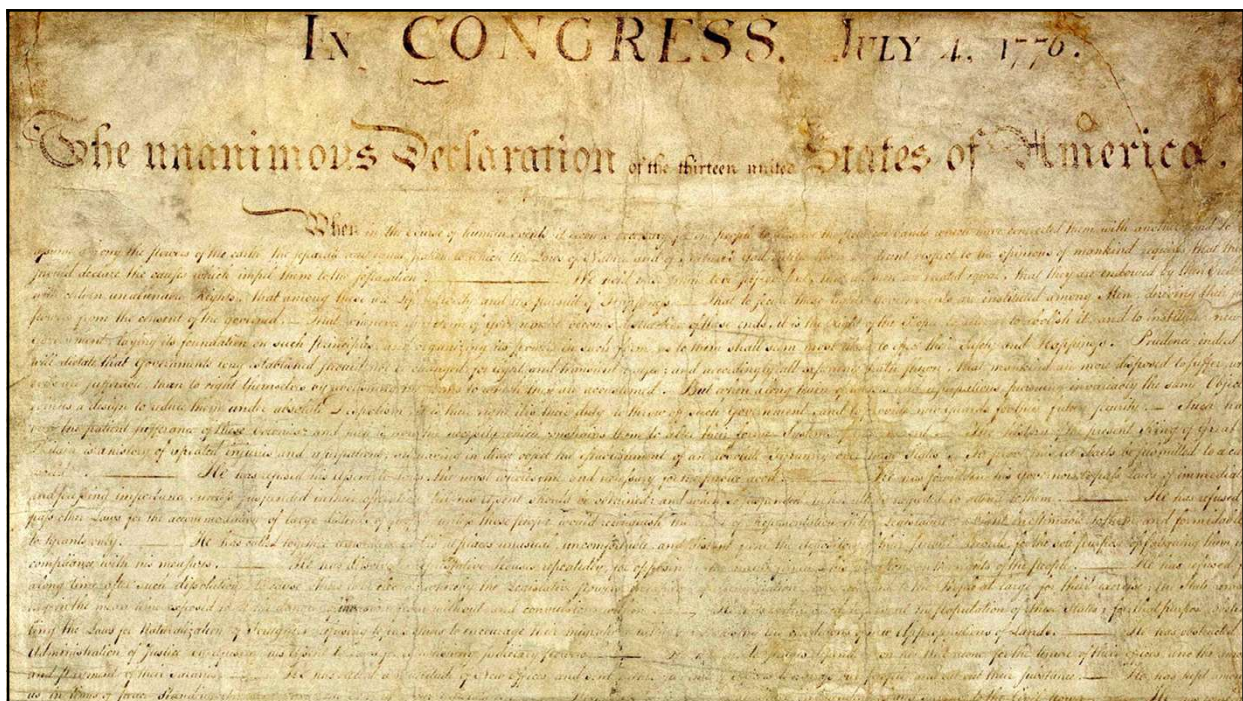
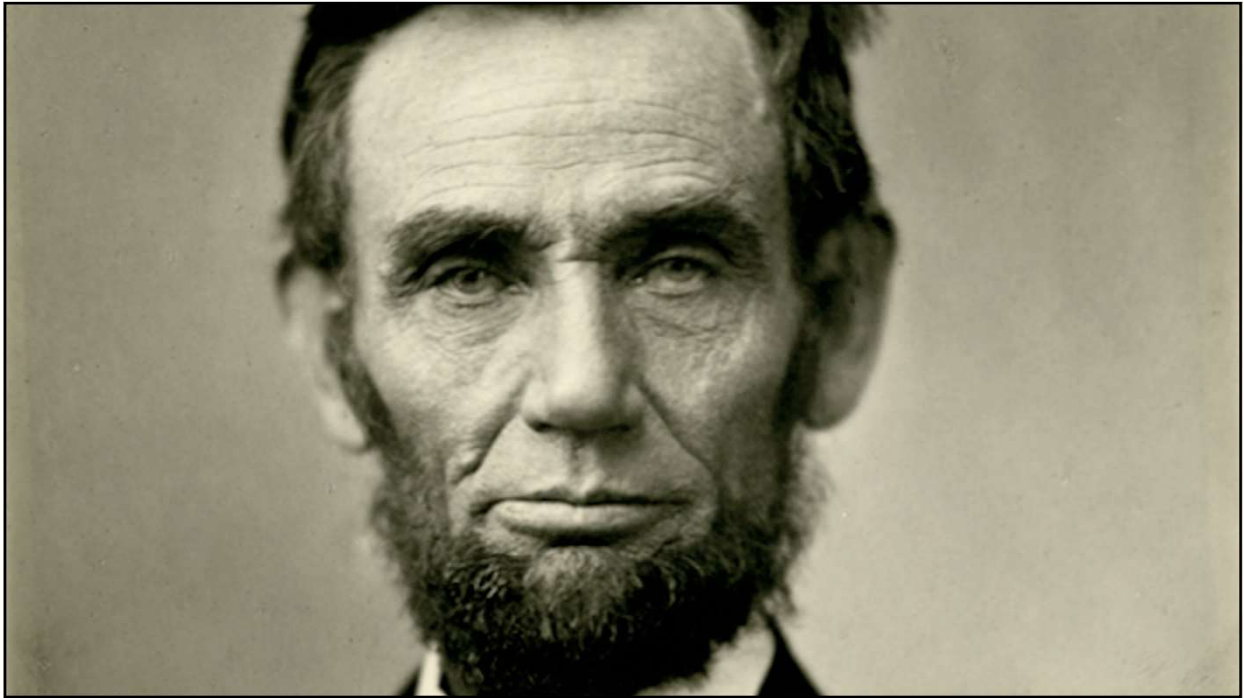


