

Epigraph

"Liberty, once lost, is lost forever."

— **John Adams**

"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

— **Benjamin Franklin**

"The price of apathy toward public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."

— **Plato**

"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

— **Martin Luther King Jr.**

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

— **Alice Walker**

"The welfare of the people in particular has always been the alibi of tyrants."

— **Albert Camus**

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have."

— **Unknown**

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

— **Often attributed to Thomas Jefferson & others in the early republic tradition**

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

— **George Orwell**

"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**

“The heaviest penalty for declining to rule is to be ruled by someone inferior to yourself.”

— **Plato**

“Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves.”

— **Ronald Reagan**

“I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies, and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.”

— **Thomas Jefferson**

“Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.”

— **James Bovard**

“Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught.”

— **Honore de Balzac**

“The great enemy of freedom is the alignment of political power with wealth.”

— **Wendell Berry**

“The government is merely a servant—merely a temporary servant; it cannot be its prerogative to determine what is right and what is wrong, and decide who is a patriot and who isn’t. Its function is to obey orders, not originate them.”

— **Mark Twain**

“When one gets in bed with government, one must expect the diseases it spreads.”

— **Ron Paul**

“Taxation is theft, purely and simply even though it is theft on a grand and colossal scale which no acknowledged criminals could hope to match. It is a compulsory seizure of the property of the State’s inhabitants, or subjects.”

— **Murray N. Rothbard**

“I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed, without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today –

my own government.”

— **Martin Luther King Jr.**

“The most dangerous man to any government is the man who is able to think things out for himself.”

— **H.L. Mencken**

“When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it.”

— **Frédéric Bastiat**

“The fact that so many successful politicians are such shameless liars is not only a reflection on them, it is also a reflection on us. When the people want the impossible, only liars can satisfy.”

— **Thomas Sowell**

“That government is best which governs least”

— **Henry David Thoreau**

“I could end the deficit in five minutes. You just pass a law that says that anytime there is a deficit of more than 3% of GDP all sitting members of congress are ineligible for reelection.”

— **Warren Buffet**

“Commerce with all nations, alliance with none, should be our motto.”

— **Thomas Jefferson**

“Economic power is exercised by means of a positive, by offering men a reward, an incentive, a payment, a value; political power is exercised by means of a negative, by the threat of punishment, injury, imprisonment, destruction. The businessman’s tool is values; the bureaucrat’s tool is fear.”

— **Ayn Rand**

“Politics: the art of using euphemisms, lies, emotionalism and fear-mongering to dupe average people into accepting-or even demanding-their own enslavement.”

— **Larken Rose**

“Our safety, our liberty, depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our fathers made it inviolate. The people of the United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.”

— **Abraham Lincoln**

“Authority that can not be questioned is tyranny”

— **Terry Pratchett**

“Despots prefer the friendship of the dog, who, unjustly mistreated and debased, still loves and serves the man who wronged him.”

— **Charles Fourier**

“The best government is a benevolent tyranny tempered by an occasional assassination.”

— **Voltaire**

“I wonder how many such men in America would know that Communism, the New Deal, Fascism, Nazism, are merely so-many trade-names for collectivist Statism, like the trade-names for tooth-pastes which are all exactly alike except for the flavouring.”

— **Albert Jay Nock**

“Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms, those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.”

— **Thomas Jefferson**

“If you can convince people that freedom is injustice, they will then believe that slavery is freedom.”

— **Stefan Molyneux**

“From time to time our national history has been marred by forgetfulness of the Jeffersonian principle that restraint is at the heart of liberty. In 1789 the Federalists adopted Alien and Sedition Acts in a shabby political effort to isolate the Republic from the world and to punish political criticism as seditious libel.”

— **John F. Kennedy**

“I am filled with conviction that the interests of humanity would be best served if the United States remained true to its traditions and kept out of “entangling alliances.”

— Nikola Tesla

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