

Thomas Hobbes: Without governments, there would be “war. . . of every man against every man.”

Thomas Hobbes: “It is not wisdom but Authority that makes a law.”

Voltaire: “I do not agree with a word you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.”

Voltaire: “It is better to risk saving a guilty man than to condemn an innocent one.”

Baron de Montesquieu: “Power should be a check to power.”

Baron de Montesquieu: “A nation may lose its liberties in a day and not miss them in a century.”

Jean Jacques Rousseau: “Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains.”

Mary Astell: “If absolute sovereignty be not necessary in a state, how comes it to be so in a family?. . . If all men are born free, how is it that all women are born slaves?”

John Locke: “For in all the states of created beings capable of law, where there is no law, there is no freedom.”

John Locke: “All mankind. . . being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty or possessions.”

Cesare Bonesana Beccaria: “Crimes are more effectually prevented by the certainty than the severity of punishment.”

Cesare Bonesana Beccaria: “Happy is the nation without a history.”

Mary Wollstonecraft: “Men and women must be educated, in a great degree, by the opinions and manners of the society they live in.”

Mary Wollstonecraft: No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks.”

Denis Diderot: “No man has received from nature the right to command his fellow human beings.”

Denis Diderot: “You have to make it happen.”