

# Start Opening Your Damn Eyes

There are only two things that can stop a “government” from becoming totalitarian: 1) a hard and fast, unbreakable “rule” that specifically and clearly limits what political “authority” may be used for; 2) the good graces and self-restraint of politicians. The problem is, neither of those exist in the real world.

The politicians, their enforcers, and most of the people they subjugate, all seem to agree that the ruling class (at the state, local and/or federal level) has the right to regulate, tax, and/or forbid all of the following:

Someone living on his own land.

Some growing and eating his own food.

Some building his own shelter.

Someone collecting rainwater on his own property.

Someone possessing the means of self-defense.

Someone possessing the means to travel.

Someone trading with others, by any means.

Of course, I could list literally thousands of more specific things, like children opening a lemonade stand, but given just those things listed above, it should be pretty damn obvious that there is no enforced “legal” restriction, and no fundamental objection from the peasant class (and obviously none from the ruling class), that prevents the state from forcibly interfering in those basic aspects of life. As a result, calling this a “free country” is just *fucking idiotic*. Most of the people have been all the way convinced that everything they have, everything they do, everything they are, is subject to control, prohibition and extortion by a political ruling class. And that’s just pathetic.

Stop waving that stupid flag—the symbol of your oppressors—and start opening your damn eyes. You’re not free. Not even close. And the *first* thing that has to happen in order for that to change is for *you* to recognize that there is something very wrong about that.

*“I have found that, to make a contented slave, it is necessary to make a thoughtless one. It is necessary to darken his moral and mental vision, and, as far as possible, to annihilate the power of reason. He must be able to detect no inconsistencies in slavery; he must be made to feel that slavery is right; and he can be brought to that only when he ceases to be a man.” – Frederick Douglass*