

True individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.
Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945) *Thirty-second President of the USA.*

The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object.
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) *Third president of the United States.*

Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.
Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968) *American black leader.*

The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.
John F. Kennedy (1917-1963) *Thirty-fifth President of the USA*

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.
George Washington (1732-1799) *First President of the USA.*

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.
Thomas Paine (1737-1809) *English intellectual.*

It is not good to be too free. It is not good to have everything one wants.
Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) *French mathematician, physicist and philosopher.*

In America the majority raises formidable barriers around the liberty of opinion; within these barriers an author may write what he pleases, but woe to him if he goes beyond them.
Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1889) *French social philosopher.*

He who is brave is free.
Lucius Annaeus Seneca (4 BC-65) *Roman philosopher and playwright.*

It is hard to free fools from the chains they revere.
Voltaire (1694-1778) *French writer and historian.*

The law will never make men free, it is men that have to make the law free.
Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) *American naturalist, poet and philosopher.*

So far as a person thinks; they are free.
Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) *U.S. poet, essayist and lecturer.*

Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err. It passes my comprehension how human beings, be they ever so experienced and able, can delight in depriving other human beings of that precious right.
Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) *Preeminent leader of Indian nationalism.*

Man is born free, yet he is everywhere in chains.
Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778) *Swiss political philosopher and essayist.*

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way. The third is freedom from want.... The fourth is freedom from fear.
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If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom: and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too.
W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965) *British novelist and playwright.*

Nothing is more disgusting than the crowing about liberty by slaves, as most men are, and the flippant mistaking for freedom of some paper preamble like a Declaration of Independence, or the statute right to vote, by those who have never dared to think or to act.
Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) *U.S. poet, essayist and lecturer.*

No man is free who is not a master of himself.
Epictetus (50-120) *Greek philosopher.*

Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us; to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.
Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) *Politician. President of the United States.*