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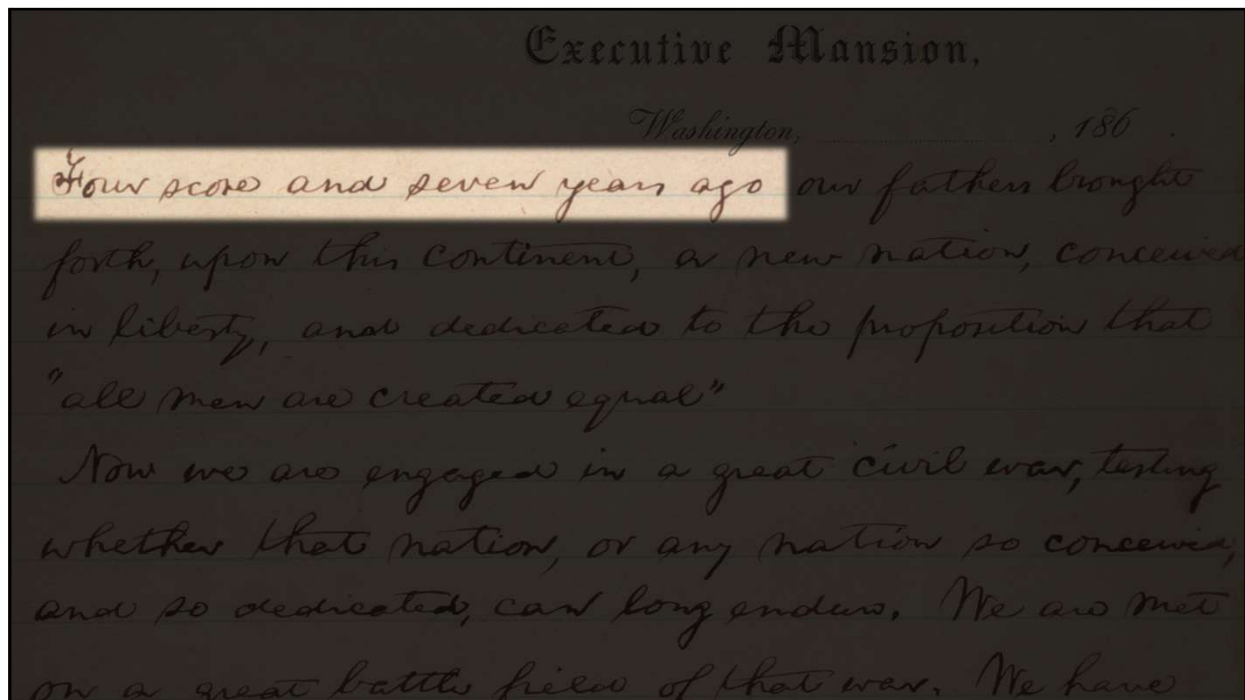
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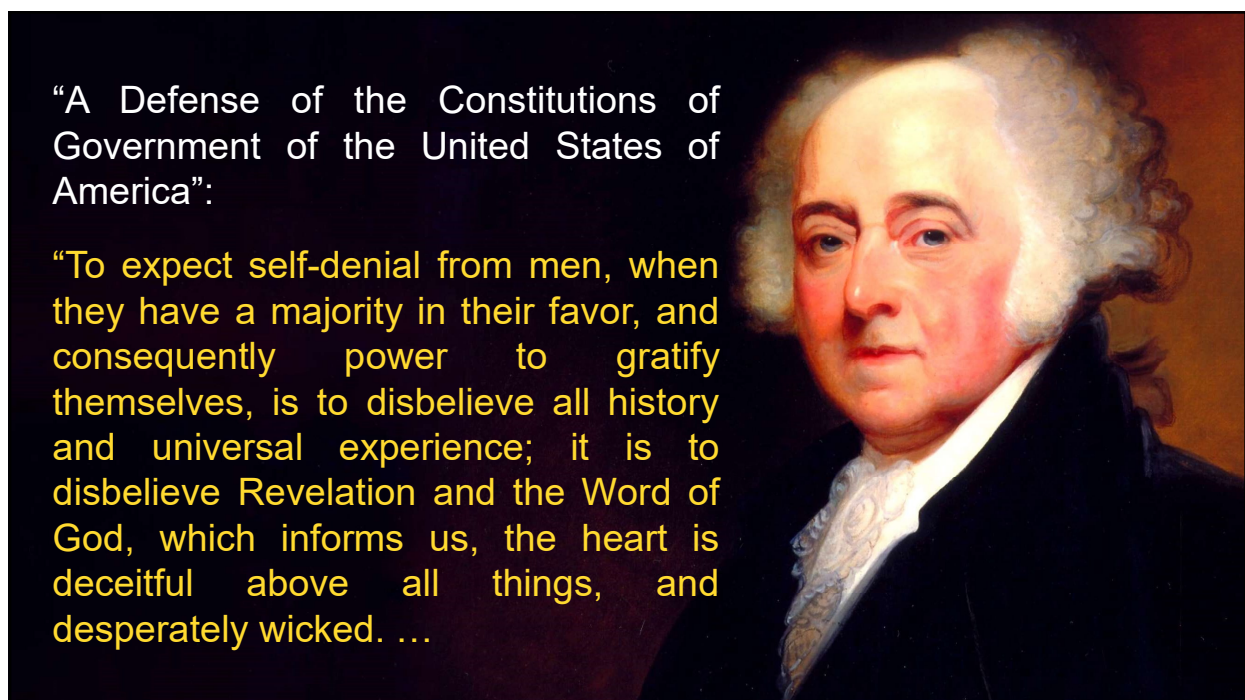
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Executive Mansion,
Washington, , 186 .
Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought
forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived
in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that
"all men are created equal"
Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing
whether that nation, or any nation so conceived,
and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met
on a great battle field of that war. We have

