

American Liberty

"A Jeffersonian democracy is predicated on the concept of a well-informed and active constituency. We have neither."

-Thomas Mitchell, Editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

"One of the sad signs of our times is that we have demonized those who produce, subsidized those who refuse to produce, and canonized those who complain."

- Columnist Thomas Sowell

"When you define liberty for someone else, it's no longer liberty. It's permission."

~R.L. Root

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the Public Treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the Public Treasury with a result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy always followed by dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence:

From Bondage to Spiritual Faith
From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage
From Courage to Liberty
From Liberty to Abundance
From Abundance to Selfishness
From Selfishness to Complacency
From Complacency to Apathy
From Apathy to Dependency
From Dependency back into Bondage"

- Alexander Tytler, 18th century Scottish historian, *Decline and Fall of the Athenian Republic*.

I agree to this Constitution with all its faults, if they are such; because I think a general government necessary for us, and there is no form of government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered, and believe farther that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and can only end in despotism, as other forms have done before it, when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other.

- **Benjamin Franklin**, on the closing day of the Federal Convention of 1787