

All in the name of security

*They that can give up essential liberty
to obtain a little temporary safety
deserve neither liberty nor safety.*
–Benjamin Franklin.

What Benjamin Franklin said over two centuries ago has never had as much import as it had during the Revolutionary War.

That is until now.

Franklin's quote was directed to those who were willing to accept the specious assurances of protection from an increasingly oppressive government.

So what's changed?

Most of you know something is very wrong in the United States. And, unfortunately, too many of you want to ignore it, as if by doing so you can somehow outdistance whatever it is that is closing in on you with the hope that you'll depart this Earth before it all becomes unhinged.

But what about your children? And their children? What legacy are you leaving them?

This is not a Republican or Democrat issue. It's all about the nature of government and its relationship to the governed.

As I have written before, the era of representative government is finished. It has become corrupted beyond repair.

Who and what runs this nation and other nations around the world have used their unfathomable wealth to first influence then buy politicians.

Have you ever asked yourself what was the deal with lobbyists and public action committees? Why was it okay for them to pay politicians to get them behind their business interests? Was this provided for in the Constitution? Why was this never called what is: bribery.

But, somehow, there is no bribery in the District of Criminals. And, obviously, this is not the only time it has been demonstrated that those who preside in D.C. play by a different set of rules than we do.

Now that our government has fully become the tool of the real power brokers—those who do business in Manhattan and Chicago and the City of London, who call themselves citizens of no government but who are, in fact, a government unto themselves, one that desires to run the world—now these creatures are coming for your freedom.

This is why we have terrorism; violent, murderous terrorism.

This is the last phase in the preparation stages for world government.

Undoubtedly there are terrorist cells among radical Islam, but they have been agitated and funded by the West.

These groups include Afghanistan's Mujahadeen and the amorphous Al Qaida.

Other groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas were bred on the nihilistic and vengeful philosophies of these earlier militant organizations.

For what purpose would the West—especially the U.S.—furtively support these groups?

To create a pretense for our expanding occupation of Middle Eastern states and for the steady erosion of liberties at home.

Terrorism is the perfect justification for whatever the government wants to do, no matter how intrusive, invasive, or blatantly unconstitutional.

All the despotic machinations, we are told, are designed to keep us safe, and that apparently makes it okay in our book.

Recall what John Lord O'Brian, a one-time cog in the Republican party, warned of in a speech he gave at Harvard in 1955:

“It is an understatement to emphasize that one of the principal influences which threaten the every existence of democracy is the all-pervasive craving for security at any price.”

Back then it was the Communists who were used to scare Americans into acceptance of the Internal Security Act, a piece of legislation broader and more heinous than the Patriot Act and which, thankfully, was never used before it was finally put to death in 1971.

Just as it is today with Islamic terrorists, there were then, without doubt, many real Communists both inside our country and without who wished to see our nation and all others replace their constitutions with the Communist Manifesto.

O'Brian further stated: “It is only fair to say, however, that what now appears to have been ineptness on the part of our public officials as well as our citizenry was, of course, chiefly owing to the secret and novel methods by which Soviet propaganda had been exploited with the greatest skill. It was a type of warfare with which our people had never been confronted.”

But what were we really being protected from? An ideology? Words?

Were not Americans able to discern for themselves—after participating in the open forum free speech allows—that Communism was not preferable?

Why did the government do our thinking for us?

Oh, it wanted to protect us, that's right.

Now we have witnessed the replacement of the Communist bogeymen with the radical Islamic bogeymen.

Now the terror has been ramped up from the menacing ideologies of the fifties to the cold-blooded murder committed in the nineties in Waco and Oklahoma City, and in the new millennium in New York, Washington, D.C., and southeastern Pennsylvania.

In every speech you hear our President telling us he's protecting us.

How?

By ensnaring potentially all innocent American citizens in the same big net that is supposedly cast only to scoop up the bad guys?

And, by the way, who let the bad guys in? And who couldn't find them when they overstayed their visas?

But, you see, the bad guys must remain among us so the government can justifiably monitor our phone calls, computer activity, bank accounts, library loans, make us take off our footwear or dump our bottled water, toiletries, nail polish, mascara before we board an airplane.

These intrusions are not about keeping us safe. They're about behavioral modification, about making us stick our necks into nooses that will be drawn tighter and tighter, while we smile and thank our protectors for choking us to death.

The brainiacs say that people who have nothing to hide have nothing to fear.

Oh, yeah, they do.

Because we were all guaranteed by the Bill of Rights that we have the right to hide ourselves from unwarranted invasions of our lives.

It's called privacy.

It's disappearing.

But it's okay because The State is taking care of us.