

FREEDOM LOST

What FREEDOMS have we LOST?

By Dick Anderson ~2010

There are so many, and they encompass virtually every part of our lives - so much that I don't know how to list them so, they follow in no particular order.

You can't cut down a tree on your lawn.

You can't burn any weeds, leaves or garbage on your property.

Building codes severely restrict what, where and when you build anything on your property.

You can't even paint your house a color others don't like.

You can't choose your home's wiring, light bulbs, toilets, water or construction materials.

You must cut your grass – in the specified way and time.

You can't build a fence, flagpole or anything else without a permit.

You are restricted as to the number and type of cars that can be in your driveway and EVERYTHING in your yard.

You can't leave your car in the drive if you haven't paid the taxes, or bought plates (taxes) or

Even have a flat tire. Heaven help you when they find out it hasn't run for a while.

And, finally, you must PAY a TAX on your property or they will take it from you.

Do you think that "your property" is really yours?

Kids can no longer ride in the back of a pickup truck or on the running-board.

They can't even ride in a car without a seat-belt.

You can no longer:

Choose your children's lunch. (about ½ now get FREE lunches – very ominous to me)

Choose your children's dress.

Choose a public school for your children.

Pack your child's lunch as you believe is best . If they don't like it, you can be fined or imprisoned.

With the Common-Core educational program, you have NO Say in what your children are taught in school. And, their teacher will have NO input also – they will teach to the tests or be fired.

In some states it is against the law to home-school.

You have lost the right to determine YOUR child's education and future.

If you leave your children unattended, even for a very short time, you can be severely PUNISHED or even have them TAKEN FROM YOU.

(Apparently, the resultant anguish or YOUR mistake would not be enough for your masters. It makes no difference if there are not any negative effects. The POSSIBILITY of a problem is sufficient.)

Parents are not allowed to parent – under the threat of fine or imprisonment.

You are FORCED to make your children get specific vaccinations and other shots – even if it is against your religion!

What if the shot is NOT beneficial or beneficent? Do you KNOW exactly what is in the shot?

Are you SURE that everything that goes into your children's bodies is what you WANT it to be?

Do you think your children are really YOURS?

Our children no longer have the ability to learn from their mistakes, learn the area in which they live, improvise games or other "entertainment" or even learn the simplest principles of dealing with the wild or, heaven forbid, survival.

We cannot allow our children to ride a bicycle without a helmet

Or, play games without body protective gear on - very few grow up knowing how to play baseball or football.

If YOU ride in a car you must wear a seatbelt.

If YOU ride a motorcycle you must wear a helmet.
Why is the government “worried” about what you do to YOURSELF?

It makes you wonder; What is the penalty for a failed suicide? Death?

Personal RESPONSIBILITY is – no longer “allowed” .
If you take any stupid or irresponsible action the “courts” will find SOMEBODY to PAY it.
Your foolishness is somebody ELSE’s responsibility! You are the VICTIM?
Why does someone else have to pay for MY poor choices in life or my bad luck?

You are no longer allowed to USE YOUR BRAIN – even though the law may allow you to:
Many restaurants NOW require an ID of EVERYBODY (even if there is NO DOUBT they are of age)
to purchase alcoholic beverages even though the law does not require checking an ID – only that they be
over 21 (in Georgia) or “appear” to be of some age (like 26 in some states).

We have entered the age of total personal irresponsibility. These employees are NOT ALLOWED to
THINK! Why? Mainly, because the employers don’t trust them to think.
They don’t want to have any chance of liability if their employees make stupid decisions.
Most of the empty headed employees are thrilled that they don’t have to think or make any decisions
(they have been trained to think this way IN SCHOOL!) – pretty sad for our country.

Ref: O.C.G.A. § 3-3-23 (2011)

(h) In any case where a reasonable or prudent person could reasonably be in doubt as to whether
or not the person to whom an alcoholic beverage is to be sold or otherwise furnished is actually 21 years
of age or older, it shall be the duty of the person selling or otherwise furnishing such alcoholic beverage
to request to see and to be furnished with proper identification as provided for in subsection (d) of this
Code section in order to verify the age of such person; and the failure to make such request and
verification in any case where the person to whom the alcoholic beverage is sold or otherwise furnished
is less than 21 years of age may be considered by the trier of fact in determining whether the person
selling or otherwise furnishing such alcoholic beverage did so knowingly.

There is not one place in any of our founding documents that separates church from state
And, the original meaning of the 1st Amendment is "no religious doctrine shall be established by law."
This was mainly done to ensure that the Federal Government would not encroach on the STATES rights
and preferences (which would be determined by THE PEOPLE).

The first part is: “Congress shall pass no law respecting an establishment of religion,”..
There can be no “state religion”.

The founding fathers knew that every government, in all of history, that had a state MANDATED
religion turned into a tyranny – you think, act & “believe” what we tell you to or we will “remove” you
from society.

It then went on to say: “or prohibit the free exercise thereof.”

You can freely exercise YOUR religion, whatever it may be, or whatever sect you may belong to (as
long as it does not interfere with anyone else’s Rights.)

The 2nd half of the 1st Amendment specifically prohibits Congress to LIMIT the FREE exercise of
religion.

However, we have lost its meaning and intent - as evidenced by the following things that we can no
longer do on government property and/or schools:

This in no accident

It is the result of great efforts over a long time by some very evil people.

(and a BIG question is: What is government doing in our SCHOOLS?)

Most of our Founding Documents state that education is the essential for Freedom and that education
should be “encouraged” by government. It NEVER said the government should take over the
curriculum, educate or pay for education.

There is NO place in our Constitution that allows it.

And, the Constitution SPECIFICALLY says that if it is not here is not allowed to the Federal Government – it falls ONLY to the States or The People.

PROHIBITED:

Christmas manger scenes.

The Ten Commandments being posted.

Singing Christmas songs.

Even the MENTION of Christmas.

Signs of the Cross.

Reading the Bible in school (its OK to read the Quran or books of OTHER religions).

Open prayer in school or at sports events.

Any form of religious expression in schools.

Nowhere in the Constitution are any of these things mentioned, and certainly not prohibited.

It does say, however, that “no religious test can be required for any public office.”

This was to ensure that some sect did not overtly take over the government or prejudice against any other sect.

Regarding Social Security:

That the money the participants put into the Independent 'Trust Fund' rather than into the General operating fund, and therefore, would ONLY be used to fund the Social Security Retirement Program, and no other Government program, and,

Under Johnson the money was moved to The General Fund and Spent.

That the annuity payments to the retirees would never be taxed as income.

Under Clinton & Gore, Up to 85% of your Social Security can be Taxed.

There are several KINDS of Freedoms

FREEDOMS - Countries Listed By Score/Rank

<http://www.stateofworldliberty.org/report/rankings.html>

NDAAs, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, which THE BLAZE covers in an article titled, “[Can the 'Indefinite Detention' Bill Send Americans to Military Prison Without Trial?](#)” (12-08-11) has caused even the most skeptic to be concerned for their personal safety – especially those fighting for liberty.

When I was a kid:

Every game we played had a LOSING team (except for ties)

We actually had players that were NOT rewarded for doing poorly.

Some kids got spanked by their parents... and even by their neighbors if they acted up at someone's house.

Some kids got spanked at school... and they usually got a worse one when they got home.

Our cats and dogs were able to run free without us going to jail or losing the dog.

There was no such thing as a dog license or shots.

If there was a problem - the NEIGHBORHOOD took care of it.

If we got into some trouble in the neighborhood, the local JP (Justice of the Peace) would find us and explain that he knew how we could get a free summer vacation in REFORM SCHOOL. That worked.

We didn't have labels on food. If we wanted to KNOW, we inquired.

We didn't have safety caps on food.

Do you really think an evil person couldn't figure out how to heat shrink a safety cap onto a product after he poisoned it?

The school bus stopped wherever we wanted to get off.

He wouldn't wait for us (much) if we were running late to the bus stop. Our mommies did not go with us to the bus stop. If we missed the bus we were in deep doo-doo because somebody was going to have to take us to school. And, they would not be happy about it – rightfully.

If we fought or caused a commotion on the bus the driver disciplined us – on the spot – as HE saw fit. I can remember once he made me NOT get off at my stop, ride all the way back to town, CLEAN the bus and WALK HOME – 4 miles. I didn't cause as much trouble after that. He didn't call my mother (we didn't have a telephone) and she was THANKFUL that he disciplined me.

