

ROY D. MERRITT FOR U. S. PRESIDENT
CAMPAIGN SPEECH # 48

- Hello, I'm Roy Merritt and I am running as a candidate for the presidency of the U. S. A. in 2024
- Today's speech, Campaign Speech # 48, centers on freedom and liberty and considers what we are free to do, and what we are NOT free to do in the U. S. A.
- By way of introducing the topic of freedom and liberty, though, I want to ask the general question of just what makes us free in America. Also, what is required for freedom to exist? Who is entitled and who is not entitled to freedom in America? What guarantees and protects our freedom in America? What supports the existence and continuance of freedom in America? What "tamps down" or suppresses freedom in America? What factors impinge on *or* restrain our freedom in America? Who or what are the enemies of freedom? And, finally, what can happen in the "free state" over time?
- So, what makes us free? And, what provides for and brings us freedom in America? The American songwriter, Henry Clay Work (1832-84) boldly stated "[it is] the flag that makes you free!" This is why I put so much emphasis on protecting the American flag from those people locally who hate, disrespect and want to tear down my American flags—those on my property
- The German poet, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), stated unequivocally that "...the law can only bring us freedom" (*Was Wir Bringen*, 1802). And, If that be so, then that is why it is so vital and critical to the State of New Mexico that the laws of the U. S. A. be enforced and that we live here under the U. S. Constitution
- What is required for freedom and liberty in America? The German philosopher, Georg Wilhelm Hegel (1770-1831) stated: "Order is the first requisite of liberty"
- However, Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt (1887-1944), America's 26th president, avowed: "order without liberty and liberty without order are equally destructive"

- Who are entitled to freedom and liberty? John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), American politician, noted that “it is a great and dangerous error to suppose that all people are equally entitled to liberty”
- The American scholar, Edith Hamilton (1867-1963) remarked: “Responsibility [is] the price every man must pay for freedom”
- The British playwright and critic, George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) declared: “Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it,” Thus, responsible men are entitled to freedom and liberty
- The English poet, John Milton (1608-74) stated: “None can love freedom heartily, but good men; the rest love not freedom, but license” (*Tenure of Kings and Magistrates*, 1649). Thus, good men are entitled to freedom, but those who seek only a license are not
- Who else is NOT entitled to freedom and liberty in America? Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908-73), 36th president of the U. S. A., observed “...freedom is fragile if citizens are ignorant.” So, those who are ignorant are not entitled to freedom
- The English novelist, Virginia Woolf (1882-1941) proclaimed: “To enjoy freedom, we have to control ourselves.” Thus, those individuals who can’t control and discipline themselves are not entitled to freedom
- The American jurist and Supreme Court Justice, Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941) said that “the greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but not understanding.” Evil, bad and over-zealous men are not entitled to freedom and liberty. These men, of course, include tyrants, traitors and terrorists
- Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), 3rd president of the U. S. A., noted that “the tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants; it is its natural manure.” Of course, I, too, am especially concerned with tyrants and have proposed the same solution—that is, turning tyrants, and traitors, and terrorists into manure
- MY first president, the first president during my lifetime, and America’s 34th president, General Dwight David Eisenhower (1890-1968) commented that “...freedom cannot be

served by the devices of the tyrant...freedom cannot be legislated into existence...freedom cannot be censored into existence”

- I KNOW unequivocally that American democracy cannot be served by those tyrants, traitors, terrorists and fourth-estate media gurus who are censoring my presidential campaign website at <https://www.merrittforpresident.org>

- To continue, though, certain factors guarantee, protect and safeguard our freedom and liberty in America. Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933), supposedly one of our worst presidents—the 30th, said “the Constitution is the sole source and guaranty of national freedom”

