

# Firearms & Freedom

Quick Notes

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## USA Civil Unrest

Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence:

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

The cost penalties which result from the “Affordable Care Act” combined with reduced jobs and wages which result from unfavorable trade agreements may well have placed the American Worker in that position where the evils are no longer sufferable.

So far the response has been proper: The Ballot Box.

## Freedom of the Press – on the WWW

right after Daily Stormer took the boot the proper concerns appeared in the online dialog: are we headed down a Slippery Slope to Internet Censorship?

The First Amendment clearly teaches that government ought best not have the authority to suppress Freedom of Speech.

But, the Internet is an assembly of Service Providers.

The Old Sage teaches us: Freedom of Speech means: If you own the press: you can print what you like.

This simply means: In my newspaper: I print what I want. ( You don't have to read it though ) . NYT prints what they want . ( You don't have to read that either ) .

Which brings us to the Question of the Day: Will Internet Service Providers be suppressing online content?

It's clearly the case certain topics are off-limits and this would include anything related to an activity that is otherwise illegal. But recently in fussing over "hate speech" we've been getting into a topic that will be defined differently depending on who is doing the definition.

This is a classic case of a "Slippery Slope". If special interests or money power find the means to ban any content that it doesn't like or that it doesn't agree with the 'Net will slip into a fully censored vehicle. This is already the case in some parts of the world.

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