During the hunting season, I used to carry my .22 rifle on the bus. The bus driver would keep it for me (and other kids too) during the day and let me off by the woods I was going to hunt squirrels in.

In the winter, he would let us off by the beach. The owner had gone to Florida for the winter but he let us ice-skate on the lake there and even had lights for us to see a bit. We played hockey and had a great time – without any adult supervision. We would walk home, about a mile, around 10 or 11 pm.

When we got to school (I rode a bus but many walked a mile or more – there were VERY FEW parents that took their kids to school) we could play in the schoolyard until the bell rang. Most of the busses made two runs so those on the 1st run had lots of time to play before school started.

We were not allowed in before that – even in the winter. We had PE (Physical Education) every day, which was out doors in reasonable weather or in the gym in winter. We all had the same lunch hour and everybody was expected to play outside after eating till the bell rang. We didn't have nor need much to play with – we knew how to improvise. We did not have to stay on the grounds during lunch – it was OUR problem if we got back tardy. Some of us would walk downtown and back during lunch hour – about 6 blocks.

After school we (those who were on the 2nd run) had to wait quite a while for the bus. Some of us chose to walk to the Catholic School, which was about a mile or so away, out of boredom or wanting something to do, to catch the bus there (the busses stopped at the Lutheran and the Catholic Schools – we all rode together). Nobody worried about us. Once in a while we would dilly-dally and not get to the Catholic school on time – tough luck! We had to walk all the way home – about 3 more miles.

If we got caught talking in class without permission we were usually put out in the hall for a while – the Catholic kids go a good swat from the Nun with a yardstick or ruler. If we were foolish enough to talk back to a teacher (we would never have even imagined the consequences of using foul language) he or she would discipline us – sometimes with a swat on the rear – and sometimes we got to go see the Principal – he was not nice to us. Any screw-ups in class earned us DETENTION – we had to come and sit in a classroom for an hour or so after school. This also meant you had to walk home alone – sometimes at night in the winter. After a few times you were simply kicked out of school. The consequences at home, and in the neighborhood, were not desirable.

If we got into a fight at school the perpetrator was punished. Nobody ever dreamed of teaching us that we SHOULD NOT defend ourselves – that's ridiculous.

Goofing off in gym class was good for 25 push-ups or a few laps around the track and that often meant there was no time to take a shower.

I did odd jobs, when I was about 10 or 11, and saved 50 dimes – it took quite a while - so I could buy a bow & arrow set. The \$5.00 cost would be equivalent to about \$100 today. It was a real one and had POINTED arrows! I was the envy of all the kids in the neighborhood. I never got to be a great shot so

all the rabbits in the area were safe... but nothing else was. I lost a lot of arrows in the weeds and all my money making now only replaced lost arrows.

I got a hunting knife around that same time – with a 6” blade. I quickly learned that it could cut you and respected it mightily. I also learned how to sharpen it.

Then, when I was about 12 or 13 I got my first .22 rifle. It was used and a single shot. I had to buy my own ammunition so I learned how to make each shot count. I went hunting in the woods and fields for rabbits, squirrels and pheasants. I didn’t do very well on rabbits and pheasants – they were fast. I learned how to use my hunting knife to skin these animals. My mother was thankful for the meat but made it clear, right from the beginning, that I was going to clean the “harvest” before she would cook it.

Later, I got a shotgun, also a single shot – a used 20 gauge Mossberg that had a loose aiming rib. One of my neighbors had an auto body shop and he volunteered to re-solder it in place. My buddy, Donnie Hacek, and I would go hunting together. He had a 3-shot “automatic”, which should have given him an advantage over me. But, he would get so excited when a pheasant took off (they would ALWAYS scare you to death – you never knew when they would take off and they made a hell of a racket) and usually had all 3 shots gone by the time he was actually pointed at the bird. I quickly learned to not be in between Donnie and the “target” and that one shot was enough if properly aimed! I simply waited till Donnie’s gun was empty, which gave me ample time to aim true, and then I shot.

We NEVER had any supervision except one time my Uncle Don went hunting with me. Sometimes there were some adults in the neighborhood that would be “practicing” shooting in their back yards (there was a cow pasture behind). We got to practice with them and I imagine we might have learned something from them too.

When I was 13 I got a summer job on a farm so I had to get my Social Security number. I got to ride my bicycle to work. We had a wonderful farmhouse breakfast that included fresh milk – directly from the cows - and started work before the sun came up. I got \$.50 an hour - when the boss could be found - on Fridays – he had a habit of disappearing at the crucial moment.

We worked hard and all day. I would have paid to work there, if I had anything to pay, because we got to drive tractors and trucks, and run all kinds of machinery, and shovel shit and spread the shit (cow manure) and milk cows (I never got the hang of doing it by hand but they had milking machines for most of it) and bale hay and load the barn and all kinds of neat stuff.

It wasn’t till 40 or 50 years later that I realized that the farmer, Mr. Rudzinski, was a SAINT. We were so inexperienced that we broke all kinds of machinery – he probably spent a fortune repairing our mistakes. I remember breaking the transmission of a truck once, tearing down over 100 feet of fence with the manure spreader and breaking several other machines. I’m certain he could have saved money by hiring adults but he gave us some direction that kept us out of trouble.

Today they would throw him in prison for hiring children, not paying us all he owed us, and hundreds of safety violations. They would probably take away his farm too – especially for serving us fresh, raw, warm milk – he and his wife and the whole family were wonderful.

Once, my buddy Roger & I played hooky from school and spent the day out in the “swamp”. The school called the JP (Justice of the Peace). He knew where we “hung out”. He trudged out there, dragged us back and made us walk the 4 miles to school – just in time to see the Principal, go to Detention and walk 4 miles home. We decided it wasn’t worth it.

When I was in 1st Grade I did the incredibly stupid thing of putting my tongue on the iron ball at the top of the entrance stair railing in the winter – it didn’t only happen in the movies! My tongue instantly froze in place and I was stuck!

They didn’t call the fire department or the police or the Principal. My teacher quickly got a bucket of water and poured it on my tongue and head (and, of course, I got soaked). It came loose and she gave me a big hug (I was scared). Then she proceeded to take most of my clothes off and dry them

for me (I think we had radiators, hot water/steam heat, in the classrooms – she simply put the clothes over the radiator to dry them out). As I recall, she found an overcoat (maybe mine) for me to wear in class while the clothes dried. She was a wonderful lady. My embarrassment was more than enough punishment

Today, it would have been a disaster – they probably would have arrested her and taken her teaching certificate for hugging me and undressing me. Who knows what the fire department would have done? There probably would be some sort of investigation as to why I was unsupervised and allowed to do such a dangerous thing. Perhaps my mother would have gone to jail along with the teacher, principal and anyone else they could throw some blame on.

When was the last time you went to a doctor or other medical professional?

Did you notice how many “support” people he had?.. that only did PAPERWORK.

Did you have to fill out and SIGN an infinity of “Release” forms?

NONE of this existed 50 years ago!

It is all part of the nanny-state, where SOMEBODY is going to pay for ANYBODY’S mistakes (except the one that committed the mistake).

So, now, in our litigious society, they are all scared to death of being sued for any crazy or immaterial thing so we have to do all this stuff to ensure them that we can’t sue them.

My adult daughter was admitted to the hospital a while back for pain in her arm and possible blood clots. She was required to sign at least six different forms during the short time I was there. I’ll bet she had to sign several before we got there and even more after we left.

NONE of that would have happened when I was young. They would have processed her quickly and efficiently (to the best of their existing technology) and charged her very little because the TREATMENT time was probably measured in seconds, rather than HOURS for bureaucratic garbage. She would have also been allowed to take her own pills with her. She would not have been required to wear an armband because it was not likely that she would forget her own name and they wouldn’t either. And, when she left she would have done it on her own two feet – not in a wheel chair up to the curb – how ridiculous!

When I grew up it was NOT against the law to be stupid, nor to make mistakes.

We all knew that doctors would do their best to HELP us, rather than to cover their butts, and, if everybody was lucky we would get better.

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How Many Freedoms Have We lost in the Past Forty Years?

chickensoup

Posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:46:35 PM** by [Chickensoup](#)

I was trying to explain my childhood to my children recently. I told them about the games we played as children and the wool skirts and sweaters we wore to school.