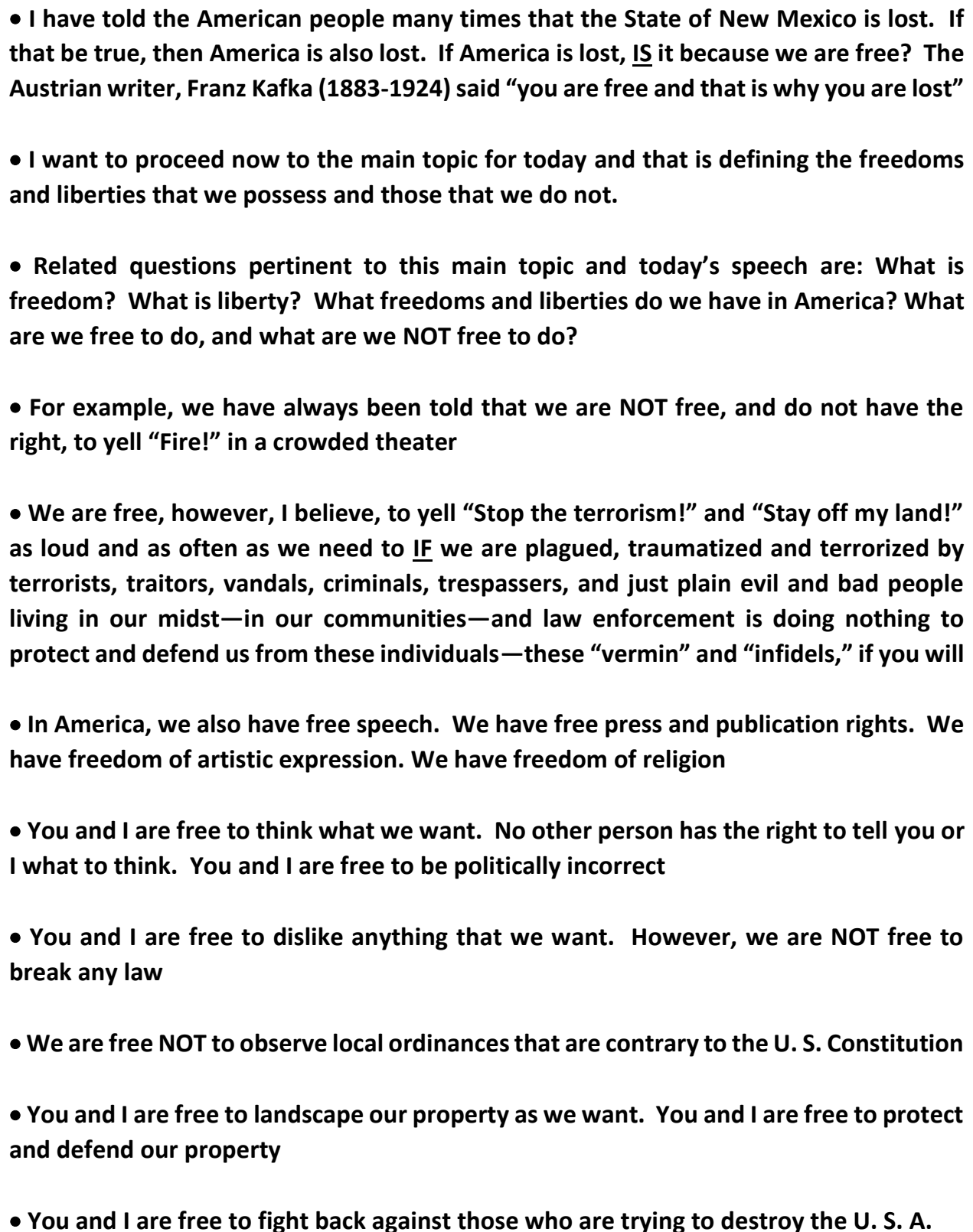
- The Austrian-born British economist, Friedrich August von Hayek (1899-1992) asserted: “The system of private property is the most important guaranty of freedom, not only for those who own property, but scarcely less for those who do not” (*The Road to Serfdom*, 1944, chapter 8)