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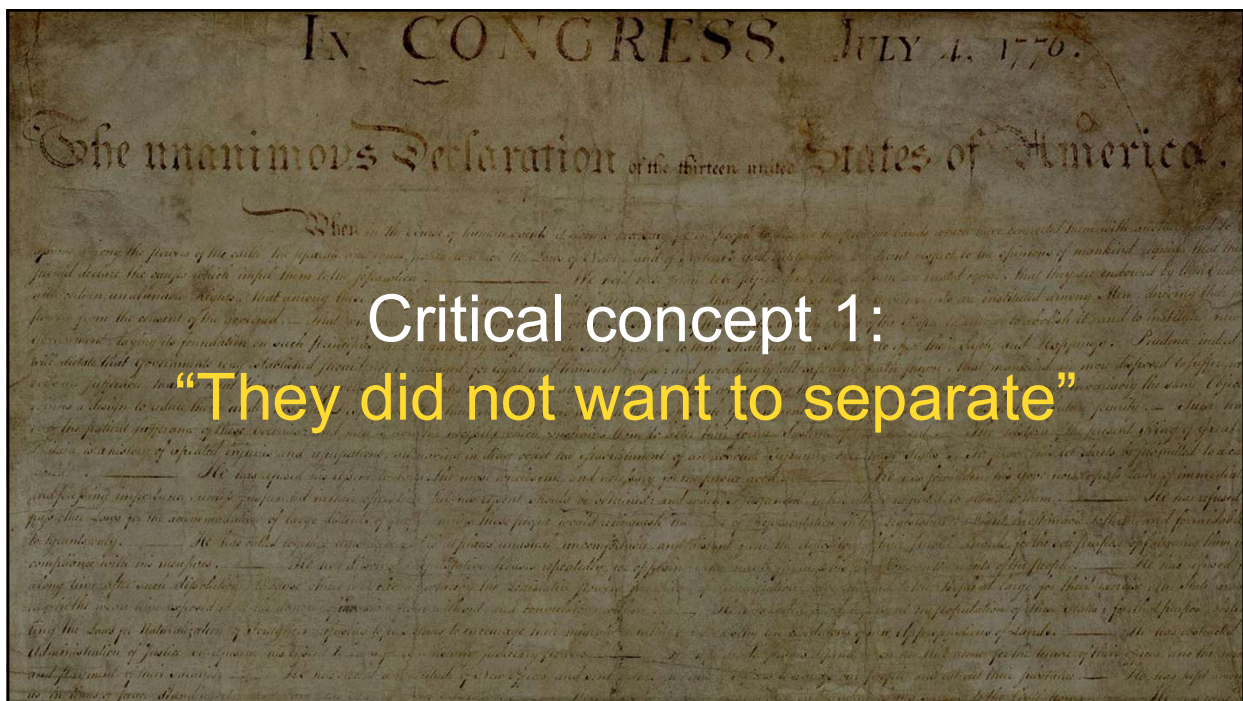


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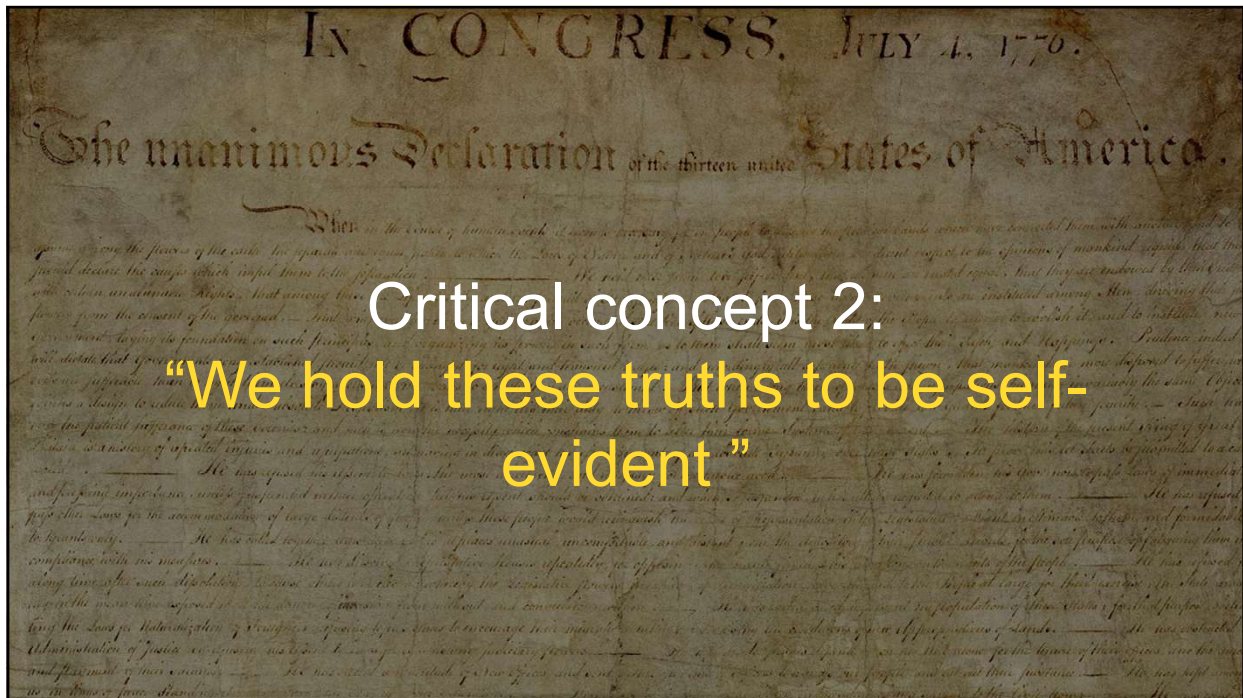
such exalted virtue never yet existed in any large body of men and lasted long; ... There is no man so blind as not to see, that to talk of founding a government upon a supposition that nations and great bodies of men, left to themselves, will practice a course of self-denial, is either to babble like a new-born infant, or to deceive like an unprincipled impostor."