Then I tried to explain how we weren't watched as we are now...only banks had cameras.... and if someone put up a camera at a traffic stop back then, I imagine someone's father would have shot it out.

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My life is so much less free...between legislated law and tort law...we all are less.

Teachers cannot hug children

PARENTS ARE FEARFUL OF DISCIPLINING THEIR YOUNG.

I even remember police following drinkers home to make sure they made it safely...and sometimes giving them a lift in the cruiser or a night in the tank...

I remember my neighbor's mother picking up every school-kid walking on a rainy day so the van was loaded with 12 or 14 teens.

What do you remember?

What were you able to do that you and your family cannot do any more

[1](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:46:35 PM** by [Chickensoup](#)

To: **Chickensoup**

"How Many Freedoms Have We lost in the Past Forty Years?"

Howz' about the last 60 DAYS???????? I can't believe what's going on . . . and there's nothing to stop these fools . . . nothing.

[2](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:48:03 PM** by [laweeks](#)

To: **Chickensoup**

Ban lawyers. Bring in major tort reform.

In your dreams. We could have had major tort reform under Clinton, something that lying criminal promised, but the Trial Lawyers Assoc gave him and Gore too much campaign money and that killed tort reform.

Tammany Hall never went away. It lives in Washington.

[3](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:49:41 PM** by [EagleUSA](#)

To: **laweeks**

I agree...but this is an acceleration of an erosion that has taken place for years.

[4](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:49:54 PM** by [Chickensoup](#) ("Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.")

To: **Chickensoup**

In a fight at school, there was no such thing as "no tolerance" policy.

There was someone who started it, and someone who defended himself, and it was the vice principal's JOB to figure out who was who and punish the one, and buck up the other.

[5](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:50:11 PM** by [sam_paine](#) (X

To: **All**

Additional Link:

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/chat/2219616/posts>

[6](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:50:49 PM** by [Cindy](#)

To: **sam_paine**

And some things were settled with fists...well kids ARE kinesthetic learners.

[7](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:51:39 PM** by [Chickensoup](#) ("Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.")

To: **Cindy**

Didn't know this had just been done. I guess Freepers ([member of Free Republic](#)) think along the same lines.

[8](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:54:13 PM** by [Chickensoup](#) ("Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.")

To: **Chickensoup**

Tax his land,

Tax his wage,

Tax his bed in which he lays.

Tax his tractor,

Tax his mule,

Teach him taxes is the rule.

Tax his cow,

Tax his goat,

Tax his pants,

Tax his coat.

Tax his ties,

Tax his shirts,

Tax his work,

Tax his dirt

Tax his tobacco,

Tax his drink,
Tax him if he tries to think.
Tax his booze,
Tax his beers,
If he cries,
Tax his tears.
Tax his bills,
Tax his gas,
Tax his notes,
Tax his cash.
Tax him good and let him know
That after taxes, he has no dough.
If he hollers,
Tax him more,
Tax him until he's good and sore.
Tax his coffin, Tax his grave,
Tax the sod in which he lays.
Put these words upon his tomb,
"Taxes drove me to my doom!"
And when he's gone,
We won't relax,
We'll still be after the inheritance TAX !!
Accounts Receivable Tax
Building Permit Tax
CDL License Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Federal Income Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax
Fuel Permit Tax
Gasoline Tax
Hunting License Tax

Inheritance Tax
Inventory Tax
IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax),
IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax),
Liquor Tax,
Luxury Tax,
Marriage License Tax,
Medicare Tax,
Property Tax,
Real Estate Tax,
Service charge taxes,
Social Security Tax,
Road Usage Tax (Truckers),
Sales Taxes,
Recreational Vehicle Tax,
School Tax,
State Income Tax,
State Unemployment Tax (SUTA),
Telephone Federal Excise Tax,
Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax,
Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Tax,
Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax,
Telephone Recurring and Non-recurring Charges Tax,
Telephone State and Local Tax,
Telephone Usage Charge Tax,
Utility Tax,
Vehicle License Registration Tax,
Vehicle Sales Tax,
Watercraft Registration Tax,
Well Permit Tax,
Workers Compensation Tax.

COMMENTS: Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and there was prosperity, absolutely no national debt, the largest middle class in the world and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What happened ??????

[9](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:54:41 PM** by [HoosierHawk](#) (Democrats - Looting American citizens for generations to come.)

To: **Chickensoup**

I don't remember the name of the game. You stood a few feet apart from your opponent and took turns throwing a knife between their feet. You kept moving your feet closer together until someone missed or chickened out.

[10](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:55:19 PM** by [kickonly88](#)

To: **Chickensoup**

I want my high-flo terlit back.

[11](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:55:26 PM** by [TornadoAlley3](#) (Obama is everything Oklahoma is not.)

To: **Chickensoup**

-- *What do you remember?* --

In Jr. High, we were "let out" for lunch. Free to leave the campus (one building, basically) and hike a few blocks to the corner store for candy. Cherry coke was mixed by the soda jerk, didn't come in a can or bottle.

[12](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 9:59:35 PM** by [Cboldt](#)

To: **EagleUSA**

"Tammany Hall never went away. It lives in Washington."

Hey, it is honest corruption.

[Plunkitt](#)

[13](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:00:18 PM** by [Radix](#) (Two down, 46 to go.)

To: **Chickensoup**

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[14](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:00:36 PM** by [Charlespg](#)

To: **kickonly88**

mumblety-peg

[15](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:01:52 PM** by [mamelukesabre](#) (Si Vis Pacem Para Bellum (If you want peace prepare for war))

To: **Chickensoup**

In grammar school, I could ride my bike—without a helmet—wearing a holstered .22 on my hip, a creel (containing a sheathed hunting knife) over my shoulder, and a fishing rod in my hand. Stop at the store, walk in without any raised eyebrows; buy bait & a can of soda, and then peddle another mile or so to a fishing hole. Cool off after they quit biting by swimming —alone— for a while, then fishing some more, before peddling home for dinner.

Same place, 50 years later: A couple of years ago, a woman was ticketed for letting her granddaughter swim there. The road is marked 'no parking'. The bridge is 'no fishing'. No shooting/no hunting. Biggest difference is that now, it is a NATIONAL RECREATION AREA! ALL 'recreating' has to be done at DESIGNATED RESORTS, or in official, improved campgrounds...all for a fee, of course.

We won't even go into the part that a teen is not allowed to possess, let alone buy and own, a handgun, and all the other attendant nonsense.

[16](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:02:38 PM** by [ApplegateRanch](#) (The mob got President Barabbas; America got shafted)

To: **kickonly88**

-- *You stood a few feet apart from your opponent and took turns throwing a knife between their feet.* --

We called it "chicken." I think it goes by other names .. numblypeg?

We had awesome games and playground "fights" in grade school. Camel fights between piggy-back opponents. Some of the playground equipment is probably illegal now, too.

[17](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:03:10 PM** by [Cboldt](#)

To: **Chickensoup**

1st Amendment — GONE

2nd Amendment — ON LIFE SUPPORT

4th Amendment — GONE

5th Amendment — ON LIFE SUPPORT

6th Amendment — ON LIFE SUPPORT

9th and 10th Amendments — DEAD, BURIED, THE SHOVEL BURIED, THE BURIAL GROUND SPIT UPON AND PAVED OVER AND A MINI-MALL ERECTED OVER THEIR REMAINS.

Trillions of dollars spent on things found no where in the USC, the Executive Branch firing private citizens from their private jobs, the Government taking over private businesses.

It took us 200 year to lose the BOR — we are losing the main protections of the USC in days.

[18](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:03:44 PM** by [freedumb2003](#) (Communism comes to America: 1/20/2009. Keep your powder dry, folks.)

To: **mamelukesabre**

I thought that was the one where you put your hand on a table and you went between the fingers with the knife, but I could be wrong.

[19](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:04:02 PM** by [kickonly88](#)

To: **kickonly88**

I remember that game. gosh I cant remember its name...

[20](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:05:07 PM** by [Chickensoup](#) ("Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.")

To: **ApplegateRanch**

-- *Stop at the store, walk in without any raised eyebrows ...* --

Heh. I used to go to the pharmacy and buy saltpeter. "What for?" I'm making gunpowder.

"Okay." IIRC, I was about 11 years old, looked like I was about 8 .

