the Southwest Pacific, Supreme United Nations Commander, "A Soldier Speaks: Public Papers and Speeches of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur," (1965); Nation, August 17, 1957

We need a common enemy to unite us. -**Condoleezza Rice** U.S. Secretary of State, March 2000

We've had no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with the September 11th. -**George W. Bush**, (1946-) 43rd US President, Yale Skull & Bones Society

The individual is handicapped by coming face to face with a conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists. - **President J. Edgar Hoover**

Terrorism is the best political weapon for nothing drives people harder than a fear of sudden death. -**Adolf Hitler** (1889-1945) German Nazi Dictator

Today the Justice Department did issue a blanket alert. It was in recognition of a general threat we received. This is not the first time the Justice Department have acted like this. I hope it is the last. But given the attitude of the evildoers, it may not be.

-**George W. Bush**

The great masses of the people ...will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one.

-**Adolph Hitler**, Mein Kampf, 1933

There will be no going back to the era before September 11th, 2001, to false comfort in a dangerous world. -**George W. Bush**

The people never give up their liberties, but under some delusion.

-**Edmund Burke**, (1729-1797) Irish-born British statesman, parliamentary orator, and political thinker

The power to declare war, including the power of judging the causes of war, is fully and exclusively vested in the legislature. ***The Executive has no right, in any case, to decide the Question, whether there is or is not cause for declaring war.***

-**James Madison**

If this were a dictatorship, it'd be a heck of a lot easier, just so long as I'm the dictator.
–**George W. Bush**, shortly before he took office as U.S. President, 21 Dec. 2000, taken from the transcript on CNN's web site

The **constitution** supposes, what the History of all Governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has accordingly with studied care vested the question of war to the Legislature.”

–**James Madison**

I don't give a goddamn. I'm the President and the Commander-in-Chief. Do it my way. ... Stop throwing the Constitution in my face. It's just a goddamned piece of paper!

–**George W. Bush**, November 2005, White House cabinet meeting to discuss the renewal of the Patriot Act, in response to GOP leaders presenting a valid case that the Patriot Act undermined the Constitution. Doug Thompson, Capital Hill Blue, Dec 5, 2005
http://www.capitolhillblue.com/artman/publish/article_7779.shtml

We have already given in example one effectual check to the dog of war by transferring the power of letting him loose from the Executive to the Legislative body. . . .

–**Thomas Jefferson (Letter to Madison, 1789.)**

I'm a war president. I make decisions here in the Oval Office and foreign policy matters with war on my mind. –**George W. Bush**

This system will not hurry us into war; it is calculated to guard against it. It will not be in the power of a single man, or a single body of men, to involve us in such distress; for the important power of declaring war is vested in the legislature at large. . . .

- **James Wilson** (noted at the Pennsylvania Convention to ratify the Constitution in 1788)

"...[W]e insist on the principle that no danger or crisis, foreign or domestic, will be solved by Americans surrendering more of their constitutional liberties, in the foolish hope that a bigger government will provide greater security.

–**Larry P. Arnn**, (1952-) President of Hillsdale College, MI

The supremacist ideology of the Bush Administration stands in opposition to the principles of an open society, which recognize that people have different views and that nobody is in possession of the ultimate truth. The supremacist ideology postulates that just because we are stronger than others, we know better and have right on our side.

-**George Soros**, in "The Bubble of American Supremacy" (The Atlantic Monthly: December 2003)

I'm the commander - see, I don't need to explain - I do not need to explain why I say things. That's the interesting thing about being President.

-**George W. Bush**, as quoted in Bob Woodward's Bush at War

Those in power need checks and restraints lest they come to identify the common good for their own tastes and desires, and their continuation in office as essential to the preservation of the nation. **-Justice William O. Douglas** (1898-1980), U. S. Supreme Court Justice We, The Judges, 1956

Separation of powers is a problem for foreign policy.

-Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secretary of State, March 2000, Houston, TX

Every collectivist revolution rides in on a Trojan horse of 'emergency'. It was the tactic of Lenin, Hitler, and Mussolini. In the collectivist sweep over a dozen minor countries of Europe, it was the cry of men striving to get on horseback. And 'emergency' became the justification of the subsequent steps. This technique of creating emergency is the greatest achievement that demagoguery attains.

-Herbert Hoover, (1874-1964), 31st US President

I never would have agreed to the formulation of the Central Intelligence Agency back in forty-seven, if I had known it would become the American Gestapo.

-Harry S. Truman (1884-1972), 33rd US President 1961

We live in a dirty and dangerous world. There are some things the general public does not need to know, and shouldn't. I believe democracy flourishes when the government can take legitimate steps to keep its secrets and when the press can decide whether to print what it knows. **-Katherine Graham** (speech to CIA recruits in 1988)

The Central Intelligence Agency owns everyone of any significance in the major media.

-William Colby (1920-1996) former Director of the CIA, in *Derailing Democracy*:

Relying on the government to protect your privacy is like asking a peeping tom to install your window blinds. **-John Perry Barlow**

Bailout bill contains buried provisions to invade your privacy!

Do you think the IRS should set up undercover operations to entrap unsuspecting taxpayers?

Do you think the IRS should release your confidential tax returns to law enforcement and intelligence agencies upon request?

If you answered "No!" to either question, you're out of luck. Before its October recess, Congress passed a bill giving the **IRS** these powers.

These provisions are buried in Sections 401 and 402 of Division C in H.R. 1424, the Bailout bill. The Bailout, or "Emergency Economic Stabilization Act," has a wild history. In just twelve days it morphed from . . .

* A three-page proposal by the Bush Administration

* To a 110-page amendment attached to an unrelated bill that was rejected by the House

* To a 422-page bill passed by Congress and signed into law. The Library of Congress's *summary* of the bill is nearly 6,200 words or 14 pages! In other words, the bailout bill went from bad to worse, in the space of just a few days, and the final price tag included not just \$700 billion, but your privacy rights as well. <http://www.downsizedc.org/>

If you want a Big Brother, you get all that comes with it.

-Erich Fromm (1900-1980), *Escape from Freedom*

Free Press...or Controlled Media?

The right to discuss freely and openly, by speech, by the pen, by the press, all political questions, and to examine the animadvert upon all political institutions is a right so clear and certain, so interwoven with our other liberties, so necessary, in fact, to their existence, that without it we must fall into despotism and anarchy.

–**William Cullen Bryant**, (1794-1878), New York Evening Post, 18 November 1837

Let us never tolerate outrageous conspiracy theories concerning the attacks of September the 11th; malicious lies that attempt to shift the blame away from the terrorists, themselves, away from the guilty.

–**George W. Bush**, at the United Nations, November 11, 2001

The freedom to express varying and often opposing ideas is essential to a variety of conceptions of democracy. If democracy is viewed as essentially a process – a way in which collective decisions for a society are made – free expression is crucial to the openness of the process and to such characteristics as elections, representation of interests, and the like. –**Jonathan D. Casper**, The Politics of Civil Liberties, 1972

The American people should be made aware of the trend toward monopolization of the great public information vehicles and the concentration of more and more power over public opinion in fewer and fewer hands. –**Spiro Agnew**, U. S. Vice-President, 13 November 1969

Perhaps the most obvious political effect of controlled news is the advantage it gives powerful people in getting their issues on the political agenda and defining those issues in ways likely to influence their resolution.

–**W. Lance Bennett**, Author, professor at University of Washington, News: The Politics of Illusion, 1983

...whether you're Republican, Democrat, liberal, conservative -- big government and big corporations have far too much influence and are intimidating, especially investigative reporting. –**Dan Rather**, Larry King Live, Sept. 20, 2007

The freedom to read is essential to our democracy. It is continuously under attack... These actions apparently arise from a view that our national tradition of free expression is no longer valid; that censorship and suppression are needed to avoid the subversion of politics and the corruption of morals."

