

The Real Intent of the Constitution By Dustin Dobson

“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 among the Consent of the Governed...” [The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776]

These words were penned by TJ in declaring independence from the tyrannical rule of Great Britain’s king. The abuses enumerated within the Declaration of Independence might sound and feel familiar to you. Read it and find out. As a sample: “He has erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.” These words were spoken by men who knew the value of independence and of the cost to acquire and maintain it. They pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor—most paying what they pledged.

These truths sparked a revolution, we fought a revolution, and we won a revolution!

In order to ensure that the fruits of their efforts would endure and that independence would be retained for future generations, these wise founding fathers scribed a document **delineating the principles of government most likely to preserve the unalienable rights of the people**. The Constitution of the United States of America went on to be **ratified by free men**. **Free men wrote the Constitution, it did not grant them freedom.**

Rather than adhering to this crowning jewel of humanity, this 5000 year leap...we have allowed it to be shredded, trampled, demeaned, spit upon, and ridiculed. It has been proclaimed antiquated or just a piece of paper. To this I say you are RIGHT...it is just that 4 pieces of paper [wait] [wait] **IF those who it protects neither know it, treasure it, fight for it!!!**

Such a treasure is to be cherished, coddled not put on the shelf of compliancy and comfort or forgotten with apathy or even malice towards its honorable history.

For longer than most great civilizations last these ideals and this land have been a beacon of hope to people of all nations, tongues, religions, and backgrounds that long to live under such liberties. Are we living on borrowed time? We are if we forget the value of our freedom and become complacent about the price that was paid to gain it. **This form of government, this level of freedom only resides with the moral, only harbors with the informed, is only retained by the vigilante.**

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, **“If a nation wishes to be ignorant and free, it wants what never has been and never will be.”**

Freedom is not free, it has a price...that price has been paid by countless soldiers on the battle field...men and women that felt as Patrick Henry when he expressed so passionately, “is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take but as for me; give me liberty or give me death!

How many lives have been lost in the struggle to defend freedom? **Not as many as should live to justify such a sacrifice!** Live such to make the prize worthy of the price.

The price of freedom isn’t always paid on the battle field. It is paid by the patriot who stays informed and informs others.

The price of freedom is paid by the person who knows “the proper role of government is protect equal rights, NOT provide equal things”. And then decides not to do cash for clunkers, not to go on welfare, not to buy into free healthcare, not to wait in line for their turn to receive a government handout.

Remember, the government can not give you something unless they take it from someone else. Put another way, for everyone that gets something for nothing, there is someone that worked for something that got nothing....we used to call this theft...now we call it “a bail out,” “a program,” “government aid.” The bottom line is, there is no such thing as a **FREE lunch to a FREE people...those that believe in such nonsense are not a FREE people!**

Thomas Jefferson said "**A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have.**"

Sure people feel choked up when the flag marches by in a parade or the anthem sung at a ball game. Such feelings are little more than platitudes when compared to true patriotism. The true patriot **studies and diligently defends liberties** at caucus, while voting, at town hall meetings, over a cup of coffee. He **appeals** for help from the **Author of liberty to promulgate knowledge of freedom, values and principles** to the masses, one by one if necessary. He never gives in- **never surrenders an inch of liberty** for expedience, fame, ease, power, or accolade. **This is our heritage to defend our liberties against all enemies foreign and domestic.** To speak truth to power and the meek; to live as we speak.

“In the beginning of a change the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.”

- *Mark Twain* Notebook, 1904

To be sure, I do not know what cost will be extracted from this generation – but we should echo JFK and let it be known **“that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”** And in the end, we will know it is worth more than it cost. For if you have not freedom what do you have?

Do you value freedom? What do you value? Your portfolio, your prestige, your looks....what will you have if you are not FREE? Answer what they tell you –you can have. Treasure liberty - value it above the transient.

What rights, what freedoms do you hold dear? Which are you willing to lay down? Which are you willing to fight for? **You only have the rights you are willing to fight for!**

Do you value:

Your right to think as you wish, to say what you think, to publish what you say?

Your right to worship as your conscience dictates and as you see fit?

Your right to protect yourselves, even against the government?

Your right to be left alone?

Do you know that we now have laws that authorize the government to authorize itself to invade your privacy, suspend habeous corpus, to take the fruit of your labors, and soon if we are not diligent to determine the worth of your life in the universal healthcare bill?

Our laws used to reflect the 4th amendment rights that our founding fathers fought against a KING to establish.

What part of “**Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech**” Does the Congress NOT understand?!!

What part of “**The people shall be secure in the persons, places, houses, and things.**” Does the executive branch NOT understand?!!

What part of “**the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed**” Do our judges NOT understand?!!!

As a side note, An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject. Free men do not ask permission to bear arms. TJ said “Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not.”