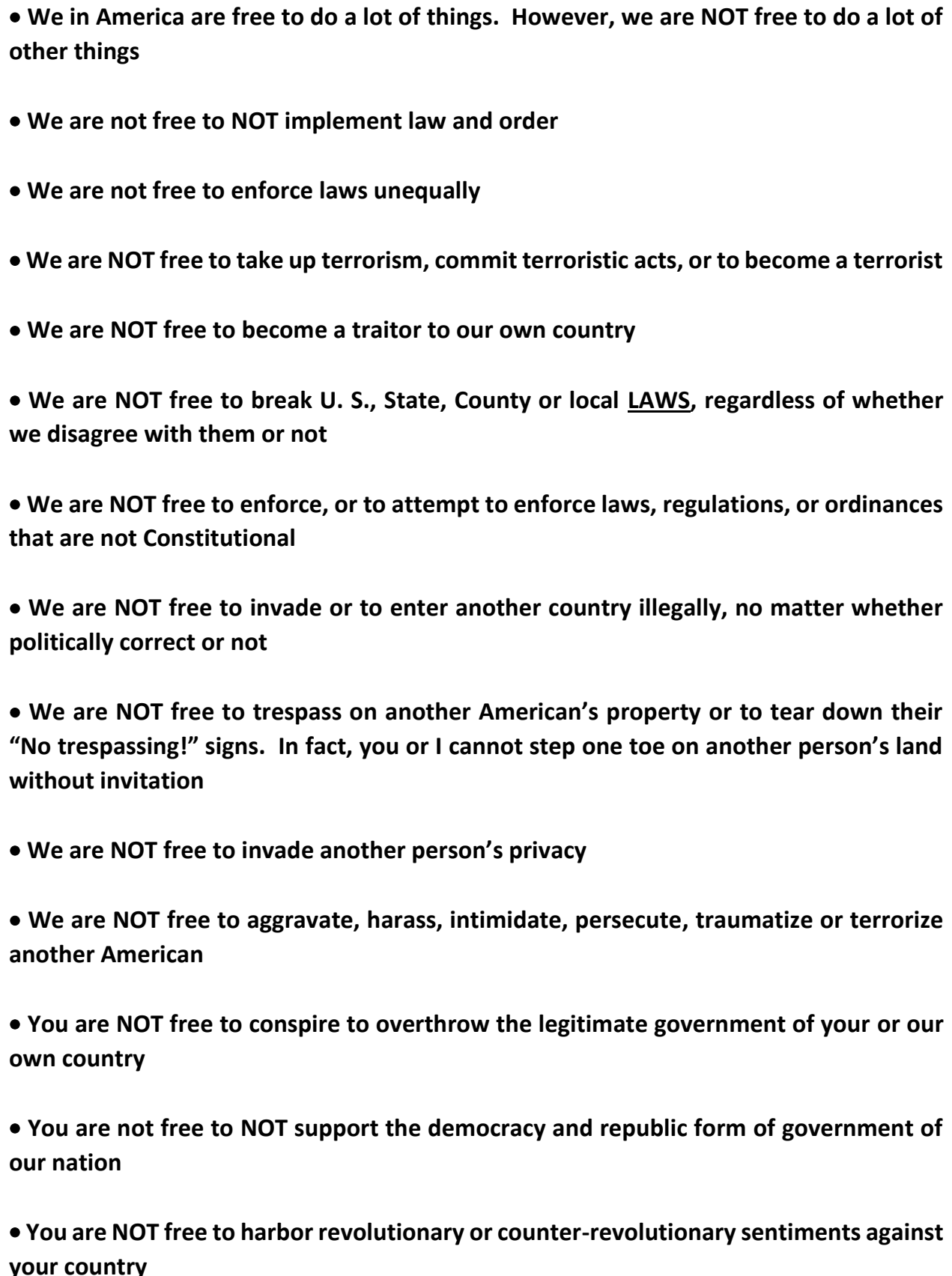
- Some factors increase our “freedom-ness” or feelings of freedom. The American psychologist, B. F. Skinner (1904-90) reflected: “by a careful cultural design, we control not the final behavior, but the inclination to behave—the motives, the desires, the wishes...we increase the feeling of freedom”

