

# RESOURCES ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IN THE ONLINE LIBRARY OF LIBERTY

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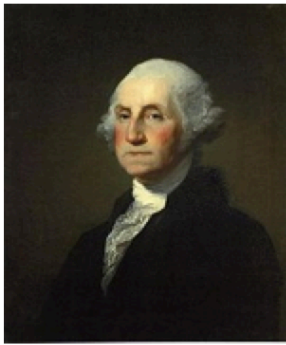
## I. General Resources on the American Revolution and the U.S. Constitution



## SUMMARY OF RESOURCES IN THE ONLINE LIBRARY OF LIBERTY

- School of Thought: The Founding Fathers of the U.S. Constitution <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/collection/36>>.
- Topic: The American Revolution and Constitution (146 titles) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/collection/65>>.
- Debate on Loyalists and Patriots before the American Revolution <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/collection/78>>.
- Timeline: American Founding <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/images/stories/posters/americanfoundingtimeline.pdf>> [PDF 3.2 MB]
- Collected Works of the Founding Fathers
- Collections of Documents
- Liberty Fund Books on the American Revolution and the U.S. Constitution
- Reading Lists, Images of Liberty, and Quotations about the American Revolution and the U.S. Constitution

## II. The Founding Fathers of the Constitution and the Republic



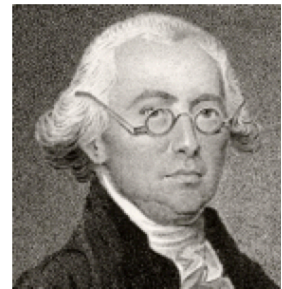
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(1732-1799)



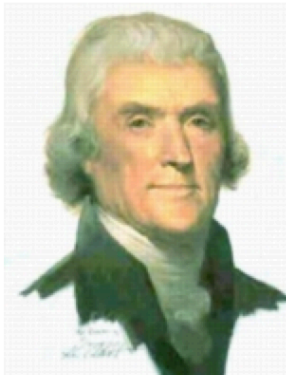
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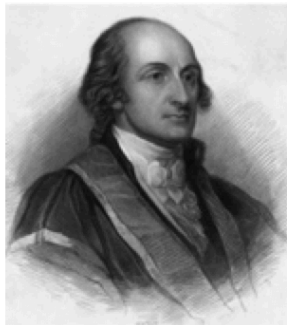
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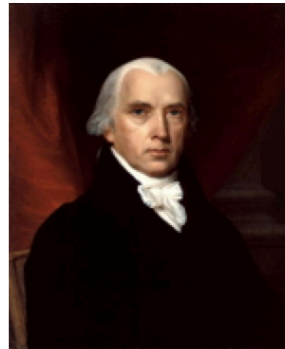
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(1742-1798)



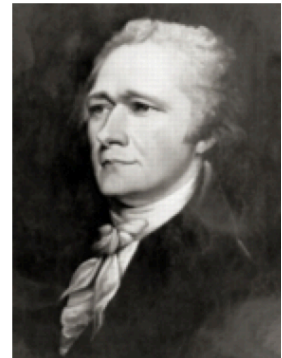
**Thomas Jefferson**  
(1743-1826)



**John Jay**  
(1745-1829)



**James Madison**  
(1751-1836)



**A. Hamilton**  
(1757-1804)

### THE COLLECTED WORKS OF KEY FOUNDING FATHERS

- **George Washington (1732-1799):** *The Writings of George Washington*, collected and edited by Worthington Chauncey Ford (New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1889-1893). 14 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2348>>.
- **John Adams (1735-1826):** *The Works of John Adams, Second President of the United States: with a Life of the Author, Notes and Illustrations, by his Grandson Charles Francis Adams* (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1856). 10 volumes. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2098>>.
- **Thomas Paine (1737-1809):** *The Writings of Thomas Paine*, Collected and Edited by Moncure Daniel Conway (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1894). 4 Vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1743>>.
- **Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826):** *The Works of Thomas Jefferson, Federal Edition* (New York and London, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1904-5). 12 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1734>>.
- **John Jay (1745-1829):** *The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay*, ed. Henry P. Johnston, A.M. (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1890-93). 4 Vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2327>>.

- **James Madison (1751-1836):** *The Writings of James Madison, comprising his Public Papers and his Private Correspondence, including his numerous letters and documents now for the first time printed*, ed. Gaillard Hunt (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1900). 9 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1933>>.
- **Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804):** *The Works of Alexander Hamilton*, ed. Henry Cabot Lodge (Federal Edition) (New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1904). In 12 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1712>>.