[American Library Association](#) The Freedom to Read Statement, 2000

In March, 1915, the J.P. Morgan interests, the steel, shipbuilding, and powder interest, and their subsidiary organizations, got together 12 men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in the United States and sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily press. ... They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. An agreement was reached; the policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month; an editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the questions of preparedness, militarism, financial policies, and other things of national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.

–**Oscar Callaway**, U.S. Congressman, Congressional Record (1917)

Without an unfettered press, without liberty of speech, all of the outward forms and structures of free institutions are a sham, a pretense -- the sheerest mockery. If the press is not free; if speech is not independent and untrammelled; if the mind is shackled or made impotent through fear, it makes no difference under what form of government you live, you are a subject and not a citizen.

–**William E. Borah** (1865-1940) U. S. Senator, Remarks to the Senate, 19 April 1917

Consolidation has given big media companies new power over what is said not just on the air, but off it as well. ...Disney recently provoked an uproar when it prevented its subsidiary Miramax from distributing Michael Moore's film *Fahrenheit 9/11*. As a senior Disney executive told *The New York Times*: "It's not in the interest of any major corporation to be dragged into a highly charged partisan political battle." Follow the logic, and you can see what lies ahead: **If the only media companies are major corporations, controversial and dissenting views may not be aired at all.**

A few media conglomerates now exercise a near-monopoly over television news. There is always a risk that news organizations can emphasize or ignore stories to serve their corporate purpose. But the risk is far greater when there are no independent competitors to air the side of the story the corporation wants to ignore.

When media companies dominate their markets, it undercuts our democracy. Justice Hugo Black, in a landmark media-ownership case in 1945, wrote: "***The First Amendment rests on the assumption that the widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources is essential to the welfare of the public.***" –**Ted Turner**, Washington Monthly, July/August 2004, article "My Beef With Big Media"

Now, look at today, just for a second. How many stories out of Washington do you think are anything but advertising for somebody's point of view? I would say, at least eight out of 10, probably nine out of 10, come out from a handout, conveyer belt. So the question arises, and to ask the question is not to suggest that I know the answer, but the question arises, is the press -- electronic and otherwise -- is it doing its job today or is it cowed? Is it reluctant? –**Dan Rather**, Larry King Live, June 2, 2005

Our job is to give people not what they want, but what we decide they ought to have.

–**Richard Salant**, (1914-1993) former President of CBS News

New World Order/CFR/Sovereignty

The sovereignty fetish is still so strong in the public mind, that there would appear to be little chance of winning popular assent to American membership in anything approaching a super-state organization. Much will depend on the kind of approach which is used in further popular education.

-Council on Foreign Relations

"American Public Opinion and Postwar Security Commitments", 1944

sovereignty= Complete independence and self-government, A territory existing as an independent state. In keeping with our constitution, bill of rights and states rights.

super-state organization=One country merged with Mexico, Canada, possibly Central and South America. No more constitution, bill of rights and no more United States of America.

After the insiders have established the United Socialist States of America (in fact if not in name), the next step is the Great Merger of all nations of the world into a dictatorial world government. ... **The Insiders' code word for the world super-state is "new world order,"** a phrase often used by Richard Nixon. The Council on Foreign Relations states in its Study No. 7: "The U.S. must strive to: A. BUILD A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER." ... A world government has always been the object of the Communists.
-Gary Allen, None Dare Call It Conspiracy, p. 121

If ever this vast country is brought under a single government, it will be one of the most extensive corruption. -Thomas Jefferson (to William T. Barry, 1822)

The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence and submergence into an all powerful, one world government.

-Rear Admiral Chester Ward, Rear Admiral US Navy (retired), CFR member for 16 years, Judge Advocate General of the Navy 1956-60

My vision of a '**new world order**' foresees a United Nations with a revitalized peacekeeping function.