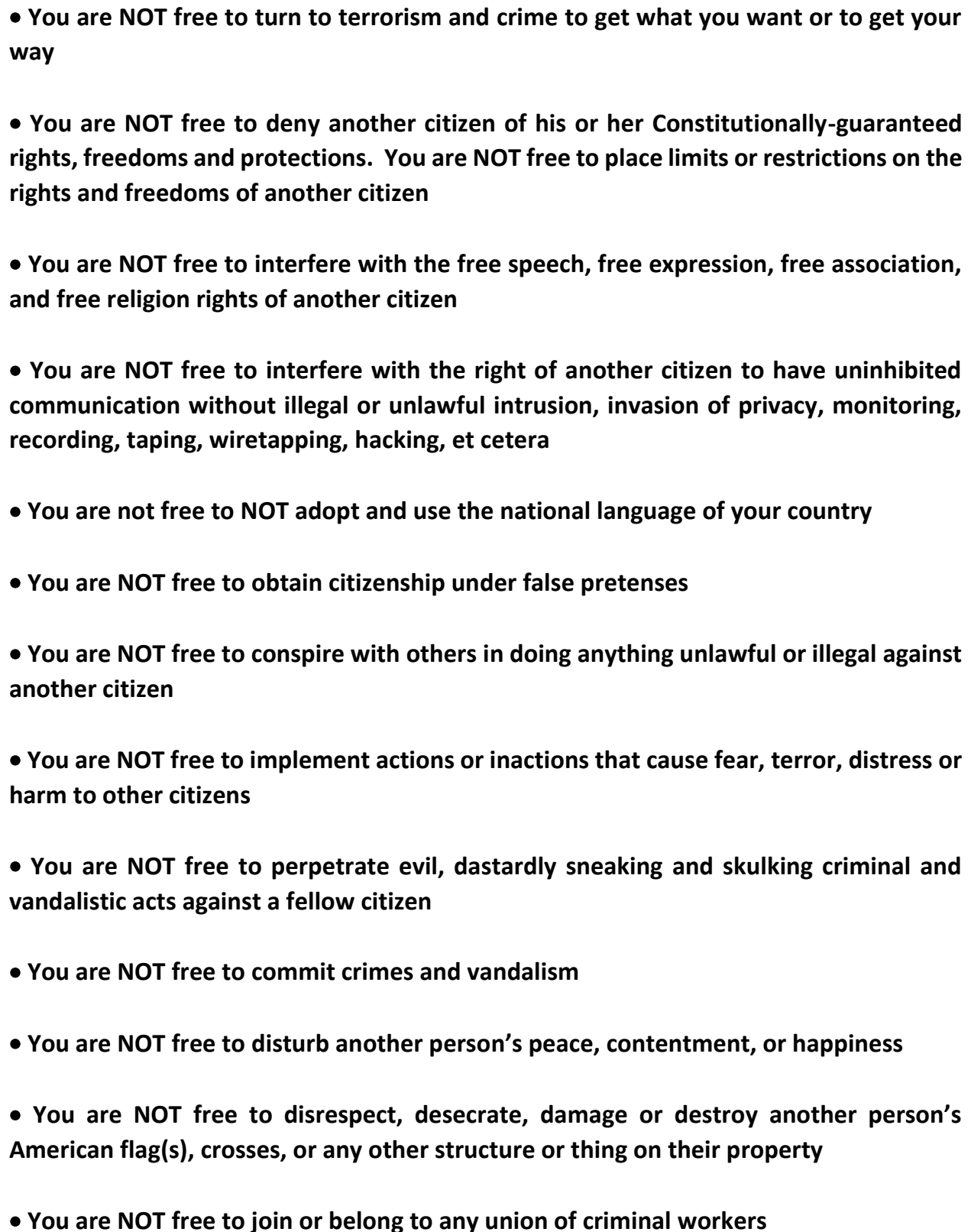
- Although law and order are essential to the provision of freedom, they also must be looked at as a counter-acting balance, and serve to “tamp down” or suppress the degree of freedom that we experience. Former New York City mayor, John Lindsay (1929-2000) asserted: “Those who suppress freedom always do so in the name of law and order”