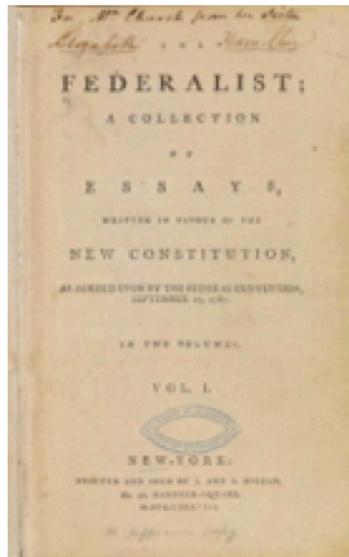
## LIBERTY FUND BOOKS BY FOUNDING FATHERS

- *The Federalist (The Gideon Edition)*, Edited with an Introduction, Reader's Guide, Constitutional Cross-reference, Index, and Glossary by George W. Carey and James McClellan (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2001). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/788>>.
- James Wilson, *Collected Works of James Wilson*, edited by Kermit L. Hall and Mark David Hall, with an Introduction by Kermit L. Hall, and a Bibliographical Essay by Mark David Hall, collected by Maynard Garrison (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2007). 2 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/207>>.
- John Dickinson and Richard Henry Lee, *Empire and Nation: Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania (John Dickinson). Letters from the Federal Farmer (Richard Henry Lee)*, ed. Forrest McDonald (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund 1999). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/690>>.
- George Washington, *George Washington: A Collection*, compiled and edited by W.B. Allen (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1988). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/848>>.
- Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, *The Pacificus-Helvidius Debates of 1793-1794: Toward the Completion of the American Founding*, edited with and Introduction by Morton J. Frisch (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2007). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1910>>.
- John Adams, *The Revolutionary Writings of John Adams*, Selected and with a Foreword by C. Bradley Thompson (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2000). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/592>>.
- Alexander Hamilton, *The Revolutionary Writings of Alexander Hamilton*, edited and with an Introduction by Richard B. Vernier, with a Foreword by Joyce O. Appleby (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2008). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2121>>.
- Daniel Webster and Robert Hayne, *The Webster-Hayne Debate on the Nature of the Constitution: Selected Documents*, ed. Herman Belz (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2000). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1557>>.

