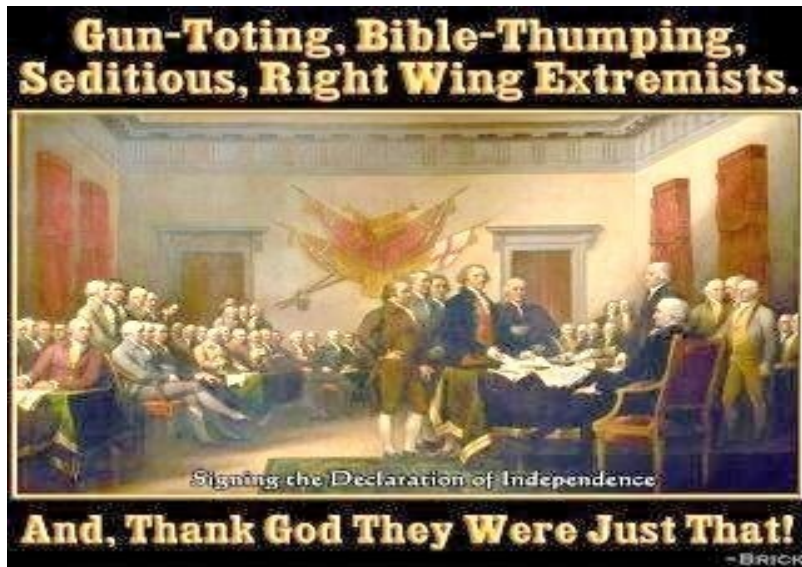


Freedom



There are those whose political views would condemn our founding fathers as being right wing extremists because they were God fearing, gun-toting patriots. In fact, there was absolutely nothing wrong with them. Real Christians are God-fearing, law abiding citizens who love their country and would only use firearms in defense of their lives or to hunt. Without these “extremists” we would still be under the rule of England. Christians love freedom, both earthly and spiritually. So did Jesus, for he died to set us free from the penalty of sin. Jesus said...

### John 8 ( [World English Bible](#) )

30 As he spoke these things, many believed in him. 31 Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, **“If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. 32 You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”**

33 They answered him, **“We are Abraham’s seed, and have never been**

in bondage to anyone. How do you say, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Most certainly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is the bondservant of sin. <sup>35</sup> A bondservant doesn't live in the house forever. A son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Just proclaiming someone is free doesn't make them free. The signers of the constitution had to fight a war to procure their freedom. Likewise, Jesus had to die on the cross to give us our spiritual freedom. Christians have the two-fold blessing of this constitutional republic and the forgiveness that only Jesus Christ can provide. Be very thankful for both blessings!