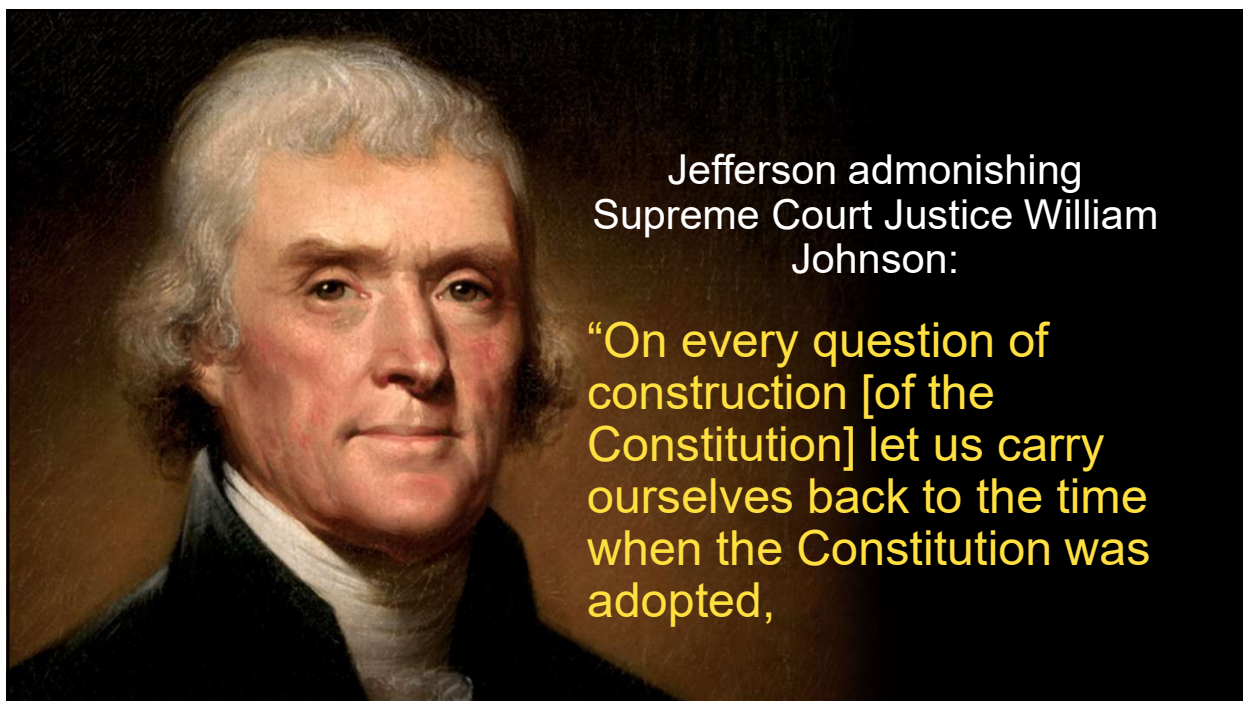
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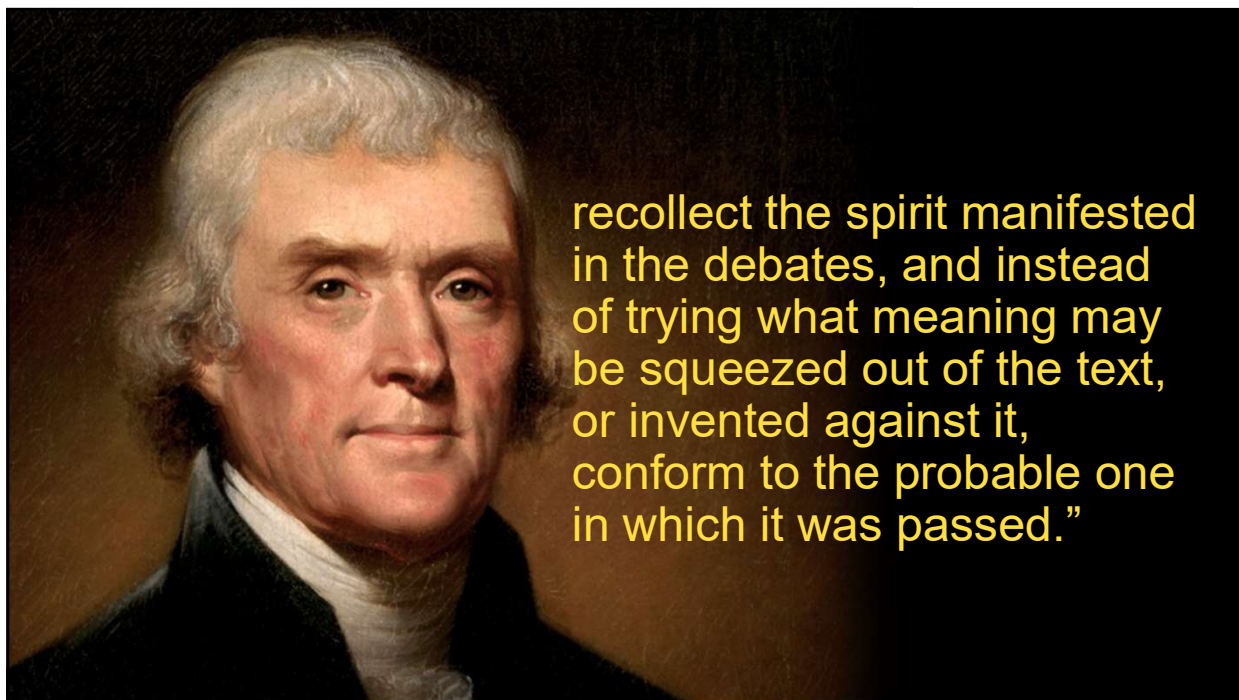
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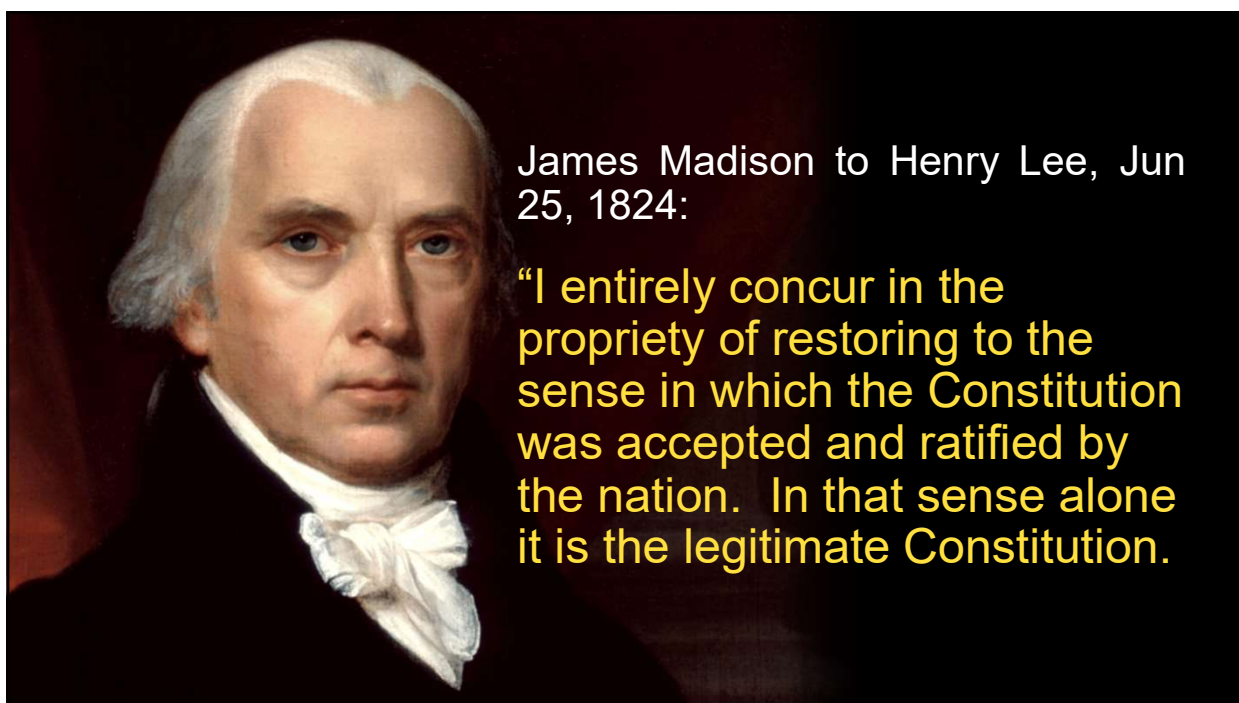