### III. Documents and Debates about the Constitution



**Key Documents  
of Liberty**



**LF's edition of  
*The Federalist Papers***

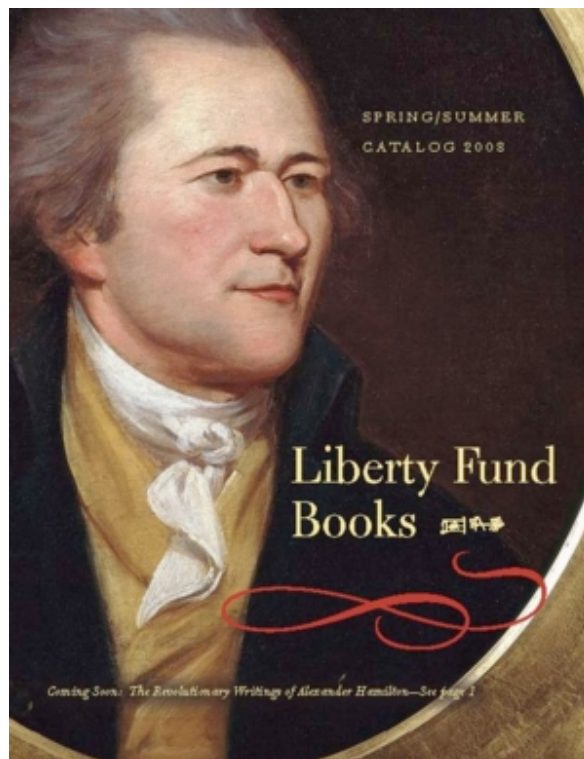


**The Founders'  
Constitution**

#### COLLECTIONS OF DOCUMENTS

- *The Founders' Constitution*, edited by Philip B. Kurland and Ralph Lerner (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2001), 5 vols. The Web Edition is a joint venture of the University of Chicago Press and the Liberty Fund. <<http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/>>.
- *Key Documents of Liberty* [on the OLL at The Forum : Resources : Key Documents]
- Jonathan Elliot, *The debates in the several state conventions on the adoption of the federal Constitution, as recommended by the general convention at Philadelphia, in 1787. Together with the Journal of the federal convention, Luther Martin's letter, Yates's minutes, Congressional opinions, Virginia and Kentucky resolutions of '98-'99, and other illustrations of the Constitution ... 2d ed., with considerable additions. Collected and rev. from contemporary publications, by Jonathan Elliot. Pub. under the sanction of Congress. (1836)*, 5 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1904>>.
- Paul Leicester Ford, *Pamphlets on the Constitution of the United States, published during its Discussion by the People, 1787-1788*, edited with notes and a bibliography by Paul Leicester Ford (Brooklyn, N.Y., 1888). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1670>>.
- *The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787*, ed. Max Farrand (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1911). 3 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1785>>.

## LIBERTY FUND BOOKS



### Collections of Documents:

- *American Political Writing During the Founding Era: 1760-1805*, ed. Charles S. Hyneman and Donald Lutz (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1983). 2 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2067>>.
- *The American Republic: Primary Sources*, ed. Bruce Frohnen (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2002). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/669>>.
- *Colonial Origins of the American Constitution: A Documentary History*, ed. Donald S. Lutz (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund 1998). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/694>>.
- *Friends of the Constitution: Writings of the "Other" Federalists, 1787-1788*, edited by Colleen A. Sheehan and Gary L. McDowell (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1998). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2069>>.
- *Liberty and Order: The First American Party Struggle*, ed. and with a Preface by Lance Banning (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2004). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/875>>.
- *Political Sermons of the American Founding Era: 1730-1805*, 2 vols, Foreword by Ellis Sandoz (2nd ed. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1998). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1878>>.

### Other Primary Sources:

- David Ramsay, *The History of the American Revolution*, Foreword by Lester H. Cohen (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund 1990). 2 vols. <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1870>>.
- Daniel Leonard, *Massachusettensis: or a Series of Letters, containing a faithful State of many important and striking facts, which laid the Foundation of the Present Troubles in the Province of Massachusetts-Bay* (Boston: J. Matthews, 1776). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1332>>.
- William Findley, *Observations on "The Two Sons of Oil", Containing a Vindication of the American Constitutions, and Defending the Blessings of Religious Liberty and Toleration, against the Illiberal Strictures of the Rev. Samuel B. Wylie*, edited and with an introduction by John Caldwell (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2007). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2062>>.

About the Revolution and the Constitution:

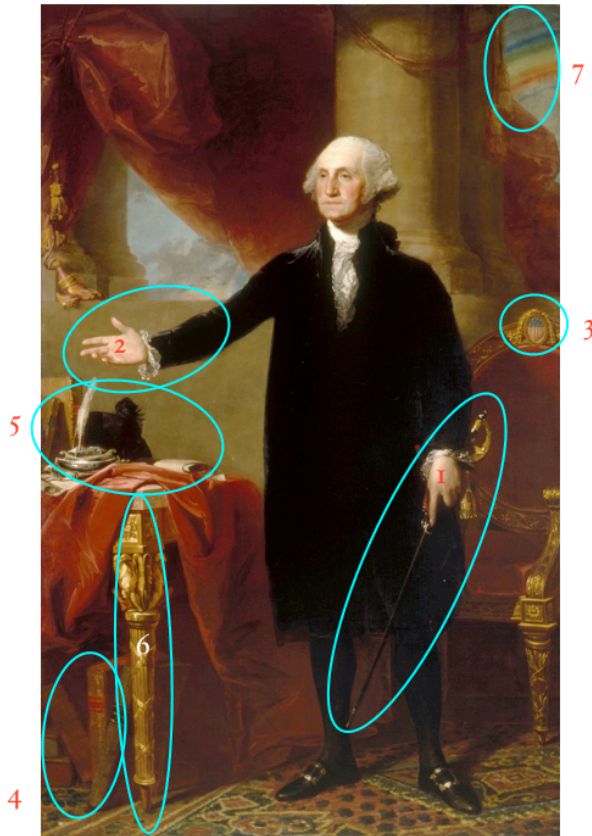
- Trevor Colbourn, *The Lamp of Experience: Whig History and the Intellectual Origins of the American Revolution* (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund 1998). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/674>>.
- M.J.C. Vile, *Constitutionalism and the Separation of Powers* (2nd ed.) (Indianapolis, Liberty Fund 1998). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/677>>.
- *Liberty and American Experience in the Eighteenth Century*, edited and with an Introduction by David Womersley (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2006). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/1727>>.
- James McClellan, *Liberty, Order, and Justice: An Introduction to the Constitutional Principles of American Government* (3rd ed.) (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2000). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/679>>.
- John Marshall, *The Life of George Washington. Special Edition for Schools*, ed. Robert Faulkner and Paul Carrese (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2000). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/849>>.
- Friedrich von Gentz, *The Origins and Principles of the American Revolution, compared with the Origin and Principles of the French Revolution*, translated by John Quincy Adams, edited and with an introduction by Peter Koslowski (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2009). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2376>>.