[21](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:05:38 PM** by [Cboldt](#)

To: **Chickensoup**

How about being able to keep more of your paycheck? Or withdraw/deposit large sums of money without being reported to the IRS.

[22](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:06:31 PM** by [mamelukesabre](#) (Si Vis Pacem Para Bellum (If you want peace prepare for war))

To: **Chickensoup**

It used to be against the law for banks to ask for your social security number. Financial institutions did not report your personal info (interest earned or paid, etc) to the IRS.

[23](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:07:03 PM** by [donna](#) (I am confident that we can create a Kingdom right here on Earth. - Barack Hussein Obama)

To: **Chickensoup**

Oh, you mean stuff we did.

Riding bicycles until midnight miles away from home.

If you did something wrong, the nearest parent would paddle your butt — and then when they took you home TAKE YOU BY YOUR EAR your Mom and/or Dad would really light your behind up.

When an adult showed up, you straightened up and were respectful. It was "Mrs. this" or "Mr. that."

I'll post some others when I think of them...

[24](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:07:26 PM** by [freedumb2003](#) (Communism comes to America: 1/20/2009. Keep your powder dry, folks.)

To: **kickonly88**

I don't remember that one having a name.

[25](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:07:46 PM** by [mamelukesabre](#) (Si Vis Pacem Para Bellum (If you want peace prepare for war))

To: **donna**

we had real privacy...privacy from government.

[26](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:08:23 PM** by [Chickensoup](#) ("Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.")

To: **kickonly88**

I don't remember the name of the game. You stood a few feet apart from your opponent and took turns throwing a knife between their feet. You kept moving your feet closer together until someone missed or chickened out.

Mumbly-peg.

[27](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:08:49 PM** by [bimboeruption](#) (Clinging to my Bible and my HK.)

To: **Chickensoup**

A few years ago, our home-school group had a Field Day. One activity was a water slide. A giant sheet of black plastic was placed down the side of a hill and parents stood at the top with hoses and bottles of liquid dish soap that they continually squirted down the sheet of wet plastic. The kids LOVED the water slide. That's one activity you'll never see at a public school, so I guess that's one freedom lost.

[28](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:10:10 PM** by [ChocChipCookie](#) ("Let his days be few, and let another take his office." Psalm 109:8)

To: **Chickensoup**

Children were not required to have social security numbers. You got them in high school for your first real job.

[29](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:10:16 PM** by [donna](#) (I am confident that we can create a Kingdom right here on Earth. - Barack Hussein Obama)

To: **Chickensoup**

We were living in a nice DC suburb. My parents were out and my brother and I were looking out for ourselves. It was early, and in those days we were considered - at ages 9 and 12- old enough. I was in our basement watching TV when I saw a shadow pass from the laundry room to the space under the stairs. The next time it appeared I saw that it was a **huge** rat! I exited via the back door and went outside, sitting on the curb to await the return of my parents. A neighbor stopped to ask if there was a problem and I explained about the rat. He thought probably not, but left me outside while he went in to thoroughly inspect the house. He closed the door at the top of the stairs and told me that he hadn't seen any rat. I felt comfortable with that but told my Dad, who poop-pooed it. What does a 12-year-old know? Nevertheless, he set a trap. Two days later there was a rat in his trap.

[30](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:11:16 PM** by [ArmyTeach](#) ("Significant problems we face can not be solved by the same level of thinking that created them")

To: **donna**

It used to be against the law for banks to ask for your social security number.

It still is.

But if you don't give it to them, they won't accept you as a customer.

Go figure.

[31](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:13:30 PM** by [Wil H](#) (No Accomplishments, No Experience, No Resume No Records, No References, Nobama..)

To: **Chickensoup**

I walked, rode my bike, or took the bus to school. I got off the bus wherever I wanted. My call.

[32](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:14:33 PM** by [eyedigress](#)

To: **Chickensoup**

You could use a bunch of words that were "uncouth".

Now, they are all hate speech.

[33](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:15:14 PM** by [Glenn](#) (Free Venezuela!)

To: **Cboldt**

I'm sure you would be hard pressed to find any "Monkey Bars"

[34](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:17:05 PM** by [eyedigress](#)

To: **eyedigress**

We had an extra high swing set at the path and we could jump off and roll down the hill. Then they put the sling seats on...

[35](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:20:09 PM** by [Chickensoup](#) ("Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.")

To: **Cboldt**

Oh, the memories. Chicken fights on the monkey bars. Broken arms and collar bones. Slingshots. Baseball games that turned into all out rumbles. Bicycles were prized possessions...had to be a Schwinn. Boys HAD to know who was toughest, fastest sprinter, and who had the best throwing arm.

I was extremely accurate throwing a rock, but I couldn't throw it very far. I hated that. I was the fastest there was anywhere in 10 steps or less. That made me pretty formidable at playing tag, but not so good at anything else...except sacking the quarterback in touch-football.

[36](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:21:58 PM** by [mamelukesabre](#) (Si Vis Pacem Para Bellum (If you want peace prepare for war))

To: **freedumb2003**

8th Amendment — stronger than ever. Everything is upside down.

[37](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:22:20 PM** by [Homer1](#)

To: **eyedigress; Cboldt**

I'm sure you would be hard pressed to find any "Monkey Bars"

Let alone some kid yelling "N*gger pile!" at the end of an ice patch.

[38](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:23:03 PM** by [Fester Chugabrew](#)

To: **donna**

"Children were not required to have social security numbers. You got them in high school for your first real job."

Another one is that I was required to have my SS number for my first real, taxpaying job which was in a restaurant working up to 17 hour days at age 14.

I don't think 14 year olds can work now.

[39](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:23:30 PM** by [ansel12](#) (Romney (guns)"instruments of destruction with the sole purpose of hunting down and killing people")

To: **Chickensoup**

A good one. Those tall swings could make your stomach curl. Get up so high it stalls and jerks you back to the seat as it falls straight down. That's when common sense kicks in and you stop.

[40](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:23:54 PM** by [eyedigress](#)

To: **HoosierHawk**

Actually, in 1909, the US National debt was: \$2,639,546,241.04 (mostly left over from fighting the Civil War)

By 1920 (after WWI), it was: \$26 Billion

In 1950 (after WWII), it was: \$260 billion (95% of GDP!!!)

Let's face it, we like to fight wars. *Good* wars, too (you're not against WWII are you?) =)

We've basically been in a constant military build-up for the better part of the last 100 years.

Oh, we also decided that it wasn't cool to have a significant fraction of old people out begging on the street or dying of relatively minor ailments.

Now that's what happened to your money, but what about your "freedom"? Well, blame the war on drugs for significantly eroding nearly all of your civil rights. Blame our obsession with "the evil communists" for giving the gov't the ability to spy and track whoever the heck they want (after all, what are you trying to hide??).

The democrats aren't really worse than the republicans on this. How many republicans would give up the war on terror, the war on drugs, a military that costs more than the rest of the world combined? Yeah, not goin' anywhere anytime soon.

[41](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:23:54 PM** by [OH4life](#)

To: **Homer1**

8th Amendment — stronger than ever. Everything is upside down.

Good point -- anything less than gourmet meals, Mayo Clinic medical care and Beverly Hills grounds is considered a "rights violation" for murderers, rapist, thieves and thugs.

[42](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:24:56 PM** by [freedumb2003](#) (Communism comes to America: 1/20/2009. Keep your powder dry, folks.)

To: **Cboldt**

Oh, yes. I also had bottles of hydrochloric and nitric acid, among other chemistry supplies, that I used to test & identify minerals.

Somebody must have irrigated where I dove & rabbit hunted, and panned & sluiced for gold while in high school, because there is now large crop of houses ready for harvest.

[43](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:24:59 PM** by [ApplegateRanch](#) (The mob got President Barabbas; America got shafted)

To: **Chickensoup**

I used to live in Michigan, which was just close enough to Ohio where we would go on an annual June trip to go buy fireworks.

The whole neighborhood would come out and watch the fireworks show we would put on with rockets, tube launchers, Roman candles, firecrackers, and thousands of bottle rockets. No one called the police, even though it was 'illegal' in Michigan, the police never heard a thing from July 1st through July 5th or so.

I would save up lawn mowing money and go with my dad to go spend the money on fireworks, maybe \$100 or so. I've seen the prices in Nevada (only local county laws may apply). My \$100 wouldn't go very far these days.