-George Herbert Walker Bush, (1924-) 41st US President, CIA Director, CFR Director, Trilateralist, Yale Skull & Bones Society New York, 1991

[The war in Iraq is] a rare opportunity to move toward an historic period of cooperation. Out of these troubled times... **a New World Order can emerge.**

-George Herbert Walker, (1924-) 41st US President, CIA Director, CFR Director, Trilateralist, Yale Skull & Bones Society, before Congress on September 11, 1990, in a speech Bush entitled "Toward a New World Order"

It is federal, because it is the government of States united in a political union, in contradistinction to a government of individuals, that is, by what is usually called, a social compact. To express it more concisely, ***it is federal and not national because it is the government of a community of States, and not the government of a single State or Nation.***

–**John C. Calhoun**, (1782-1850) American statesman, 1850, John C. Calhoun's essay entitled A Discourse on the Constitution and Government of the United States

A national government is a government of the people of a single state or nation, united as a community by what is termed the "social compact," and possessing complete and perfect supremacy over persons and things, so far as they can be made the lawful objects of civil government. **A federal government** is distinguished from a national government by its ***being the government of a community of independent and sovereign states, united by compact.***

–**Black's Law Dictionary**, Piqua Branch Bank v. Knoup, 6 Ohio St. 393. [Black's Law Dictionary, Revised Fourth Edition, 1968, p. 1176]

For the first time in its history, Western Civilization is in danger of being destroyed internally by a corrupt, criminal ruling cabal which is centered around the Rockefeller interests, which include elements from the Morgan, Brown, Rothschild, Du Pont, Harriman, Kuhn-Loeb, and other groupings as well. This junta took control of the political, financial, and cultural life of America in the first two decades of the twentieth century.

–**Carroll Quigley**, (1910-1977) Professor of International Relations, Georgetown University Foreign Service School, Washington, D.C., member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), mentor to Bill Clinton, Tragedy and Hope: A History of the World in Our Time (1966)

We shall have World Government, whether or not we like it. The only question is whether World Government will be achieved by conquest or consent.

–**James Paul Warburg**, (1896-1969) son of Paul Moritz Warburg, nephew of Felix Warburg and of Jacob Schiff, both of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. which poured millions into the Russian Revolution through James' brother Max, banker to the German government, Chairman of the CFR, while speaking before the United States Senate, February 17, 1950

The Council on Foreign Relations, another member of the international complex, financed by the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations, overwhelmingly propagandizes the globalist concept. This organization became virtually an agency of the government when World War II broke out. The Rockefeller Foundation had started and financed certain studies known as the War and Peace Studies, manned largely by associates of the Council; the State Department, in due course, took these studies over, retaining the major personnel which the Council on Foreign Relations had supplied.

–**Rene A. Wormser**, Chief Counsel to the Reece Committee, which investigated the power and influence of Tax Exempt Foundations during the 1950's, Foundations: Their Power and Influence (1958)

There is a de facto "secret government" operating nationally and internationally and involved in the highest circles of the U.S. government, exercising an impact over domestic policies and economics ranging between extreme influence to, at times, outright control. This extreme influence to outright control naturally includes the Presidency. The de facto "secret government," much of whose intellectual—and financial—muscle are to be found in the New York office of the CFR, the great tax-free foundations, and certain international firms and corporations.

-Mike Culbert in Independent-Gazette (Richmond, California, 27 June 1974), in reference to his discussions with Charles Colson (a member of Nixon's cabinet) on the almost total control of U.S. presidents by the outside forces.

The drive of the Rockefellers and their allies is to create a one-world government..., all under their control... Do I mean conspiracy? Yes I do. I am convinced there is such a plot, international in scope, generations old in planning, and incredibly evil in intent."
-Congressman Larry McDonald, 1976, killed in Korean Airlines 747 that was shot down by the Soviets

The Rothschilds can start or prevent wars. Their word could make or break empires.
-Chicago Evening American, Dec. 3, 1923

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is the American Branch of a society which originated in England... (and) believes national boundaries should be obliterated and one-world rule established. I know of the operations of this network because I have studied it for twenty years, and was permitted in the early 1960's to examine its papers and secret records.... I believe its role in history is significant enough to be known.