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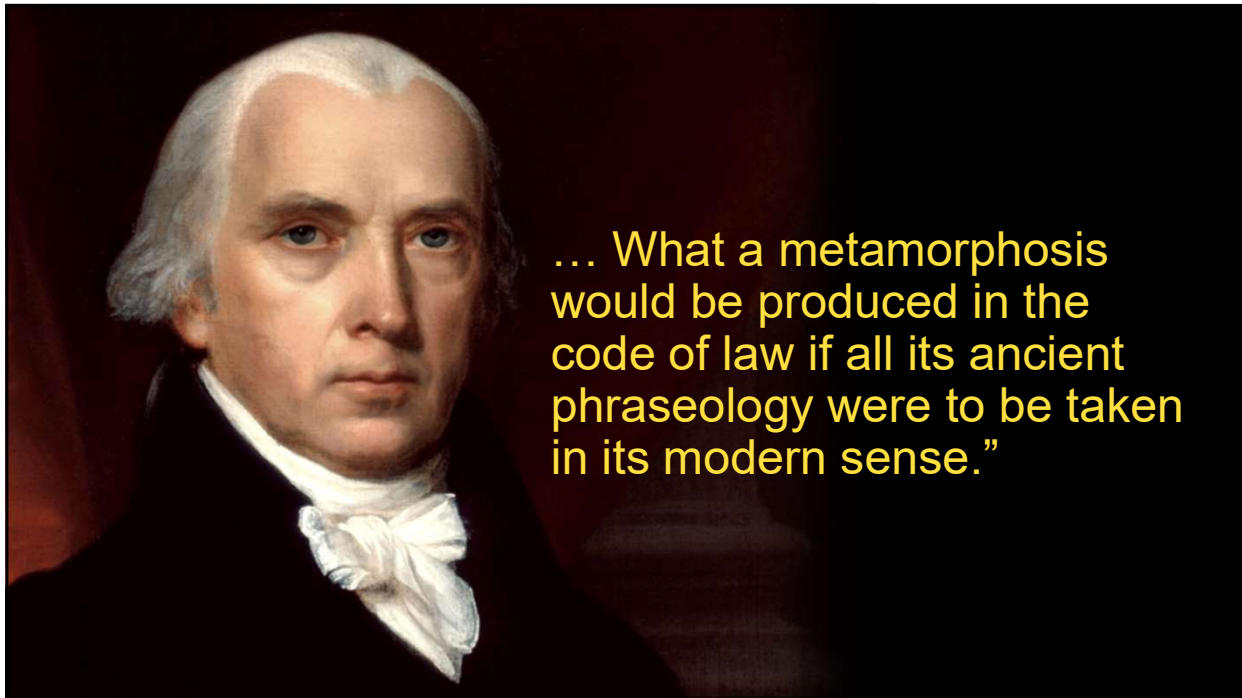
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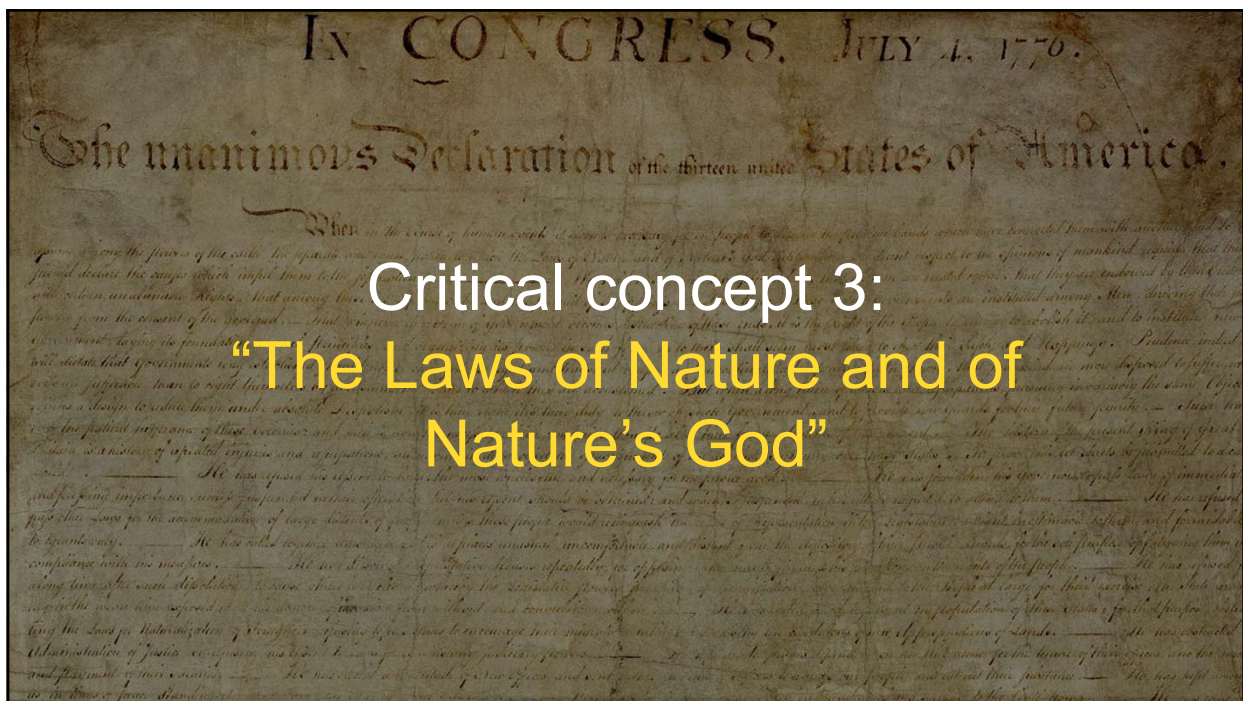
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