Now I live in Connecticut...the (cough-choke-sputter) Constitution state. Where nothing other than sparklers and 'fountains' are legal.

I miss my fireworks.

[44](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:25:31 PM** by [Eric](#) (Palin/Jindal 2012)

To: **Fester Chugabrew**

We didn't have that but "smear the queer" was quite popular.

[45](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:26:48 PM** by [eyedigress](#)

To: **Chickensoup**

I recall the now banned book "Little Black Sambo.

Then there was the movie "Song of the South" with dear Uncle Remus that has been forbidden to be shown because it "offends". What kid, White or Black didn't love Uncle Remus?

Movies, books, cartoons that can't be shown because they are politically incorrect. Even some scenes from Green Pastures and Shirley Temple movies are considered "offensive".

[46](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:29:13 PM** by [spectre](#) (Spectre's wife)

To: **Eric**

We get a couple hundred bucks worth every year. We are into the tube fireworks which resemble an older city presentation. Very powerful stuff.

[47](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:30:20 PM** by [eyedigress](#)

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To: **OH4life**

Excellent response. It seems most are agreeable to taking rights, until the taking “gets out of hand”. Until people realize that it will ALWAYS get out of hand, we will continue to lose our liberties.

[49](#) posted on **Wednesday, April 01, 2009 10:32:02 PM** by [budda1954](#)

http://www.nyclu.org/pdfs/eroding_liberty.pdf

RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WE HAVE NEEDLESSLY LOST IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Through the enactment of the USA PATRIOT Act and subsequent executive directives and regulations, essential rights and freedoms that were once guaranteed to all individuals have been substantially degraded. **Many Americans still do not realize the significance of what we have lost.** The resulting expansion of government powers, and the erosion of 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and 14th Amendment rights and freedoms have transformed the United States.

1st AMENDMENT - FREEDOM OF SPEECH

- The Patriot Act broadly expands the official definition of terrorism, so that many domestic groups that engage in nonviolent civil disobedience could very well find themselves labeled as terrorists.
- The Government may now prosecute librarians or keepers of any other records [if they reveal that the government requested information on their clients or members](#) in the course of an investigation. It has become a crime for these individuals to try to safeguard your privacy or to tell you that you are under investigation.

1st AMENDMENT - FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

- Government agents may now monitor the First Amendment protected activities of religious and political institutions, and then infiltrate these groups with no suspicion of criminal activity. This is a return to domestic spying on law-abiding religious and political groups.
- You may now be the subject of a government investigation simply because of the political, activist, or advocacy groups you are involved in, or the statements you make within these groups.

1st AMENDMENT - RIGHT TO ACCESS GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

- A U.S. Department of Justice directive actively encourages federal, state, and local officials to resist and/or limit access to government records through Freedom of Information Act

RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WE'VE LOST SINCE 9-11

4th AMENDMENT FREEDOM FROM UNREASONABLE SEARCHES & SEIZURES

- Law Enforcement authorities may now conduct secret searches and wiretaps in your home or office without showing “probable cause.” They need only to claim that intelligence gathering is “a significant purpose” of their intrusion, even when the primary goal is ordinary law enforcement. They may also monitor where and to whom you send and receive e-mail, or where you go on the Internet, recording every e-mail address and website you have been in contact with.
- Law Enforcement may now demand any personal records held by any source including your doctor, employer, accountant, or library. All they have to do is claim that it is related to an investigation into “terrorism.” The record keepers may not reveal that your records were provided to the government.
- Judicial oversight of secret searches has been effectively minimized. The Patriot Act directs judges to consent to secret searches based only on the Government’s assertion that a “significant” purpose of an investigation is gathering information related to “terrorism,” as the government defines it.

5th AMENDMENT RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS & FREEDOM FROM BEING HELD WITHOUT CHARGE

- Americans can now be jailed without a formal charge & without the right to confront the witnesses or evidence against them. American citizens are now being held in military jails without charge and without a clear path of appeal for their indefinite confinement.
- Hundreds of Arab, Muslim and South Asian men were rounded up in the Ashcroft raids following September 11, and held for weeks without charges until all were cleared of terrorism charges

6th AMENDMENT RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION

- Hundreds of U.S. residents have been detained for months at a time, and denied access to the advice and advocacy of an attorney. The Government may now monitor conversations between attorneys & clients in federal jails.
- The Bush Administration filed papers in court that arguing that an American citizen held in a military jail without charge should be denied access to legal counsel because such access would interfere with the process of his interrogation.

6th AMENDMENT RIGHT TO A SPEEDY AND PUBLIC TRIAL

- The U.S. Government may now jail its residents and citizens indefinitely without charge & without a public trial.

8th AMENDMENT FREEDOM FROM CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS

- The U.S. Government has taken into custody individuals they identify as “material witnesses,” transported them across the country, and held them for months in solitary confinement without charge or contact with their family.
- According to the Justice Department’s own Inspector General, immigrant men rounded up in the Ashcroft raids following September 11 and held in the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, NY were subjected to a pattern of “physical and verbal abuse.”

14th AMENDMENT RIGHT TO EQUAL PROTECTION

- Over 82,000 men from Arab, Muslim and South Asian countries registered with the Government under the Special Registration program. Over 13,000 are now in deportation proceedings. None have been charged with terrorism.

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www.nybordc.org • www.nyclu.org.

<http://usahitman.com/freedoms-lost/>

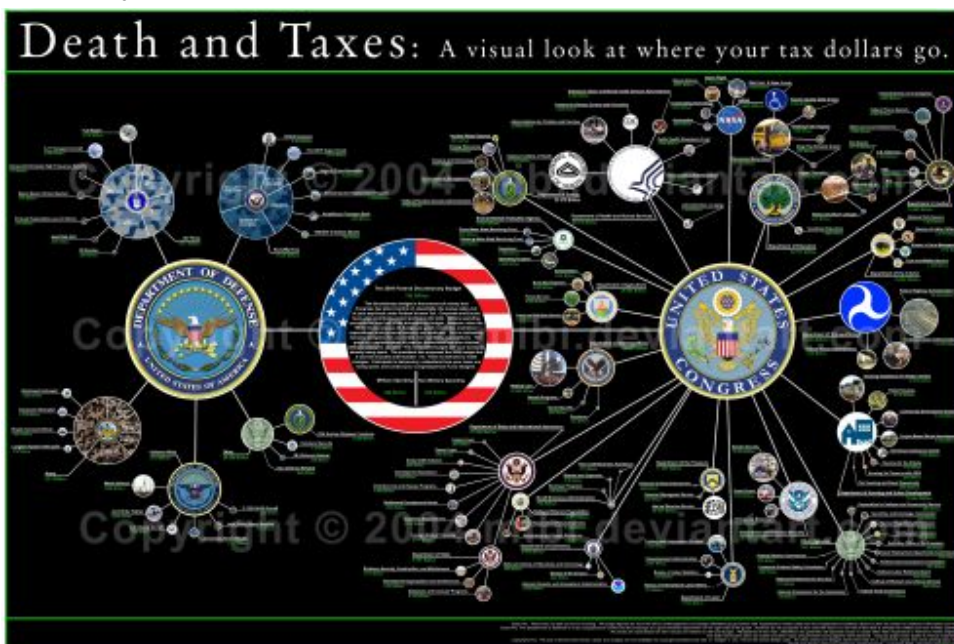
What Freedoms Have We Lost ?

Our government has taken away more freedoms than anyone could count.. Everyday we lose a a little bit of freedom and the list is so large it's frightening... Below I'm going to include some things that I noticed over the years!

Well first off; The only way you have complete freedom is when you are a sovereign citizen. Soon as you get your birth certificate you 'waive your rights' and be become a part of the US Corporation...

You don't own property in the U.S.; you are only renting from the government... If you don't pay your taxes the government takes away your house!

Now when you sell a car; no matter how many times, everyone has to pay the same taxes.. Eventually the taxes will exceed the value of the car!



You may want to expand this - click on it then click and drag one of the corners.

You need permits to do anything on your OWN land.... Now if you were the true owner; you could do what ever you please! Some towns have a land board which approves all structures, fences, poles and everything else which is 'added on'.