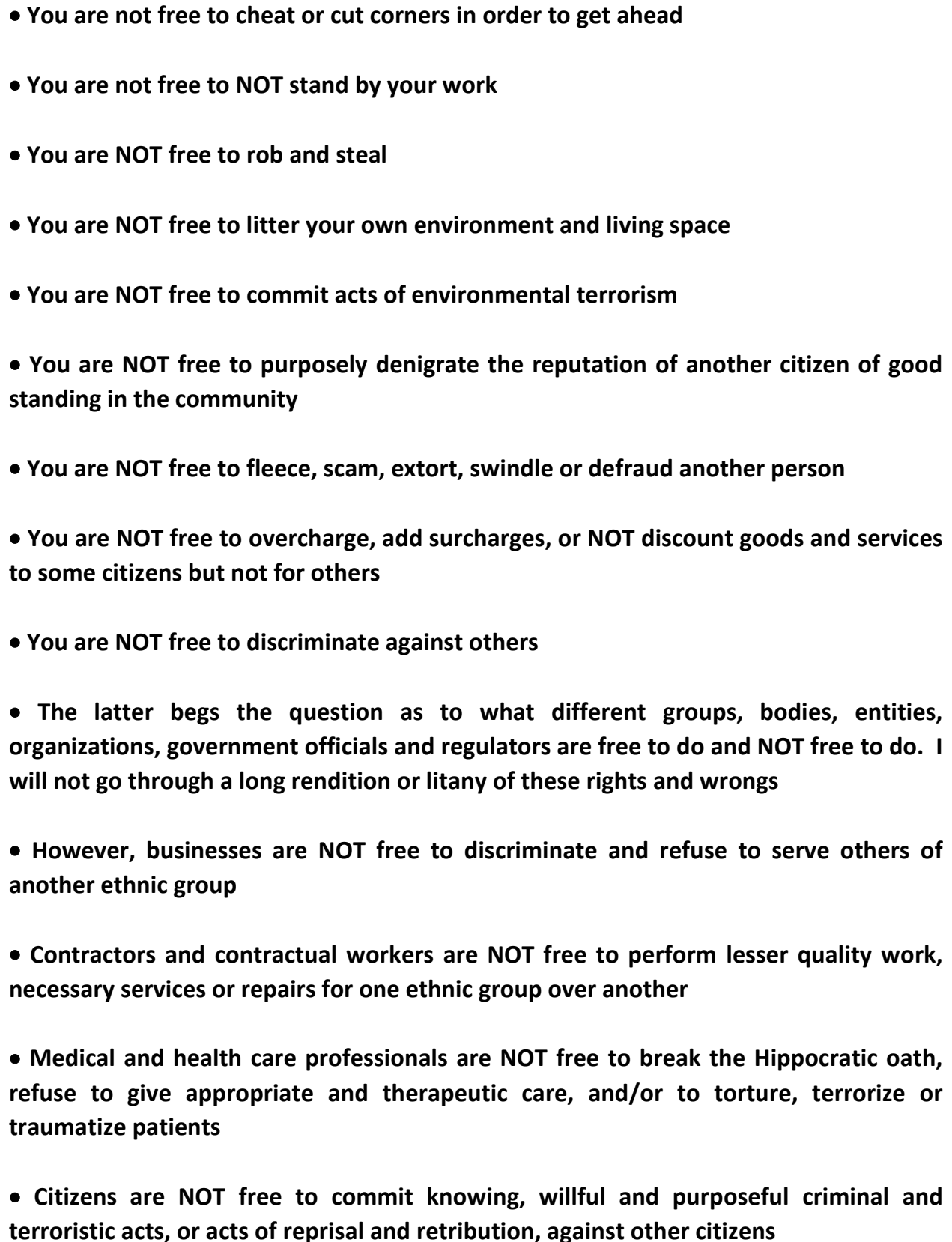
- It must be recognized though that there is no unlimited or unqualified freedom that exists. The American jurist and Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes (1862-1948) said “the Constitution does not recognize an absolute and uncontrollable liberty”