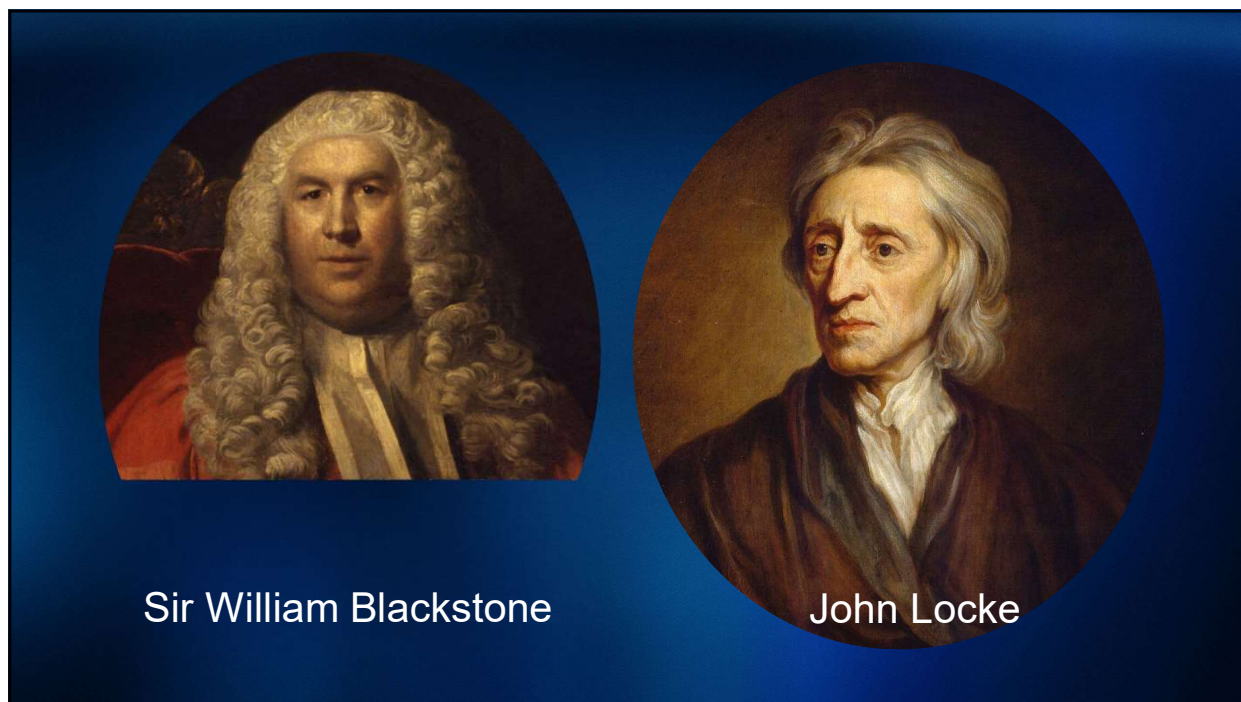
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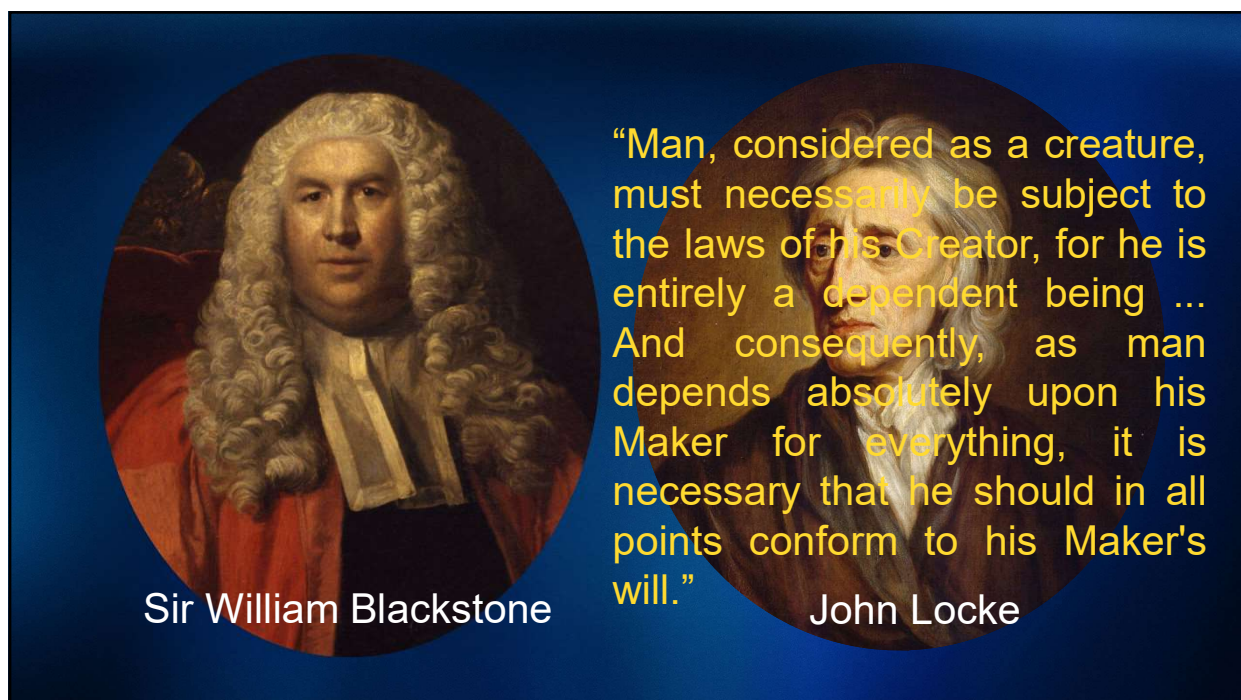
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Sir William Blackstone