Now they have 'code officers' which enforce laws against you and your property. If you don't cut your grass they fine you, if you have things laying out in your yard (equipment, old cars, or whatever someone wants to complain about) or if you don't keep up with household standards! It's crazy but meanwhile schools, roads and everything is falling apart around us....

You use to be able to collect rainwater to feed to the animals or your garden but that's now illegal according to our government!

They are claiming that someone owns the rainwater... Forget about saving water and the planet! I'm sure that water is contaminated with all types of chemicals from the Chemtrails that are sprayed daily!

Going 'green' is great but it's hard when the government claims that animal droppings and compost is a hazardous material. Now all of that stuff has to be hauled to a 'control center' for cleaning but instead we have to use chemically produced fertilizer which is toxic and is used by terrorists... It's just like recently the EPA raised the levels for safe radiation exposure. Now they did it right in time for the disaster in Japan..

Now the medical field is crazy; they want to implant a tiny microchip in your body to identify you with your unique information. This would include your SSN, Medical Information, and anything that will link you to the government system.. Just wait till Obama-Care becomes reality you will have serious problems with people getting help, way more than now.. Hospital visits would become much more expensive but the pay of these positions would drop considerably.. We are already in tons of debt what makes you think that this program won't use any money?! If it doesn't help anyone and make people pay lots of money for crappy care.. And kill people that are sick?



You use to be able to have your own 'fresh eggs' and trade milk with your neighbors or at farmer markets. Now owning a chicken is illegal in many states and forget about sells or receiving milk for 'private parties' lots of paperwork, inspections And forget about non-pasteurized milk! They recently charged a group of Amish farmers with felonies for selling this 'pure milk' but what's the big deal?!

Everything has to be registered with the government even that old beat up pickup truck that never leaves the farm...Everything has to be insured these days but they never fix anything when something really happens!

Now can you tear down trees within your yard? What about planting trees and a family garden? Well the government wants you to have GMO's and toxic chemicals and be subject to a food crisis when it happens! In most towns you need a permit from the county to remove a tree and most towns only have designated sections for planting of new 'approved' plants.. Now in certain districts in towns such as Historical sites; the town decides that color of your house and remodels might not be approved in those areas! How can our local and federal government dictate what we can't and can do!!! Just replacing a light bulb needs a licensed electrician because you could be cited for a unlawful work contract.



Forget about selling cookies or Lemonaid which everyone use to do as kids.. Now you have to get a permit to sell anything or be subject to fines by an officer.. How is a little kid going to get all this documentation? Forget about the cleasyness of restaurants who knows how good they check them.. You ever watch that show Kitchen Nightmares with Gordon Ramsey?

Are you working for some dick-head boss? Are you bad mouthing him because a bad day at work? Well you could be charged with a conspiracy to commit a crime which means you are getting arrested because you 'might' do something...How is that a crime?! They twisted the meaning of the word 'terrorist' to pretty much anyone who doesn't agree with the government or anyone who wants the truth..

Our Military and Police force are not acting like they should! They should be helping us but, they are putting us in prison, giving us tickets and not catching the bad-guys! Did you know

that America has the most people in prison and they are owned by a private corporation. The more people in jail, the more money you make! Our rights are no longer due to the patriot act and every other unconstitutional law that has been passed by our corrupt government. Where does it stop!? We are not their servants, they are our public slaves...



Big brother is watching! Either through your phone calls, emails, and other communications through ECHELON.. They are tracking people by their cars, cell phones or anything else... They don't need any warrants anymore! Come into your home, search your car, fly drones over your house and spy on you with no evidence that links you to any organization or crime.. The TSA is out of control especially with the Body Scanners.. soon they will be at all malls, sporting games, on the road? And on the train-tracks.. Now you need an ID to ship items, buy tickets, enter event and even to ride the bus? What law does it state where it's a requirement to have a form of identification? Is that the new sign of the 'smart ID' which has a RFID tag inside of it..

Do movies predict our reality or the future? Today is much worse than 1984, because no matter where you are the government will find you in today's society! I wrote a post about this called TV and Movies Predict The Future. Our government has all of this planned out like a little game.. If it's too crazy too believe; it was planned to be that way. To create much chaos as possible because once everyone becomes scared, it's much easier to gain control over a large amount of people.. A false flag event would be great to use the FEMA camps against vulnerable citizens thinking that the government will help them! People need to realize that this world is not getting any better; no one cares about you besides your family.. So spend much

time as possible with loved ones, life is too short to be scared you just have to be strong and join the resistance.. Remember a well informed society is key to bringing down a corrupt government! “The greatest slave is one who believes, he is free...”

<http://www.ronpaulforums.com/showthread.php?257002-What-Freedoms-Have-we-Lost-Under-Obama>

What Freedoms Have we Lost Under Obama?

Surely there's more than 3!

Let's compile a list of the freedoms we've lost under Obama. I'll add your ideas to this list as y'all think of stuff.

Here's our list so far:

- The health care mandate
- New [TSA procedures](#) implemented
- [Obama claims power to assassinate American citizens](#)
- [Violation of Email privacy without Warrant](#)
- [Your driveway not your property](#)
- No longer needing a trial to be executed?
Because of the whole assassination thing.
- Privacy in personal e-mail.

The legal dust-up, unsealed late Tuesday, concerns a 1986 law that already allows the government to obtain a suspect's e-mail from an ISP or web-mail provider without a probable-cause warrant, once it's been stored for 180 days or more. The government now contends it can get e-mail under 180-days old if that e-mail has been read by the owner, and the Constitution's Fourth Amendment protections don't apply.

Read More <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/201...#ixzz0wVimkcNY>

<http://lsdimension.wordpress.com/201...-mail-privacy/>

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2010/04/emailprivacy/>

incandescent light bulbs – the government now tells you what bulbs you will buy & use

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080326084752AAZ1WNS>

Following are examples of freedoms which President Bush and his fellow Republicans in Congress have already expunged (as reported by the Associated Press):

*FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION: Government may monitor religious and political institutions without suspecting criminal activity to assist terror investigations.

*FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: Government has closed once-public immigration hearings, has secretly detained hundreds of people without charges, and has encouraged bureaucrats to resist public records questions.

*FREEDOM OF SPEECH: Government may prosecute librarians or keepers of any other records if they tell anyone that the government subpoenaed information related to a terror investigation.

*RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Government may monitor federal prison jailhouse conversations between attorneys and clients, and deny lawyers to Americans accused of crimes.

*FREEDOM FROM UNREASONABLE SEARCHES: Government may search and seize Americans' papers and effects without probable cause to assist terror investigation.

*RIGHT TO A SPEEDY AND PUBLIC TRIAL: Government may jail Americans indefinitely without a trial.

*RIGHT TO LIBERTY: Americans may be jailed without being charged or being able to confront witnesses against them.

Source(s):

<http://www.newswithviews.com/baldwin/bal...>

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin,
Historical Review of Pennsylvania, 1759
US author, diplomat, inventor, physicist, politician, & printer (1706 - 1790)

Something called "Free Speech Zones" have appeared...

Some would say the NSA electronic surveillance program is unconstitutional.

Some Americans are probably feeling like their rights are being abused due to racial profiling of certain groups after 9/11.

The freedom to deport criminals

1. Habeas Corpus
2. Privacy
3. Speech and expression

These were on their way out the door since the 1st Bush and before, but we furthered them along with the following Orwellian legislation.

Source(s):

The Patriot Act
The Military Commissions Act
The Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism Act

How about the baseball player, a few years back, that was severely reprimanded because he said many

people don't feel safe in black neighborhoods or something like that?

In New York City, you can't eat food with trans-fat. This should be the choice of the consumer, not a government edict.

In Ohio and in Illinois you have to wear a seatbelt in a car but not a helmet on a motorcycle...does that make any sense

Lets start off with Clinton.

When he was in office, Clinton started a program call "Encephelon", which is basically "big brother". Essentially, they've been listening in on the phones and stuff for a lot longer than we thought.

I'll probably get shot for posting this, in fact.

In 2008 or 2009 we're getting rid of all state issued IDs. Instead, well have one universal ID, the USID. Without this, you cannot board a plane, train, bus, drive a car, buy beer or cigarettes, get a house, rent a house or apartment, basically anything you need an ID for.

However, if you are here ILLEGALLY, they can't ask you for it.