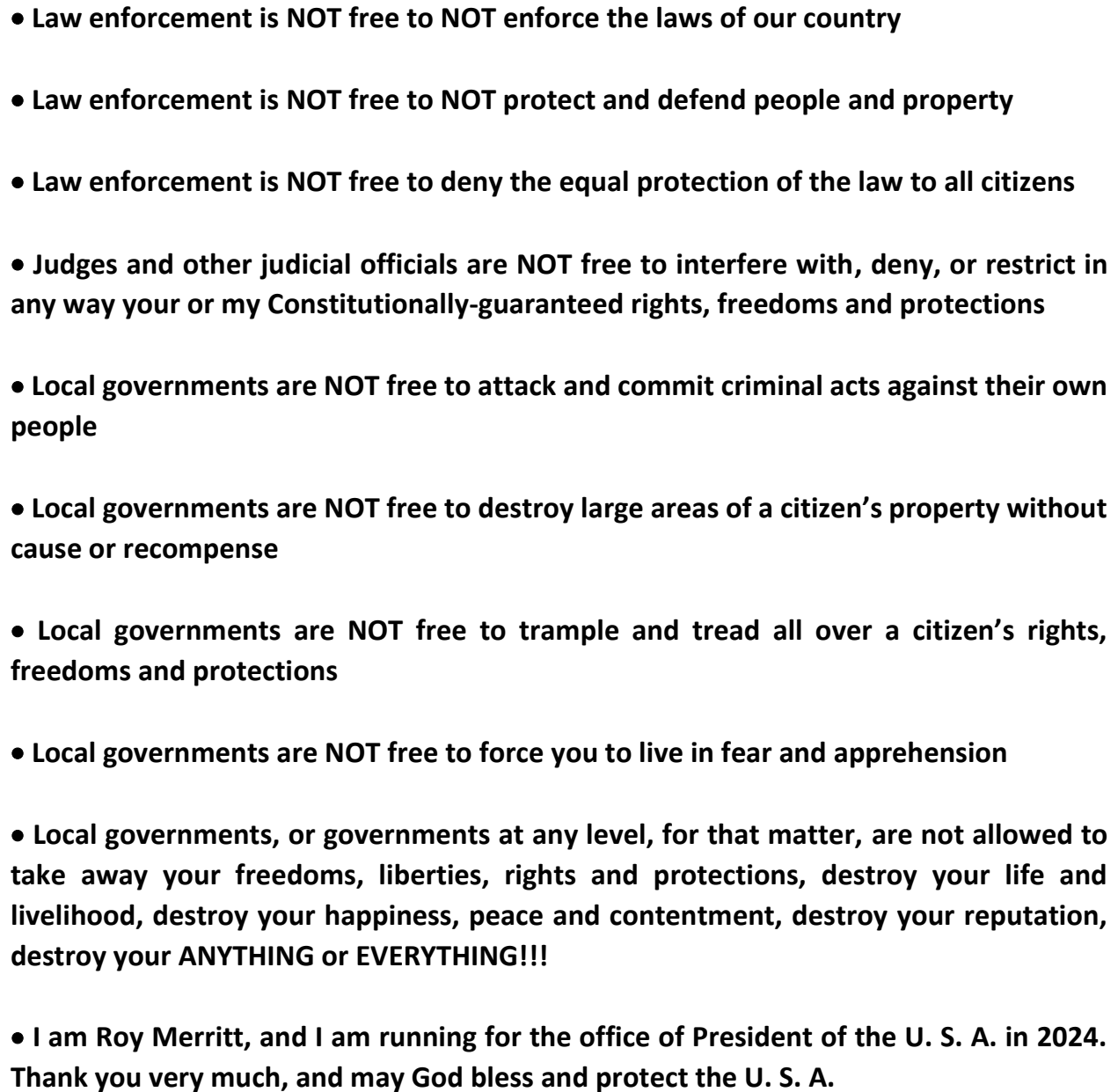
- Who, or what, are enemies to freedom and liberty? The German philosopher and poet, Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (1844-1900) said: “Liberal institutions straightway cease from being liberal the moment they are soundly established: once this is attained no more grievous and more thorough enemies of freedom exist than liberal institutions” (*The Twilight of the Idols*, 1888. *Things the Germans Lack*, 2)

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- I have told the American people many times that the State of New Mexico is lost. If that be true, then America is also lost. If America is lost, IS it because we are free? The Austrian writer, Franz Kafka (1883-1924) said “you are free and that is why you are lost”
 - I want to proceed now to the main topic for today and that is defining the freedoms and liberties that we possess and those that we do not.
 - Related questions pertinent to this main topic and today’s speech are: What is freedom? What is liberty? What freedoms and liberties do we have in America? What are we free to do, and what are we NOT free to do?
 - For example, we have always been told that we are NOT free, and do not have the right, to yell “Fire!” in a crowded theater
 - We are free, however, I believe, to yell “Stop the terrorism!” and “Stay off my land!” as loud and as often as we need to IF we are plagued, traumatized and terrorized by terrorists, traitors, vandals, criminals, trespassers, and just plain evil and bad people living in our midst—in our communities—and law enforcement is doing nothing to protect and defend us from these individuals—these “vermin” and “infidels,” if you will
 - In America, we also have free speech. We have free press and publication rights. We have freedom of artistic expression. We have freedom of religion
 - You and I are free to think what we want. No other person has the right to tell you or I what to think. You and I are free to be politically incorrect
 - You and I are free to dislike anything that we want. However, we are NOT free to break any law
 - We are free NOT to observe local ordinances that are contrary to the U. S. Constitution
 - You and I are free to landscape our property as we want. You and I are free to protect and defend our property
 - You and I are free to fight back against those who are trying to destroy the U. S. A.