-Carroll Quigley, (1910-1977) Professor of International Relations, Georgetown University Foreign Service School, Washington, D.C., member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), mentor to Bill Clinton, stated in his book "Tragedy & Hope", 1966

The term "Internationalism" has been popularized in recent years to cover an interlocking financial, political, and economic world force for the purpose of establishing a World Government. Today Internationalism is heralded from pulpit and platform as a "League of Nations" or a "Federated Union" to which the United States must surrender a definite part of its National Sovereignty. The World Government plan is being advocated under such alluring names as the "New International Order," "The New World Order," "World Union Now," "World Commonwealth of Nations," "World Community," etc. All the terms have the same objective; however, the line of approach may be religious or political according to the taste or training of the individual.

-Episcopal Church General Convention, Excerpt from "A Memorial to be Addressed to the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in General Convention," October 1940

The Trilateralist Commission is international...(and)...is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States. The Trilateralist Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power - political, monetary, intellectual, and ecclesiastical.

-Barry Goldwater, (1909-1998) US Senator (R-Arizona), in his book "With No Apologies"

The interests behind the Bush Administration, such as the CFR, The Trilateral Commission -- founded by Brzezinski for David Rockefeller -- and the Bilderberger Group, have prepared for and are now moving to implement open world dictatorship within the next five years. They are not fighting against terrorists. They are fighting against citizens.

–**Dr. Johannes B. Koepl**, former German defense ministry official and advisor to former NATO Secretary General Manfred Werne

The Council on Foreign Relations is “the establishment.” Not only does it have influence and power in key decision-making positions at the highest levels of government to apply pressure from above, but it also announces and uses individuals and groups to bring pressure from below, to justify the high level decisions for converting the U.S. from a sovereign Constitutional Republic into a servile member state of a one-world dictatorship. –**John Rarick**, Congressman, 1971

The Republic was not established by cowards; and cowards will not preserve it ... This will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

–**Elmer Davis**, (1800-1858), American writer, commentator

To achieve world government, it is necessary to remove from the minds of men, their individualism, loyalty to family traditions, national patriotism and religious dogmas. –**Dr. G. Brock Chisolm**, (1896-1971) Canadian World War I veteran, medical practitioner, first Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), first head of the World Federation of Mental Health

If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face, forever.

–**George Orwell**, (1903-1950) British author

**What luck for the rulers that men do not think.
–Adolph Hitler**

KILLING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Numerous pieces of legislation have weakened American's liberties guaranteed under the Bill of Rights.

USA PATRIOT Act (halting due process)

Military Commissions Act (ending Habeas Corpus)

John Warner Defense Act (ending Posse Comitatus)

Detainee Treatment Act (protecting torture)

Real ID Act rider attached to HR 1268 (National ID Card)

Due Process- An established course for judicial proceedings or other governmental activities designed to safeguard the legal rights of the individual. The state, action, or principle of treating all persons equally in accordance with the law: equity, justice. See right/wrong.

Habeas Corpus- is the name of a legal action, or writ, through which a person can seek relief from unlawful detention of himself or another person. The writ of habeas corpus has historically been an important instrument for the safeguarding of individual freedom against arbitrary state action. The right of a citizen to obtain such a writ.

Posse Comitatus -A law enacted in 1878 to prohibit the use of the U.S. army in civilian law enforcement, unless otherwise instructed by the president, thereby excluding the military from the civilian sphere. After President Ulysses S. Grant sent a posse comitatus to the polls in the election of 1876, it was presented by Southern Democratic members of the House who resented the use of federal troops during Reconstruction.