Also, there's talk about implementing RFID chips, which you can freely read about on the internet and in books, which are little security devices implanted into the arm. Some larger companies already use them for security purposes, which electronic door locks and such. Well, the FDA has already approved them as safe, and there's talk that they may be a requirement in order to get your USID.

Try to tell me they won't have some kind of GPS in them?

Also, their digitizing money sometime soon, and you'll just need that RFID chip to pay. Why? because we have no more gold in the Federal Reserve, because its a privately owned bank, NOT a federal institution.

I do think we are losing them incrementally - private property is the first thing that comes to mind. Freedom of speech, under the guise of campaign finance reform, is another example. Now that I think about it, you could add the right to bear arms.

My point is that we have not lost these freedoms completely, but we have lost them by degrees. Our freedom of speech is less than it once was.

<http://dancirucci.blogspot.com/2011/12/what-freedoms-have-we-lost-under-obama.html>

Thursday, December 1, 2011

[What Freedoms Have We Lost Under Obama?](#)

People have been asking me and other conservatives: "What freedoms have we lost under Obama? *What* freedoms?"

They ask this question as if they simply don't understand that we always lose freedom whenever the government grows larger and whenever it impacts more aspects of our lives. That's simply a given.

You don't have to read Milton Friedman to know that capitalism is based on *economic* freedom -- a job, a home, a business -- all tied to the opportunity to succeed.

And Obama has delivered a shrunken economy with bigger government and tighter controls. Anyway, consider now that more than half of the nation's fourth graders get their lunches from the federal school lunch program. These lunches are either free or heavily subsidized. When Obama provides the very food you need to survive, he has more control over your life and you have less freedom.

When 15 percent of all Americans now rely on food stamps to feed their families (and that number is growing as well) that's more freedom that has been lost and more control exerted by the federal government.

When a record number of Americans are out of work and have to rely on an unemployment compensation check (and hope and pray that their unemployment benefits will be extended) they are more dependent on Big brother and less free.

Programs such as these have grown all our of proportion. And the federal bureaucracy keep getting bigger and bigger.

And let's look at Obamacare. This massive new federal program will rob us of at least five additional freedoms: 1) The freedom to choose what's in your own health plan because the federal government will effectively impose a list of benefits; 2) The freedom to be rewarded for healthy living, or pay your real costs because community rating will now take effect; 3) The freedom to choose high-deductible coverage because Obamacare threatens to eliminate the trend toward consumer-driven care; 4) The freedom to keep your existing plan because (despite everything the White House has said) even your "existing" plan will not be the same (indeed, will never again be the same) once the federal government begins imposing regulations and mandates and competition will be stifled as well and, finally 5) The freedom to choose your own doctors because Obamacare means that most Americans may have to access health care through "exchanges" where your primary care doctor and/or other gatekeepers will be able to decide when and if you need to see another doctor (cardiologist, oncologist, etc.) and who that doctor will be.

Indeed, you will no longer have to freedom to *not* have any health care plan at all because Obamacare will mandate your purchase of same (that's at the crux of the current Supreme

Court challenge).

Plus, Obamacare will impose enormous new taxes on everyone and every time your taxes go up, you have less freedom. In fact, larger government almost always means more taxes. Your own hard-earned money gives you access to the things you need and want in life. When the government takes more from you (and you keep less) you have less money and less freedom - less access to life's needs and rewards.

As has been pointed out at [Free Republic](#): "The impact of Obama's restructuring of our economy and consumer demand has already resulted in a grave loss of the independent decision-making that has marked our robust economy for centuries." Government regulation stifles freedom, limiting options and opportunities.

Furthermore, as the national debt has grown under Obama (grown during his term so far to the point where it exceeds that of all the other presidents combined) the burden of this debt is stealing our children's and grandchildren's future.

But don't take my word for it. Listen to the people: A recent poll shows that nearly half of all Americans now believe there has been a decrease in freedom under Obama. In fact, nearly 40% of all Americans feel there has been a BIG decrease in personal freedom.

A government that's big enough to promise to give you everything you think you want is also powerful enough to also take away everything you really need. And what you *really* need is the freedom to decide for yourself how to live your life and what to do with your hard-earned money.

So, next time some liberal presses you for an answer to the question "WHAT freedoms have we lost?" you now have an answer.

Voila!

<http://moreintelligentlife.com/story/freedoms-lost-and-gained>

FREEDOM LOST:

We are beset by rulebooks toted by lawyers and petty bureaucrats, who worship the letter of the law and have lost the spirit of compassionate discretion. Most familiar in the infamous and despised "Health and Safety", it goes further and deeper. Time after time, we encounter horror stories of petty--and not so petty--injustices, which could so easily have been sorted out if only officials were granted the discretion to take decisions based on the spirit of goodwill and fairness, rather than on books of rules drawn up by lawyers trained to an exaggerated degree of suspicion. We hand responsibility over to the rulebook instead of shouldering it ourselves. Doctors and nurses, teachers and professors, policemen and social workers spend their days filling in forms, which take them away from their valuable jobs. They are cowed, intimidated,

lawyer-driven to cover their backs. Employers are terrified of being sued for "constructive dismissal". Teachers are terrified of showing affection or even compassion for their pupils. Travelers are terrified of making jokes to immigration officials. Rulebooks rule, and human kindness, discretion and fair play are running scared.

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20100810064909AAWM1K3>

We are still the freest nation in the world, but when you hear of a group of people you may or may not agree with getting slammed, and verbally abused by these special interest groups who apparently own our politicians and the people are silenced because of whatever seed has been planted against that targeted group of citizens (example: smokers/non-smokers: fat/skinny) and you say nothing to protect their FREEDOM to CHOSE, are you helping or harming the freedoms of other groups?

I just came back from Oceanside California. The city of signs. Every five feet there are signs telling you what you can't do. 4th of July celebrations were cancelled there this year. You can't ride a bike off the designated paths, you can't run, you can't smoke, you can't assemble, you cant' make any noise, you can't walk your dog, you can't carry any method of self defense other than your bare hands and even they must be used with restraint, you can't park, you can't make a left, there is no boating allowed in Oceanside's navigable harbor, alcohol is prohibited on all City beaches, jetties, the pier, and all parking lots, you can't drink,

There is nothing free about this place.

A business owner cannot serve only those he wants to serve.

He cannot allow smoking in his place of business, which is LEGAL, even if ALL his customers want him to (and decide to not do business with him as a result).

Freedom is not free, there is a cost. Most Americans remain willing to pay that cost, even though most liberals don't care and instead take advantage of our generosity.

A club cannot be formed for any specific "type" of members (white, female, male, businessmen, golfers etc) EXCEPT its OK for Blacks.

You cannot have any type of organization for WHITES only (its OK for Black, Yellow, Red, Brown etc).

You cannot discipline your children.

You cannot leave your children unattended even for a short amount of time.

The penalties here can be as bad as: you LOSE your children!

If you leave your DOG in the car you can go to PRISON.

<http://www.creators.com/opinion/judge-napolitano/how-much-economic-freedom-do-we-have-in-the-united-states.html>

How Much Economic Freedom Do We Have in the United States?

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The root of economic freedom is the recognition of the right to own private property. That includes the right to utilize it unmolested, to dispose of it without anyone's permission and to exclude anyone from it, even the government. Suffice it to say, no American president since the advent of the income tax and the Federal Reserve 100 years ago has fully accepted or meaningfully defended that right. The more the government extracts in [taxes](#) and the more it inflates the money supply, the more it rejects and assaults property rights.

Every president in the 20th century, even Ronald Reagan, signed legislation raising income taxes. The theory behind the income tax is that the government's need for cash is so great, it can just take it from your employer after you earn it but before your employer pays you — before you even see the cash — and use it as it sees fit. This presumes that the federal government has a greater right to your income than you do. There really can be no rationale for income taxes without that belief.

Do you know anyone outside the government who believes this?

If you believe you have the natural right to own your property and to trade and spend your [money](#) as you see fit, then there is only one Republican presidential candidate who agrees with you. That candidate, when asked last week in South Carolina what the rate of income taxes should be, replied: ZERO. One needs to laugh at Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich as they pitifully attempt to defend natural rights and the right to pursue happiness, when they have no respect for the right to own private property.

