## Things to think about...

"I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

- James Madison, from his speech at the Virginia Convention, 1783

"They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety."

- Benjamin Franklin

"When the government fears the People, that is Liberty. When the People fear the Government, that is tyranny".

- Thomas Jefferson

"...the very inclusion of the right to keep and bear arms in the Bill of Rights shows that the framers of the Constitution considered it an individual right."

- District Court Judge Sam R. Cummings US v. Emerson, March 30, 1999

"Remember that a government big enough to give you everything you want is also big enough to take away everything you have."

- Colonel Davy Crockett

"One of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence."

- Charles Austin Beard (1874-1948)

"The color of truth is gray."

- Andre Gide

"The fiercest conflicts are those fought over issues for which there is no clear-cut decision either way."

- Bertrand Russell