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- We in America are free to do a lot of things. However, we are NOT free to do a lot of other things
 - We are not free to NOT implement law and order
 - We are not free to enforce laws unequally
 - We are NOT free to take up terrorism, commit terroristic acts, or to become a terrorist
 - We are NOT free to become a traitor to our own country
 - We are NOT free to break U. S., State, County or local LAWS, regardless of whether we disagree with them or not
 - We are NOT free to enforce, or to attempt to enforce laws, regulations, or ordinances that are not Constitutional
 - We are NOT free to invade or to enter another country illegally, no matter whether politically correct or not
 - We are NOT free to trespass on another American's property or to tear down their "No trespassing!" signs. In fact, you or I cannot step one toe on another person's land without invitation
 - We are NOT free to invade another person's privacy
 - We are NOT free to aggravate, harass, intimidate, persecute, traumatize or terrorize another American
 - You are NOT free to conspire to overthrow the legitimate government of your or our own country
 - You are not free to NOT support the democracy and republic form of government of our nation
 - You are NOT free to harbor revolutionary or counter-revolutionary sentiments against your country

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- You are NOT free to turn to terrorism and crime to get what you want or to get your way
 - You are NOT free to deny another citizen of his or her Constitutionally-guaranteed rights, freedoms and protections. You are NOT free to place limits or restrictions on the rights and freedoms of another citizen
 - You are NOT free to interfere with the free speech, free expression, free association, and free religion rights of another citizen
 - You are NOT free to interfere with the right of another citizen to have uninhibited communication without illegal or unlawful intrusion, invasion of privacy, monitoring, recording, taping, wiretapping, hacking, et cetera
 - You are not free to NOT adopt and use the national language of your country
 - You are NOT free to obtain citizenship under false pretenses
 - You are NOT free to conspire with others in doing anything unlawful or illegal against another citizen
 - You are NOT free to implement actions or inactions that cause fear, terror, distress or harm to other citizens
 - You are NOT free to perpetrate evil, dastardly sneaking and skulking criminal and vandalistic acts against a fellow citizen
 - You are NOT free to commit crimes and vandalism
 - You are NOT free to disturb another person's peace, contentment, or happiness
 - You are NOT free to disrespect, desecrate, damage or destroy another person's American flag(s), crosses, or any other structure or thing on their property
 - You are NOT free to join or belong to any union of criminal workers

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- You are not free to cheat or cut corners in order to get ahead
 - You are not free to NOT stand by your work
 - You are NOT free to rob and steal
 - You are NOT free to litter your own environment and living space
 - You are NOT free to commit acts of environmental terrorism
 - You are NOT free to purposely denigrate the reputation of another citizen of good standing in the community
 - You are NOT free to fleece, scam, extort, swindle or defraud another person
 - You are NOT free to overcharge, add surcharges, or NOT discount goods and services to some citizens but not for others
 - You are NOT free to discriminate against others
 - The latter begs the question as to what different groups, bodies, entities, organizations, government officials and regulators are free to do and NOT free to do. I will not go through a long rendition or litany of these rights and wrongs
 - However, businesses are NOT free to discriminate and refuse to serve others of another ethnic group
 - Contractors and contractual workers are NOT free to perform lesser quality work, necessary services or repairs for one ethnic group over another
 - Medical and health care professionals are NOT free to break the Hippocratic oath, refuse to give appropriate and therapeutic care, and/or to torture, terrorize or traumatize patients
 - Citizens are NOT free to commit knowing, willful and purposeful criminal and terroristic acts, or acts of reprisal and retribution, against other citizens

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- Law enforcement is NOT free to NOT enforce the laws of our country
 - Law enforcement is NOT free to NOT protect and defend people and property
 - Law enforcement is NOT free to deny the equal protection of the law to all citizens
 - Judges and other judicial officials are NOT free to interfere with, deny, or restrict in any way your or my Constitutionally-guaranteed rights, freedoms and protections
 - Local governments are NOT free to attack and commit criminal acts against their own people
 - Local governments are NOT free to destroy large areas of a citizen's property without cause or recompense
 - Local governments are NOT free to trample and tread all over a citizen's rights, freedoms and protections
 - Local governments are NOT free to force you to live in fear and apprehension
 - Local governments, or governments at any level, for that matter, are not allowed to take away your freedoms, liberties, rights and protections, destroy your life and livelihood, destroy your happiness, peace and contentment, destroy your reputation, destroy your ANYTHING or EVERYTHING!!!
 - I am Roy Merritt, and I am running for the office of President of the U. S. A. in 2024. Thank you very much, and may God bless and protect the U. S. A.