The absence of economic freedom today is nothing new and didn't come about overnight. It is the culmination of the Progressive Era, which gave us the Federal Reserve and the income tax; the New Deal, which gave us the beginning of entitlements; the Great Society, which enhanced the numbers of people who received entitlements; Ronald Reagan, who bashed entitlements during the six years he was running for president but did nothing to dismantle them; and every president from Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush, all of whom just accepted the welfare and warfare state as if the Constitution didn't exist.

Today, we have President Obama, committed to private ownership but government control of the means of production, who wants to enhance the welfare and warfare state by having socialized medicine and perpetual war at the same time.

The essence of the governmental assaults on freedom is presidentially proposed, congressionally engineered and judicially accepted redistribution of wealth via the central planning of the economy. And the consequence of all this is the present lamentable state of affairs where half the country is financially dependent on the other half. When this state of affairs was reached in Ayn Rand's great novel "Atlas Shrugged," she had the productive half stop working just to see what the government would do. It wasn't pretty.

Obama's beloved Dodd-Frank law is the latest act of government theft of freedom in the name of economic equality. It brings us one step closer to total government control of the means of producing wealth. With its unaccountable bureaucracy, Federal Reserve-generated [funding](#), and standardless and appeal-proof rulemaking, it reposes into the hands of an unconfirmed-by-the-Senate nanny stater the power to monitor and to regulate virtually all economic activity in the U.S.

Do you know anyone outside the government who wants this?

There is not a single example in human history of central economic planning producing more prosperity than a free market. The framers understood that. That's why they wrote a Constitution that prohibited an income tax, forbade the states from interfering with contracts, and prevented the feds from taking life, [liberty](#) or property without due process. All those constitutional prohibitions have been nullified by amendment or disregarded by consensus.

Do you know anyone inside the government who admits this?

The need for a game changer in the White [House](#), who will commit the government to the defense of private property and free enterprise, is obvious. There is only one on the ballot in South Carolina, and he's creeping up in the polls just like he did in the days before Iowa and New Hampshire. You know who he is.

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He was FIRED from Fox news because he dared to speak THE TRUTH about the ILLEGAL, IMMORAL & UNCONSTITUTIONAL things going on in our government and in the White House. (If you didn't know it – Fox News is majority controlled the by the Saudi Arabian Government. It allows its “newscasters” to say a bit more than the Left-wing channels do but they don't allow ANYTHING relative to the LURID past of Obama.)

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We Can't Even Drink Unpasteurized Milk?

Every person on the face of the Earth drank unpasteurized milk up until not long ago. It is still prized and desired by BILLIONS of people.

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Date: 05/16/2011

The Milk Police

by [*Ron Paul*](#)

On April 20th, after a year-long undercover sting operation, armed federal agents acting on behalf of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) raided the business of Pennsylvanian Amish farmer Dan Allgyer to prevent him from selling his unpasteurized milk to willing, fully-informed customers in Maryland. Federal agents wasted a whole year and who knows how many of our tax dollars posing as customers in order to catch Allgyer committing the “crime” of selling his milk. He was not tricking people into buying it, he was not forcing people to purchase it, and there had been no complaints about his product. These were completely voluntary transactions, but ones that our nanny-state federal government did not approve of, and so they shut down his business. The arrogance of the FDA and so many other federal agencies is simply appalling. These types of police state raids on peaceful businessmen, so reminiscent of our tyrannical federal drug war, have no place in a free society.

The FDA claims its regulatory powers over food safety give it the authority to ban the interstate sales of raw milk, but this is an unconstitutional misapplication of the commerce clause for legislative ends. As we have seen, if the executive branch feels hamstrung by the fact that our framers placed lawmaking authority in the Legislative Branch, they simply make their own laws

and call them “regulations.” We all know how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses such bogus regulation authority to harass, hinder, and shut down countless other legitimate businesses. Sadly, Congress has been far too lax for far too long as the executive branch continues to encroach on its areas of responsibility and thereby undermines our system of government.

Most Americans understand that if you don’t want to drink unpasteurized milk you simply do not buy it. But the federal government solution is pre-dawn raids which destroy the livelihoods of honest, hardworking families in this time of continued economic hardship.

I am outraged by this raid and the many others like it, and that is why last week I introduced HR 1830, a bill to allow the shipment and distribution of unpasteurized milk and milk products for human consumption across state lines. This legislation removes the unconstitutional restraint on farmers who wish to sell or otherwise distribute, and people who wish to consume, unpasteurized milk and milk products.

Many Americans have done their own research and come to the conclusion that unpasteurized milk is healthier than pasteurized milk. These Americans have the right to consume these products without having the federal government second-guess their judgment or thwart their wishes. If there are legitimate concerns about the safety of unpasteurized milk, those concerns should be addressed at the state and local level.

I am hoping my colleagues in the House will join me in promoting individual rights, the original intent of the Constitution, and federalism by cosponsoring this legislation to allow the interstate shipment of unpasteurized milk and milk products for human consumption.

If we are not even free anymore to decide something as basic as what we wish to eat or drink, how much freedom do we really have left?

There is a time honored tradition in this country of falsifying science. “Science for hire” I call it. I am not a scientist. I am a practitioner of common sense.

I remember when asbestos was not harmful.

I remember dentists on t.v. telling me what cigarettes to smoke.

I hear dentists today warning me of the dangers of flouride, which was a godsend 30-40 years ago.

I hear a debate going on today about vaccinations.

Common sense tells me that I will listen to the thousands of mothers that claim their child was fine until the vaccines.

Common sense tells me not to listen to the pharm company whose sole job in the world is to make money for the share holders.

I will apply this same logic to the milk debate.

I would first have to say that this is more about freedom, or the lack thereof, than milk.

This is a special product, because it would be nearly impossible for big business to control it. So they will use an arm of the gov. that should be there to protect the people. Instead it protects corporate interest.

Raw milk contains a chemical that is essential to the pineal gland. If you research this you will see this is why raw milk is not allowed.

Regarding the raw milk issue, as someone else stated, it is not about the product; it is about our freedom to eat and have access to whatever food we consider healthy. The FDA says we do not have the right to feed our children the way we want; the FDA wants to control what we feed our families. I do not want the government in my kitchen! And I do drink organic grassfed raw milk that I get from a farmer I know and trust. After studying the pros and cons of milk, I will NEVER again drink pasteurized, homogenized milk. It is full of things you would not want to know the names of. Sure, they are dead, but do you really want to consume LOTS of dead bacteria? I don't, and thanks to God, Ron Paul doesn't want me to either. I hope he wins! The drug companies (in league with the FDA) want us to drink cooked milk full of cooked manure because it makes us sicker and then we buy more of their drugs, and make them rich! Go, Ron Paul!

he also wrote a [book](#) a highly recommend in 2007 called the raw truth about milk:

http://www.amazon.com/Raw-Truth-About-Milk/dp/9962636736/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1306103098&sr=8-1

“Louis Pasteur invented pasteurization in the 1860's at a time when food production and storage were not nearly as sanitized as they are today.”

“Food (whether un-pasteurized or not) produced and stored in unsanitary conditions is what actually causes disease.”

“Unfortunately, the high temperatures of the pasteurization process:

- * Do not kill ALL harmful micro-organisms
- * Destroy active enzymes in food
- * Diminish the vitamin content of food
- * Denature fragile milk proteins
- * Kill beneficial bacteria

‘Pasteurization actually “kills” food and makes it less nutritious.’”

“The Weston A. Price Foundation which continues the work of weston price who was the head of the american dental association until his death in 1948. He wrote a book called nutrition and physical degeneration in 1939 after 9 years of studying the diets of isolated tribes in 25 different countries and discovering that the ones that had raw milk and cod liver oil and no processed, pasteurized foods, sugar or white flour had a high immunity to tuberculosis, perfect dental arches no tooth decay, and no degeneration has even linked pasteurized milk to health problems including allergies, increased tooth decay, colic in infants, growth problems in children, osteoporosis, arthritis, heart disease and cancer!”

Dead Food v. Living Food

Following is not directly related to Freedoms Lost but it IS indirectly relevant – and FUNNY.

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

But too bad we didn't do the green thing back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail,

we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it,
not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then,
we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn.
We used a push mower that ran on human power.
We exercised by working so we didn't need to
go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup
or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled
writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the
razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just
because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their
bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour
taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire
bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a
computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites
23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old
folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

Please forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a
lesson in conservation from a smartass young person...

We don't like being old in the first place,
so it doesn't take much to tick us off.

--

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