

Resolution Title: Support for Bill of Rights

WHEREAS, the US Constitution was signed by patriots who had just fought a revolution against absentee landlords, foreign companies, entrenched wealth, and arrogant monarchy; and

WHEREAS, they were well aware that public assembly, free press, and firearms could be used to harm innocent bystanders, but accepted that risk in order to preserve the capability to re-fight the revolution whenever it might be needed; and

WHEREAS, they were well aware that dangerous criminals and madmen and terrorists might slip through the cracks if they insisted on due process, but accepted that risk in order to prevent abuses by entrenched power; and

WHEREAS, they therefore insisted on the inclusion of the Bill of Rights before signing; and

WHEREAS, we citizens in 2006 are no wiser and considerably less experienced in winning revolutions against entrenched power.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we reaffirm the right to assemble publically, without being herded into “free speech zones” or barred from “exclusion zones”, and without being attacked by riot squads and SWAT teams controlled by entrenched power.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we reaffirm the right to speak, write, and broadcast to the adult population without censorship by entrenched power.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we reaffirm the right to own and operate firearms, and to practice their safe use in traditional sites such as forest lands and abandoned quarries, without being monitored by entrenched power or hampered by those who find firearms distasteful.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we reaffirm the principle that due process is the basis of democracy, and that no president (or vice president), even in time of war, can circumvent the rule of law, and that no Congress can by action or inaction give that power to anyone, and that attempts to give that power or to use that power are acts of treason.