## READING LISTS [THE FORUM : READING LISTS]

- **The Federalist Papers: America's Political Classic** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/269-the\\_federalist\\_papers\\_america\\_s\\_political\\_classic](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/269-the_federalist_papers_america_s_political_classic)>.
- **James Madison Reading List** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/163-james\\_madison\\_reading\\_list](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/163-james_madison_reading_list)>.
- **The American Revolution and Early Republic** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/102-the\\_american\\_revolution\\_and\\_early\\_republic](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/102-the_american_revolution_and_early_republic)>.
- **Introduction to the American Constitution** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/169-introduction\\_to\\_the\\_american\\_constitution](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/169-introduction_to_the_american_constitution)>.
- **James Wilson, the Law of Nature, and the Protection of Liberty** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/201-james\\_wilson\\_the\\_law\\_of\\_nature\\_and\\_the\\_protection\\_of\\_liberty](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/201-james_wilson_the_law_of_nature_and_the_protection_of_liberty)>.
- **Key Documents of Liberty: Interpreting the American Constitution** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/384-key\\_documents\\_of\\_liberty\\_interpreting\\_the\\_american\\_constitution](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/384-key_documents_of_liberty_interpreting_the_american_constitution)>.
- **Key Documents of Liberty: the American Revolution** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/381-key\\_documents\\_of\\_liberty\\_the\\_american\\_revolution](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/381-key_documents_of_liberty_the_american_revolution)>.
- **Key Documents of Liberty: Writing the American Constitution** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/383-key\\_documents\\_of\\_liberty\\_writing\\_the\\_american\\_constitution](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/383-key_documents_of_liberty_writing_the_american_constitution)>.
- **Alexander Hamilton on Executive Power as the Guarantor of Liberty** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/230-alexander\\_hamilton\\_on\\_executive\\_power\\_as\\_the\\_guarantor\\_of\\_liberty](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/230-alexander_hamilton_on_executive_power_as_the_guarantor_of_liberty)>.
- **John Adams and the French Debate the American Constitution** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/161-john\\_adams\\_and\\_the\\_french\\_debate\\_the\\_american\\_constitution](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/161-john_adams_and_the_french_debate_the_american_constitution)>.
- **The Political Thought of Madison** <[http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/188-the\\_political\\_thought\\_of\\_madison](http://oll.libertyfund.org/readinglists/view/188-the_political_thought_of_madison)>.

## IMAGES OF LIBERTY [THE FORUM : IMAGES OF LIBERTY]

- Liberty slaying the Monsters of Tyranny and Oppression
- Thomas Jefferson in the Cyclopedia
- Washington and Napoleon in their Study
- Thomas Hollis and John Locke



### Things to Note

**Painting:** Gilbert Stuart, George Washington (1796) ("the Lansdowne Portrait").

**Source:** National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. <[www.npg.si.edu/collect/lansdowne2.html](http://www.npg.si.edu/collect/lansdowne2.html)>

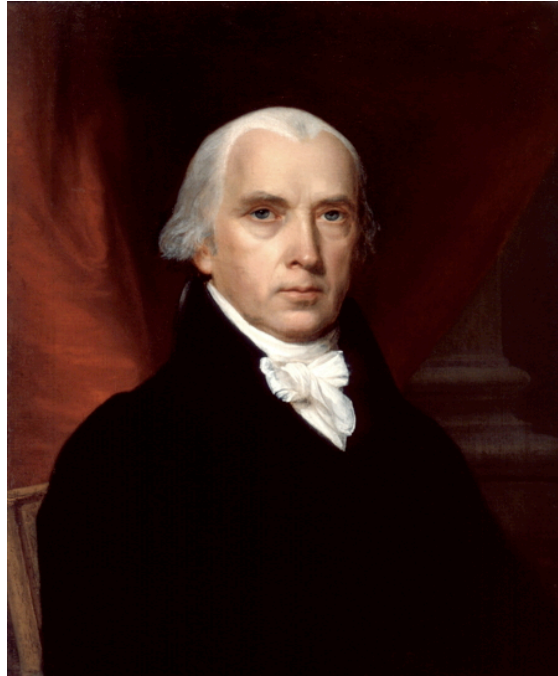
1. in his left hand he is holding a downward pointing sword
2. his right arm is outstretched in a welcoming gesture
3. behind him to the right is a red upholstered chair with the oval-shaped image of the American stars and stripes, a version of which appears in the Great Seal of the United States (1782)
4. 5 large books on the floor suggesting he has been at work
5. two more books are on the table next to a quill pen and ink, some rolled up papers, and a black feathered hat
6. the table leg in the shape of Roman fasces with what look to be eagles sitting on top
7. there are Roman columns through which one can see some clouds and a rainbow which arches up from just above his right elbow to the top right

