"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men..."

-John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton



"I would rather obey a fine lion, much stronger than myself, than two hundred rats of my own species."

-Voltaire

"The best government is that which governs least."

-Thomas Jefferson

"A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have."

-Gerald R. Ford

"As government expands, liberty contracts."

-Ronald Reagan

"On occasions of this sort it was, I must admit, very pleasurable to be a monarch: to be able to get important things done by smothering stupid opposition with a single authoritative word."

-Robert Graves, Claudius the God and His Wife Messalina

"In a democracy, there will be more complaints but less crisis, in a dictatorship more silence but much more suffering."

-Amit Kalantri, Wealth of Words

"Anywhere, anytime ordinary people are given the chance to choose, the choice is the same: freedom, not tyranny; democracy, not dictatorship; the rule of law, not the rule of the secret police."

-Tony Blair

"Democracy is the best revenge."

-Benazir Bhutto

"For as in absolute governments the King is law, so in free countries the law ought to be King; and there ought to be no other."

- Thomas Paine, Common Sense