

QUOTES FROM THE FOUNDING FATHERS

"If our nation is ever taken over, it will be taken over from within." --James Madison

"We need a revolution every 200 years, because all governments become stale and corrupt after 200 years." – Ben Franklin

"When a government betrays the people by amassing too much power and becoming tyrannical, the people have no choice but to exercise the original rights of self-defense – to fight the government." – Alexander Hamilton

"I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people except for a few public officials." George Mason

"The natural cure for an ill-administration, in a popular or representative constitution, is a change of men." – Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 21, 1787

"The ultimate authority resides in the people, and that if the federal government got too powerful and overstepped its authority, then the people would develop plans of resistance and resort to arms." – James Madison

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." – Thomas Jefferson

A people armed and free, forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition and is a bulwark for the nation against foreign invasion and domestic oppression. --James Madison

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing Government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it." – Abraham Lincoln

"To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them..." -- George Mason

"Now more than ever, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave, and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature." – James A. Garfield, (20th President).

"It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man who knows what the law is today can guess what it will be tomorrow." – James Madison

"The augmentation of slaves weakens the states; and such a trade is diabolical in itself, and disgraceful to mankind."-- George Mason

"The right to self-defense is the first law of nature" – St. George Tucker (U.S. District Judge of Virginia)

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." – Thomas Jefferson