Lincoln’s statement leads us to believe that our own free will can bring about our own destruction. We would like to offer insight on the following themes: the government sacrifices freedom and liberty to strengthen our security, and the government infringement on personal rights.

According, to the Electronic Communication Privacy Act of 1986, the Patriot Act dramatically reduced restrictions of law enforcement agencies. Wire tapings are restricted in some states by civilians unless the second party has consented. In 1995, DARPA, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency began using fall body scans using radiation. Airport search and seizures the concept of advanced imaging technology currently used, according to ABC news, in over 380 units in 68 airports.

Vietnam War serves as an example of government sacrificing the freedom and liberty of some for the security of others.

We need to find the balance between government rights. According to the second amendment, we have been allowed to bear arms, yet we are governed as to where and when to bear arms. The 4th Amendment states the right of people to be secure in their person against unreasonable search and seizure without probably cause, and the government is not able to walk into our homes and search our computers without a warrant.