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### [Analysis of Gilbert Stuart, George Washington (1796) ("the Lansdowne Portrait")]

Source: *Study Guides on Images of Liberty and Power: Washington and Napoleon in their Studies* (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2010). <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/title/2351>>.

*IV. Quotations about the American Revolution, the U.S. Constitution, and by the Founding Fathers*



**James Madison (1751-1836)**

*"But the great security against a gradual concentration of the several powers in the same department, consists in giving to those who administer each department, the necessary constitutional means, and personal motives, to resist encroachments of the others.... But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself. A dependence on the people is, no doubt, the primary control on the government; but experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary precautions." [Federalist 51 (1788)]*



The following quotations about the American Revolution, the U.S. Constitution, and by the Founding Fathers have appeared as part of the OLL's weekly "Quotations about Liberty and Power":

1. The IVth Amendment to the American Constitution states that the people shall be secure in their persons against unreasonable searches and seizures and that no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause (1788) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/134>>.
2. The State of New York declares that the people may "reassume" their delegated powers at any time they choose (1788) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/293>>.
3. John **Adams** thought he could see arbitrary power emerging in the American colonies and urged his countrymen to "nip it in the bud" before they lost all their liberties (1774) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/213>>
4. John **Adams** on how absolute power intoxicates those who exercise that power (1814) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/346>>.
5. John **Adams** predicts a glorious future for America under the new constitution and is in "reverence and awe" at its future prospects (1787) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/167>>.
6. John **Adams** argues that the British Empire is not a "true" empire but a form of a "republic" where the rule of law operates (1763) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/127>>.
7. **Adams** and **Jefferson** reflect on the Revolution and the future of liberty (1823) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/443>>.
8. Lance **Banning** argues that within a decade of the creation of the US Constitution the nation was engaged in a bitter battle over the soul of the American Republic (2004) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/86>>.
9. James **Bryce** believed that the Founders intended that the American President would be "a reduced and improved copy of the English king" (1885) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/28>>.
10. William **Emerson**, in his oration to commemorate the Declaration of Independence, reminded his listeners of the "unconquerable sense of liberty" which Americans had (1802) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/45>>.
11. William **Findlay** wants to maintain the separation of church and state and therefore sees no role for the "ecclesiastical branch" in government (1812) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/157>>.
12. Benjamin **Franklin** on the "superstructure" of Good Government (1736) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/383>>.
13. Alexander **Hamilton** denounces the British for imposing "oppressive taxes" on the colonists which amount to tyranny, a form of slavery, and vassalage to the Empire (1774) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/172>>.
14. Alexander **Hamilton** warns of the danger to civil society and liberty from a standing army since "the military state becomes elevated above the civil" (1787) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/192>>.
15. Simeon **Howard** on liberty as the opposition to "external force and constraint" (1773) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/393>>.
16. John **Jay** on the pretended as well as the just causes of war (1787) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/288>>.
17. John **Jay** in the Federalist Papers discussed why nations go to war and concluded that it was not for justice but "whenever they have a prospect of getting any thing by it" (1787) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/82>>.
18. Less well known is Thomas **Jefferson's** First Draft of the Declaration of Independence in which he denounced the slave trade as an "execrable Commerce" and slavery itself as a "cruel war against nature itself" (1776) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/59>>.