Only the morale and informed retain freedom, because the cost of freedom is eternal vigilance. What are you free to do? Pursue life, liberty, and happiness without infringing on another’s right to do the same!

Abraham Lincoln “**Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.**”

Voltaire “**I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.**”

Men are created equal, of course they are different from birth, they have different skills and tastes. We vary in enumerable ways, strength, intellect, social status, even opportunities. How then are we equal? We are equals in the sight of God for He is no respecter of persons, equal in the law, and in the protection of our God given rights; remembering that **everyone else is equally as equal.**

TJ “**No man has a natural right to commit aggression on the equal rights of another, and this is all from which the laws ought to restrain him.**”

We believe that the American form of government, a Constitutional Republic, is the greatest force for good in the world, but this is **only true and only maintained if the guarantees in the Constitution and Bill of Rights are REAL and UPHELD!** Only if we recognize this and only if the people we elect recognize this!! So many say they do during election campaigns, but then vote to enact laws to attempt to restrict our unalienable rights. I’ve grown weary of lip service! Read my lips....I AM FREE!

There was a time in America that everyone knew this and believed this. We lost these beliefs and consequently lost the freedom those beliefs brought into being. Where shall this world turn now if we should let the last flicker be extinguished?!

This is America - Land of the free, home of the brave NOT land of the coward, home of the slave.

When the people fear the government you have tyranny, when the government fears the people you have liberty. “**It is the duty of every citizen to defend his country against his government.**” Does that sound radical? Then you have **neither read nor understood what the framers espoused; “Government of the people, by the people, and for the people”.**

In order to protect individual freedom and for NO other purpose was our government established. The ONLY legitimate role of the government is to protect individual freedom.

Many of us learned the Constitution in school, how many senators, how old to be president, the three branches of government, etc. While the **mechanisms, the hows**, are important, many miss the whole reason, the why, for the Constitution for which too few know. It establishes a form of government that the sovereign, we the people, consent to live under with the **SOLE** purpose of **defending and promoting individual liberty**.

There is compassion, there is progress, and there is charity in practicing these principles. History shows us that the **greater good of the whole is best served when the whole is fixated on the preservation of the individual's liberties**.

America is a free nation, we are a free people! ...But only as long as we are vigilant in defending our liberties. James Madison: "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....This danger ought to be wisely guarded against."

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Nobody, especially tyrants are going to hand freedom to you....you have to take it, claim it, practice it.

V **"No man is more enslaved than him that thinks he is free and is not."**

I hope I have shaken you, awakened you to your awful state...

When the people fear the government you have tyranny, when the government fears the people you have liberty. I ask you, which do you think is more prevalent in your life? I believe the government is starting to fear you, starting to listen to you, starting to respect you.

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in it's maximum hour of danger, of need. **We are those people....this is that hour!! Here is that place!**

Some would say vision is what you see and behold; I say vision is seeing what should be...what will be! I say this experiment will be successful. Why because we must. Why because we are right...and when this is the case God is not silent. Could anyone imagine that 56 signers of a **rag tag group could declare freedom from the most powerful army and nation on the earth AND GET IT! That was a revolution...we need a revolution as TJ said "Every generation needs a revolution"**. To be clear I do not advocate violence I pray it will not be necessary. This revolution is not fought with guns or cannons but by information and WILL!

What makes a man kiss the ground at Ellis Island? I assure you, it is **not the dirt that is being honored but a place where liberty reigns supreme**.

What causes a soldier to face his fears? What caused a single man to step in front of a row of tanks in Tiananmen Square? Is there a man, a woman, such as this, in this crowd here, now!

What is the cause? It is the yearning of the soul for its natural state of liberty!

You are free as a natural law. **It is a part who you are. It is as much a part of you as your head, shoulders, knees, and toes**. If the government were to decree there would be no more rivers only lakes. Would that make it so? Let presuppose they were serious about it. They put in **policies to deter people** from wanting rivers. They **confiscated vast sums of money** to build dams thereby ensure their edict is adhered to. Would that make water any less likely to adhere to the **LAW** of gravity?! In the same fashion, **by God's decree you are FREE...it is your birthright, the birthright of all of humanity!** Now regardless of what another decrees it

can not override this. You are **not free because some piece of paper says you are free**, likewise you can not lose your freedom because a piece of papers says so. Sure you could be that drop of water stuck behind the dam of taxation, universal health care, or thousand of other unnatural edicts. Does that mean gravity will never affect you again?! God forbid! If congress made it unlawful for the moon to rise or the sun to set, would there be continual light? You are FREE!! FREE!! I SWEAR IT!!! Our rights are ours by virtue of our humanity, and if our rights come from our humanity then no law, no proclamation, no executive order, no edict, no command, no piece of legislation that no one has read...can take those rights away! Where does a dam gets it's power?

Liberty nothing more is needed; nothing less is wanted!