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## Dare to Call it Tyranny

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Liberty follows from the operation of certain fundamental principles. When those principles are in operation, then liberty exists. When those principles are not in operation, then liberty doesn't exist. A few of the principles are mentioned in the schools, by name only, but the students are not given any actual information about them or any actual understanding of them. On the contrary, the students are told that such principles as are actually mentioned are the hallmark of America. The confusion that's created by such misinformation is an ingredient of the brainwashing that is the main achievement of the schools.<sup>1</sup>

Seekers of liberty are left to their own resources to discover and to understand the fundamental principles of liberty. Over the years, I've sought to identify and to understand those principles. I've discovered some of them. I don't claim to have discovered all of them but I've acquired an understanding of those that I've discovered. In this article, I've presented the principles of which I'm aware. After the statement of each such principle, I've provided some examples. My examples are not exhaustive. Many other examples exist.

A Principle: Cause of Action — There isn't a cause of action until some harm is done. A man cannot legitimately be prosecuted for something that he might do. Prosecution cannot legitimately be based on speculation. It legitimately can be based only on consequences.

Drunk Driving — A man cannot legitimately be prosecuted merely for driving drunk because driving drunk, in and of itself, is harmless. Harm is caused by wrecks, not by driving drunk. It isn't possible to prove that a man will ever cause a

wreck merely because of driving drunk. He might drive drunk for his entire life and never cause a wreck. Prosecution cannot legitimately be based merely on possibilities but only on actual consequences.

Conspiracies — A man cannot legitimately be prosecuted merely for planning to do something because, in and of itself, a plan is harmless. Harm is caused by actions, not by plans. It isn't possible to prove that a man will ever actually do something merely because he planned it. He might spend his entire life making plans and never actually cause any harm. Prosecution cannot legitimately be based on speculation but only on consequences.

A Principle: Obligation — There isn't any obligation under duress. If a man is compelled by force or by the threat of force to make an agreement that he didn't want to make, then the agreement isn't binding upon him. If a man is compelled by force or by the threat of force to do something that he didn't want to do, then he cannot be held responsible for any consequences of his action.

Child Support Payments — If a man is compelled by force or by the threat of force to agree to make child support payments, then he doesn't have any obligation to make the payments. He cannot legitimately be prosecuted for declining to make the payments.

Tax Returns — If a man is compelled by force or by the threat of force to file a tax return, then he doesn't have any obligation to file either a truthful return or a complete return. Indeed, he doesn't have any obligation to file any return at all.

A Principle: Presumption of Innocence — A man must be presumed innocent. He doesn't have to prove his innocence.

Paternity Accusations — A man accused of paternity who denies the accusation →

When the Government fears the people, there is liberty.  
When the people fear the Government, there is tyranny.  
— Thomas Jefferson

<sup>1</sup> *Enemies of Liberty*, February 2004 issue, page 1

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must be presumed to not be the father. He cannot legitimately be presumed to be the father. He must be presumed innocent.

Background Checks — A man suspected of some past behavior that disqualifies him from something, who denies the accusation, must be presumed to have not engaged in the behavior. He cannot legitimately be presumed to have engaged in the behavior. He must be presumed innocent.

A Principle: Burden of Proof — If someone believes that a man is guilty of something, then the accuser must prove it without the man's help. The accuser, not the accused, must bear the burden of proof. A man doesn't have to do anything or to say anything that might help the accuser to prove his guilt.

Traffic Violations — If a cop believes that a motorist is driving drunk, or without a driver's license, or without car insurance, or without vehicle registration, or in a stolen vehicle then the cop must prove the matter himself. The motorist doesn't have to provide any information that might help the cop to prove his guilt. The cop must bear the burden of proof. If the cop can't prove the accusation without the motorist's help, then he has to let the motorist go.

Lie Detector Testing — If someone believes that a man is lying, then the accuser must prove it without the man's help. The accuser, not the accused, must bear the burden of proof. A man doesn't have to take a lie detector test, or submit to any other lie detection technique, that might help the accuser to prove that he's lying. Any such accusation must be proven by the accuser, without the help or the cooperation of the accused man.

A Principle: Self Incrimination — A man doesn't have to provide information that might be used against him. His refusal to provide such information cannot be used against him.

DNA Testing — A man doesn't have to take a DNA test that might prove that he's the source of any particular blood, hair, sperm, etc. His refusal to take such a test cannot be used to allege that he is the source of the blood, hair, sperm, etc.

Drug Testing — A man doesn't have to take a drug test that might prove that he's using illegal drugs. His refusal to take such a

drug test cannot be used to allege that he's using illegal drugs.

A Principle: Silence — An accused man doesn't have to provide any information at all, whether or not the information might be used against him. That's what it means to remain silent. His refusal to provide information cannot be used against him.

DNA Testing — A DNA test reveals information. Therefore, a man doesn't have to submit to any DNA test at all, whether or not the test results might be used against him. His refusal to submit to such a test cannot be used against him.

Lie Detector Testing — A lie detector test reveals information. Therefore, a man doesn't have to submit to any lie detector test at all, whether or not the results of the test might be used against him. His refusal to submit to such a test cannot be used against him.

Drug Testing — A drug test reveals information. Therefore, a man doesn't have to submit to any drug test at all, whether or not the results of the test might be used against him. His refusal to submit to such a test cannot be used against him.

Background Checks — A background check reveals information. Therefore, a man doesn't have to submit to any background check at all, whether or not the results of the background check might be used against him. His refusal to submit to such a background check cannot be used against him.