Give government the weapons to fight your enemy and it will use them against you. -Harry Browne

The means of defense against foreign danger historically have become the instruments of tyranny at home. –James Madison

Law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual. --Thomas Jefferson

“For the saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanquished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch forth a saving hand while there was still time.”
-Justice George Southerland (1862-1962)

Citizen Action

When Hitler came for the Jews... I was not a Jew, therefore, I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the Catholics, I was not a Catholic, and therefore, I was not concerned. And when Hitler attacked the unions and the industrialists, I was not a member of the unions and I was not concerned. Then, Hitler attacked me and the Protestant church — and there was nobody left to be concerned.
— Pastor Martin Niemoller,
Congressional Record, October 14, 1968,
vol. 114, p. 31636.

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. What I can do, I should do. And what I should do, by the grace of God, I will do.
— Edward Everett Hale (1822-1909)

*A ripple here, a ripple there.
Now there's something in the air.
A wave is building in the sea
As we play the game of history.*
— Jon Roland, Feb. 1998

For more information on how you can be an active citizen in saving our republic, you can check the websites listed below. Start thinking, start talking, and get active.

www.campaignforliberty.com www.RestoreTheRepublic.com http://www.legitgov.org/ www.alternet.org/ http://downsizedc.org	http://stopthenorthamericanunion.com www.commonsenserevisited.org www.restoringtheheartofamerica.com http://www.endthefed.us/ http://liberty-tree.ca/
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Recommended reading:

Thomas Jefferson on Democracy by Saul K. Padover

Second Treatise of Government by John Locke
(Our founding fathers based our style of government on Locke's writings)

The Law by Frederic Bastiat or look online at <http://bastiat.org>

The Revolution: A Manifesto by Ron Paul

End of America: Letter of Warning to a Young Patriot by Naomi Wolf (Great book to show how open societies become closed societies. She parallels what happened in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy with what is happening in our own country.)

Good to Be King by Michael Badnarik (Great explanation of our Constitution and Bill of Rights and how our government continues to subvert the constitution. Good explanation of the difference between a privilege and a right.)

The Iron Heel by Jack London (A novel of the lives of those living in a time when fascism and oligarchy take over in the United States.)

1984 by George Orwell (Want to get a feel for what it's like to live under Big Brother and totalitarian rule, then read this.)

It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis (A novel of just how fascism could come to America, what it would look like, and what it would be like to live in a fascist America.)

We the Living by Ayn Rand (Want to know what it was like to live under communism in Russia? Then check out this book.)

Road to Serfdom by F. A. Hayek

Weapons of Mass Deception by Sheldon Rampton & John Stauber

Recommended Viewing:

Freedom to Fascism DVD

9/11 Mysteries DVD

9/11 Blueprint for Truth The Architecture of Destruction DVD

<http://www.brasschecktv.com/page/445.html>

End of America DVD

The patriot, like the Christian, must learn that to bear revilings and persecutions is a part of his duty.

— Thomas Jefferson

Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives. —James Madison

"Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent it in Heaven that I ever took half the pains to preserve it!" - John Quincy Adams

Since the enactment of Executive Order 11490, the only thing standing between us and dictatorship is the good character of the President, and the lack of a crisis severe enough that the public would stand still for it. **–Howard J. Ruff**

Executive Orders associated with FEMA that would suspend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These Executive Orders have been on record for nearly 30 years and could be enacted by the stroke of a Presidential pen in cases of natural disasters, terrorist attack , shortfall of “public order” = ECONOMIC CRISIS...

<http://www.sonic.net/sentinel/gvcon5.html> from an article titled *The Executive Order a Presidential power not delegated by the Constitution* by Harry V. Martin

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10990

allows the government to take over all modes of transportation and control of highways and seaports.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10995

allows the government to seize and control the communication media.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10997

allows the government to take over all electrical power, gas, petroleum, fuels and minerals.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10998

allows the government to seize all means of transportation, including personal cars, trucks or vehicles of any kind and total control over all highways, seaports, and waterways.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10999

allows the government to take over all food resources and farms.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11000

allows the government to mobilize civilians into work brigades under government supervision.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11001

allows the government to take over all health, education and welfare functions.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11002

designates the Postmaster General to operate a national registration of all persons.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11003

allows the government to take over all airports and aircraft, including commercial aircraft.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11004

