

## Freedom and Your Responsibility

"I am hereby resolved that under no circumstances shall the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights be infringed. In particular I am opposed to any attempt on the part of the federal government to deny the people their right to bear arms, to worship, and to pray when and where they choose, or to own and control private property."

Ezra Taft Benson An Enemy Hath Done This, from an address given at the Utah Forum for the American Idea, Salt Lake City, UT, 29 Feb 1968

"To every Latter-day Saint, we have a tremendous obligation to be good citizens, to uphold the Constitution of this land, to adhere to its basic concepts, to do all in our power to protect the freedoms and the liberties and the basic rights which are associated with citizenship. The Lord has said even in our day, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, that we have an obligation. He has not only spoken about the Constitution being inspired, he has said that if we are to be good Latter-day Saints, we also have to take an interest in this country in which we live and we are to see to it that good men are upheld and sustained in public office."

Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson 615-16; from an address given at Short Hills, NJ, 15 Jan 1961

Politics and religion actually go hand in hand. Religion drives political ideology. Religion is the core of a nation's roots. America was founded with Christian values, and belief in God Almighty was prerequisite to the establishment of this country.

The men who gave the machine power were not men of inaction. These men gave life to the political machine that began the slow walk towards freedom for all.

We cannot sit idly by and watch the "hedges be torn down". Whether our actions change the outcome or not, we are decreed to defend our lands, lives, and freedoms and must act accordingly. As for now this is not a war we must fight on a battlefield of weapons, but ideals.

The tower was not built. We do not have grunted protection. Each battle of ideas is up to us and all of us. Elect good men to represent the good will of God in their community. Even if it feels hopeless, you could be the pebble that triggers the avalanche.