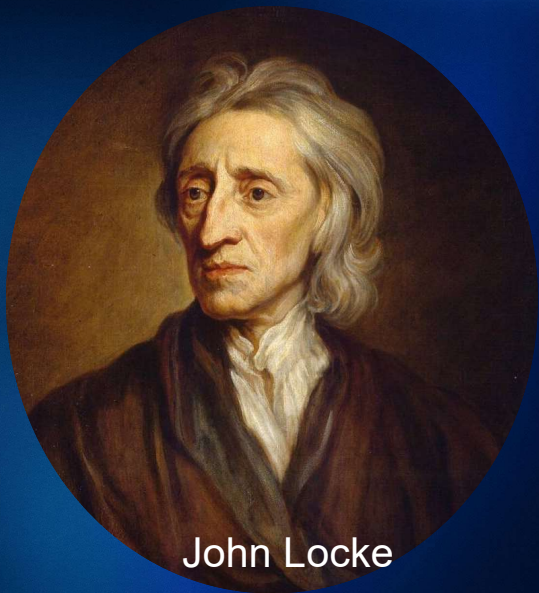
“This will of his Maker is called the law of nature... The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures...no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.” (1753)

Blackstone Commentaries on Law, Book 1, Section 2

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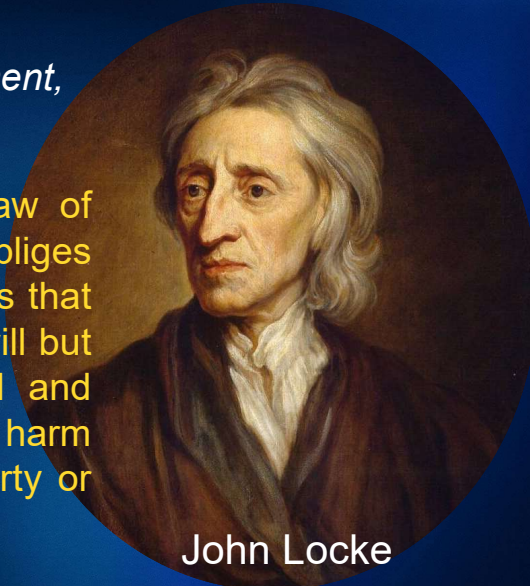