allows the Housing and Finance Authority to relocate communities, build new housing with public funds, designate areas to be abandoned, and establish new locations for populations.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11005

allows the government to take over railroads, inland waterways and public storage facilities.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11051

specifies the responsibility of the Office of Emergency Planning and gives authorization to put all Executive Orders into effect in times of increased international tensions and economic or financial crisis.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11310

grants authority to the Department of Justice to enforce the plans set out in Executive Orders, to institute industrial support, to establish judicial and legislative liaison, to control all aliens, to operate penal and correctional institutions, and to advise and assist the President.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11490

assigns emergency preparedness function to federal departments and agencies, consolidating 21 operative Executive Orders issued over a fifteen year period.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11921

allows the Federal Emergency Preparedness Agency to develop plans to establish control over the mechanisms of production and distribution, of energy sources, wages, salaries, credit and the flow of money in U.S. financial institution in any undefined national emergency. It also provides that when a state of emergency is declared by the President, Congress cannot review the action for six months. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has broad powers in every aspect of the nation. General Frank Salzedo, chief of FEMA's Civil Security Division stated in a 1983 conference that he saw FEMA's role as a "new frontier in the protection of individual and governmental leaders from assassination, and of civil and military installations from sabotage and/or attack, as well as prevention of dissident groups from gaining access to U.S. opinion, or a global audience in times of crisis."

National Security Act of 1947

allows for the strategic relocation of industries, services, government and other essential economic activities, and to rationalize the requirements for manpower, resources and production facilities.

1950 Defense Production Act

gives the President sweeping powers over all aspects of the economy.

Act of August 29, 1916

authorizes the Secretary of the Army, in time of war, to take possession of any transportation system for transporting troops, material, or any other purpose related to the emergency.

International Emergency Economic Powers Act

enables the President to seize the property of a foreign country or national. These powers were transferred to FEMA in a sweeping consolidation in 1979.

The Bill of Rights

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Amendment VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and ***secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity***, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --*That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. *But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.*

Some Advice:

* Learn about the Constitution, the intent behind it, and know the Bill of Rights.

* Join or start a local group of concerned citizens to talk about what is lawful government and what is unlawful according to our grand Constitution. The Campaign for Liberty groups are a good place to start.

* Watch your local, state, and federal governments and politicians and speak out when they overstep their bounds. Don't be afraid to vote third party. Better yet, run for office yourself.

* Read books like *We the Living*, *1984*, *The Iron Heel*, and *Animal Farm*. These are literary works that cultivate critical thinking and an understanding of how governments become unlawful and what it would feel like to live under tyranny. You will never look at government the same. To my dismay, these books are no longer read in many public high schools. I have to question why?

* Stay informed. I don't recommend the major media outlets if you want a true picture of what is going on in our country. Be wary of propaganda and perception management techniques that bombard us everyday through the major media outlets. If certain catch phrases or images seem to keep getting repeated, ask yourself why. Read between the lines, look for hidden motives, and deceptive language. This is not being paranoid, it is using critical thinking and thinking for yourself rather than accepting everything you see on television as the unbiased truth. Think about it; is the Patriot Act really patriotic? No. It is a play on words to make us feel good about it and make us think it is as American as apple pie when nothing is further from the truth. We live in the information age which means that those in power can use this to deceive us, mold our thinking and appease us. However, this also means that we have other ways of finding the real truths and a responsibility to demand answers and search out the truth.

An End Note:

So, there you have it. Many words to give thought to. I hope this was a call to conscience and that you have a new appreciation for what it means to be free and the diligence it will take to get back the freedoms we have lost and to protect the freedoms we still have. We must find in ourselves the courage, love of liberty, fortitude, conviction, principles, and spirit of our founding fathers and the patriots who fought and died in order to live free. It will not be easy, as those in power, never give up power willingly. However, if there are a people on the face of this planet that can rid itself of tyranny and unlawful government, these United States of America can do it. We did it before and we can do it again.

In Liberty,
Deanna Newberg