19. **Jefferson's** preference for "newspapers without government" over "government without newspapers" (1787) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/302>>.
20. Thomas **Jefferson** in a letter to John Taylor condemns the system of banking as "a blot" on the constitution, as corrupt, and that long-term government debt was "swindling" future generations (1816) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/187>>.
21. **Jefferson** on the right to change one's government (1776) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/327>>.
22. **Jefferson's** list of objections to the British Empire in his first draft of the Declaration of Independence (1776) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/284>>.
23. **Jefferson** on how Congress misuses the inter-state commerce and general welfare clauses to promote the centralization of power (1825) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/268>>.
24. **Jefferson** feared that it would only be a matter of time before the American system of government degenerated into a form of "elective despotism" (1785) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/237>>.
25. Thomas **Jefferson** opposed vehemently the Alien and Sedition Laws of 1798 which granted the President enormous powers showing that the government had become a tyranny which desired to govern with "a rod of iron" (1798) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/80>>.
26. **Jefferson** on Taxes and the General Welfare (1791) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/382>>.
27. **Jefferson** tells Congress that since tax revenues are increasing faster than population then taxes on all manner of items can be "dispensed with" (i.e. abolished) (1801) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/170>>.
28. Thomas **Jefferson** boasts about having reduced the size of government and eliminated a number of "vexatious" taxes (1805) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/38>>.
29. Thomas **Jefferson** on the Draft as "the last of all oppressions" (1777) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/120>>.
30. Bernhard **Knollenberg** on the Belief of many colonial Americans that Liberty was lost because the Leaders of the People had failed in their Duty (2003) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/257>>.
31. James **Madison** on the dangers of elections resulting in overbearing majorities who respect neither justice nor individual rights, Federalist 10 (1788) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/186>>.
32. **Madison** on "Parchment Barriers" and the defence of liberty II (1788) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/404>>.
33. James **Madison** on the "sagacious and monied few" who are able to "harvest" the benefits of government regulations (1787) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/349>>.
34. James **Madison** on the need for the "separation of powers" because "men are not angels," Federalist 51 (1788) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/180>>.
35. **Madison** on "Parchment Barriers" and the defence of liberty I (1788) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/403>>.
36. James **Madison** on the mischievous effects of mutable government in The Federalist no. 62 (1788) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/177>>.
37. James **Madison** on the necessity of separating the power of "the sword from the purse" (1793) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/396>>.
38. **Madison** argued that war is the major way by which the executive office increases its power, patronage, and taxing power (1793) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/236>>.
39. James **Madison** on the need for the people to declare war and for each generation, not future generations, to bear the costs of the wars they fight (1792) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/144>>.
40. James **Madison** argues that the constitution places war-making powers squarely with the legislative branch; for the president to have these powers is the "the true nurse of executive aggrandizement" (1793) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/136>>.
41. Robert **Nisbet** on the Shock the Founding Fathers would feel if they could see the current size of the Military Establishment and the National Government (1988) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/255>>.

42. During the American Revolution Thomas **Paine** penned a patriotic song called “Hail Great Republic” which is to be sung to the tune of Rule Britannia (of course!) (1776) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/33>>.
43. Thomas **Paine** responded to one of Burke’s critiques of the French Revolution by cynically arguing that wars are sometimes started in order to increase taxation (“the harvest of war”) (1791) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/123>>.
44. Thomas **Paine** on the absurdity of an hereditary monarchy (1791) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/312>>
45. **Paine** on the idea that the law is king (1776) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/308>>.
46. Tom **Paine** on the "Decline and Fall of the English System of Finance" (1796) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/178>>.
47. Tom **Paine** asks how it is that established governments came into being, his answer, is "banditti of ruffians" seized control and turned themselves into monarchs (1792) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/112>>.
48. Richard **Price** on the true Nature of Love of One’s Country (1789) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/248>>.
49. **Spooner** states the importance of the 9th Amendment to the American Constitution which protects the natural rights of the people not enumerated in the 1st 8 Amendments (1886) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/276>>.
50. **Tiedeman** states that the police powers under the constitution are strictly limited to enforcing the maxim: “use your own property in such a manner as not to injure that of another” (1886) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/369>>.
51. Mercy Otis **Warren** asks why people are so willing to obey the government and answers that it is supineness, fear of resisting, and the long habit of obedience (1805) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/197>>.
52. George **Washington** warns that the knee jerk reaction of citizens to problems is to seek a solution in the creation of a “new monarch”(1786) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/161>>.
53. George **Washington** on the Difference between Commercial and Political Relations with other Countries (1796) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/246>>.
54. George **Washington** warns the nation in his Farewell Address, that love of power will tend to create a real despotism in America unless proper checks and balances are maintained to limit government power (1796) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/113>>.
55. James **Wilson** argues that it is the people, not the prince, who is superior in matters of legal sovereignty (1790) <<http://oll.libertyfund.org/quote/440>>.

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