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Dear Sam -

It's absurd to say that the Declaration has nothing to do with the US government, when the US government still claims the Declaration as one of the primary justifications of its "legitimacy." Both the government & the people of the US claim to follow the Declaration, the Constitution, & the Bill of Rights. All I'm saying is that they might try practicing what they preach once in a while, just for novelty's say, to break the boredom, if for no other reason.

The Bill of Rights says that people should have the right to bear arms, in order to protect themselves from tyranny (which coincides with the Declaration's statement that oppressed people have the right to revolution). People don't use guns for that purpose in the US today. In places like El Salvador & Guatemala, people were using guns for that purpose until recently. Then their revolutionary leaders made "peace" & joined the "democratic" government. Now gun violence in those countries is higher than it was during the revolutions - more people get killed in crimes than used to get killed in the revolutions. But of course deaths in criminal shootings in those countries still don't reach the percentages of here in the US, the violence capital of the world. Guns don't kill people; hopeless slavery does.

The problem with your logic is that it leads to anti-libertarian ends. Me, I'm an extreme social

liberal. I want a society where women are free to be as sexy, as tempting as they want to be. It's more fun. You want to repress women's sexuality, so that you won't be tempted. You sound a little like some deranged St Anthony in the desert, frankly. If you want a libertarian world, you have to accept modern ideas like: "temptation may not be an absolute evil," + "consenting adults." Apparently you can't act like an adult, + so you want to impose repressive medieval mores on women + their sexuality. Me, I think that's insane. That's just my opinion. But obviously it is medieval, + not libertarian. Like you say, with freedom comes responsibility. No self-control on the part of men, no women freely expressing their sexuality, no fun. Maybe that's what you want, but don't call it freedom or libertarianism.

Sincerely,

Elliot

*The claims of the US government are nonsense. The US government doesn't have anything at all to do with the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence doesn't justify the existence of the US government. It justifies the existence of politically independent American states. Again, I suggest that you read my article "[Are We Ready for Independence Day?](#)", in the June 1998 *Frontiersman*, and my essay "[In Search of the Supreme Flaw of the Land: Perpetual Union](#)", available upon request.*

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*I'm not trying to repress women's sexuality. I'm demanding that they accept responsibility for the consequences of their behavior, and recognize that men have just as much right to express their sexuality as women do. Remember, it was the women who advocated the stupid sexual equality idea, so now they can comply with their own stupid rhetoric. If women can freely express their sexuality by being sexually provocative, then men can freely express their sexuality by being sexually aggressive. If women don't like it, then they should complain to the feminists, not to the courts.*

*—editor*