Anyone who reads the examples can easily determine that the fundamental principles of liberty are not in operation in the USA.

- Action is often initiated against people who haven't caused any harm. The outrageous idea of crime prevention has become pervasive and has been used to excuse almost limitless intrusion and surveillance. Prosecutions for drunk driving are an obvious example.
- People are routinely compelled into agreements that they don't want to make. The so-called obligations that result are not legitimate obligations but they're enforced anyway, by any means that the government wants to use. Child support payments are a common example. →

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- There isn't any such thing as a presumption of innocence in the USA. On the contrary, in every instance of so-called modern life, men are presumed to be guilty of something in whatever situation is being contemplated. Background checks provide an example in which the government goes fishing for presumed violations.
- In every accusation, the accused bears a burden of proof. Allegations of child molestation, in which it is nearly impossible to prove innocence, are particularly notorious in that regard.
- Men are always forced to provide information that will be used against them. The outrageous requirement of DNA testing in paternity cases provides an example.
- No one is ever permitted to remain silent. Any method that the authorities desire will be used in order to induce a man to disclose information. Consider the debates, in recent years, of what does or doesn't constitute torture and whether or not it can be legitimately used. Plenty of testimony exists that torture is routinely used whether or not it's regarded as legitimate.

It has been a long time since the U.S. government feared the people, if it ever did. On the other hand, fear of the government by the people is pervasive. Thus the conditions described by Thomas Jefferson are satisfied. It's easy to arrive at the unavoidable conclusions. There isn't any liberty. There's a lot of tyranny.

Don't feel sorry for the police. Their job is supposed to be difficult. Otherwise, you're living in a police state. —Wednesday, August 28, 1974, *Milam's Notes*

### Comeuppance

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I don't usually watch the news but, on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, I was in a room where somebody else was doing so. While I was there, I saw a short video clip that showed a cop and some women in a scuffle. The cop hit one of the women with his fist. The woman who was presenting the news program seemed to believe that it was a big deal. Generally, I regard all cops as gestapo thugs. On the other hand, women have whined like dentist's drills for decades about the alleged injustice of double standards. They've forced their way into every possible male situation, demanding equal treatment. Equality was never their objective but it was always their excuse. So, I had mixed feelings about the incident. Should I condemn it as police brutality or as feminist arrogance? I thought about it for a while and perceived something good in the incident. That is, the incident gave me an opportunity to use against the feminists one of their most hackneyed clichés. It's annoying when they sneer and use it against men and now I get to use it against them. That's a good thing. Ready? Here it comes. "Things have changed! Get used to it!" Ain't equality a bitch? Nowadays, a woman can take a punch same as a man. Wooohooo!

As Lisa Simpson noted after the schoolyard bullies hung Bart by his shorts from a basketball hoop, "Ain't it strange how, sometimes, two wrongs do make a right?"

### Letter to the Editor

You wrote: "I learned at an early age to do as I was told. When I was told to go to school, I went to school. When I was told to get a driver's license, I got a driver's license. When I was told to get a Social Security number, I got a Social Security number. When I was told to register for the draft, I registered for the draft."

Yeah, but when you were told to shut up — you never did that! — :) :) :) :) I wonder how many similar emails you are going to get on that one. You got Facebook?

sad —Carolyn, of Sierra Vista, Arizona

### Question Everything: Fingerprints

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So far as I'm aware, the idea that no two fingerprints are identical is only a theory. It hasn't ever been proven. Indeed, the only way that it could be proven is by the comparison of every fingerprint in the world to every other fingerprint in the world with the result that no two of them are identical. Short of such a comparison, the idea is only an unproven theory, mere speculation. Even if such a comparison was made, it would become obsolete after the birth of the next child.

Since fingerprints cannot be proven to be unique, they cannot legitimately be used as proof of identity or as evidence to convict somebody of something. Don't unquestioningly believe the authorities. Don't accept authority as truth. Insist on truth as authority.

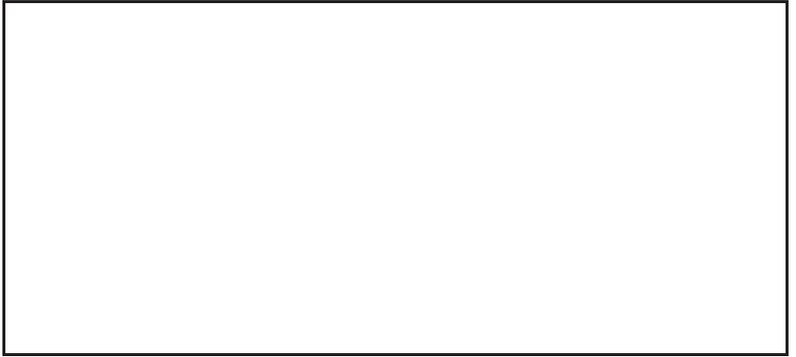
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Nation in Distress

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.  
—Voltaire (1764)



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Q: Were you present when your picture was taken? ∞

### Tough Language

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- I shed a tear when I saw the tear in my clothes.
- The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- The dump was so full that it had to refuse the refuse. ∞

### Puns

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- I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
- I used to be a lumberjack but I just couldn't hack it so they gave me the ax.
- If electricity comes from electrons, does that mean that morality comes from morons?
- A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
- Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.
- Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
- Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
- Banning the bra was a big flop. ∞

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