John Locke

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Two Treatises of Civil Government,
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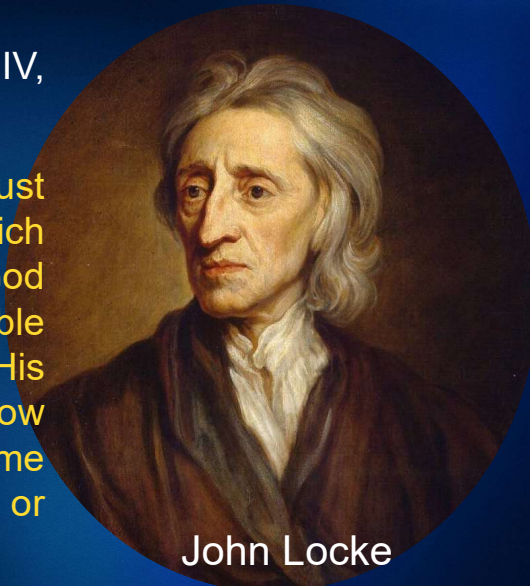
“The State of Nature has a Law of Nature to govern it, which obliges every one: And Reason, which is that Law, teaches all Mankind who will but consult it, that being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his Life, Health, Liberty or Possessions ...”



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Essays on the Law of Nature, IV,
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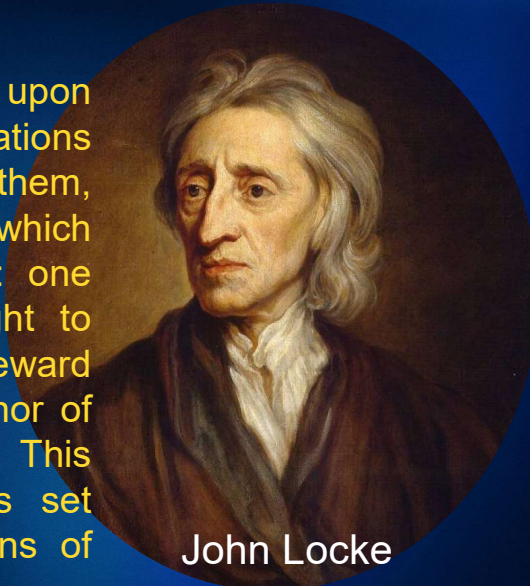
“Reason lays down that there must be some superior power to which we are rightly subject, namely God who has a just and inevitable command over us and at His pleasure can raise us up or throw us down and make us by the same commanding power happy or miserable.”



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“Of Ethics in General”:

“To establish morality, therefore, upon its proper basis, and such foundations as may carry an obligation with them, we must first prove a law, which always supposes a law-maker: one that has a superiority and right to ordain, and also a power to reward and punish according to the tenor of the law established by him. This sovereign law-maker, who has set rules and bounds to the actions of men, is God, their Maker.”

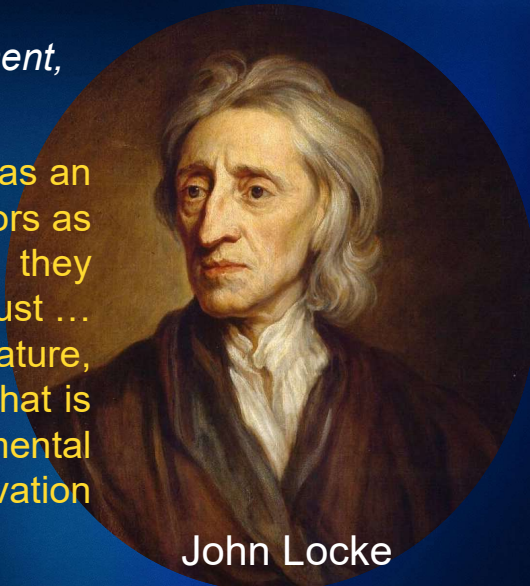


John Locke

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Two Treatises of Civil Government,
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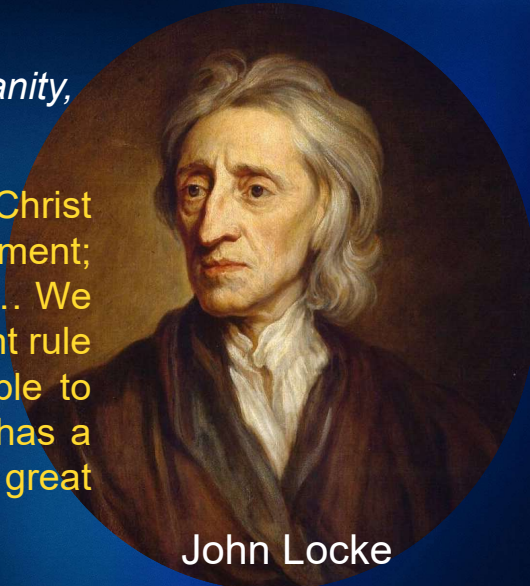
“Thus the Law of Nature stands as an Eternal Rule to all Men, Legislators as well as others. The Rules that they make for other Men’s Actions, must ... be conformable to the Law of Nature, i.e. to the Will of God, of which that is a Declaration, and the fundamental Law of Nature being the preservation of Mankind, ...”



John Locke

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“Such a law of morality Jesus Christ hath given us in the New Testament, but by the latter of these ways, ... We have from him a full and sufficient rule for our direction, and conformable to that of reason ... Here morality has a sure standard, ... from God, the great lawmaker.”



John Locke

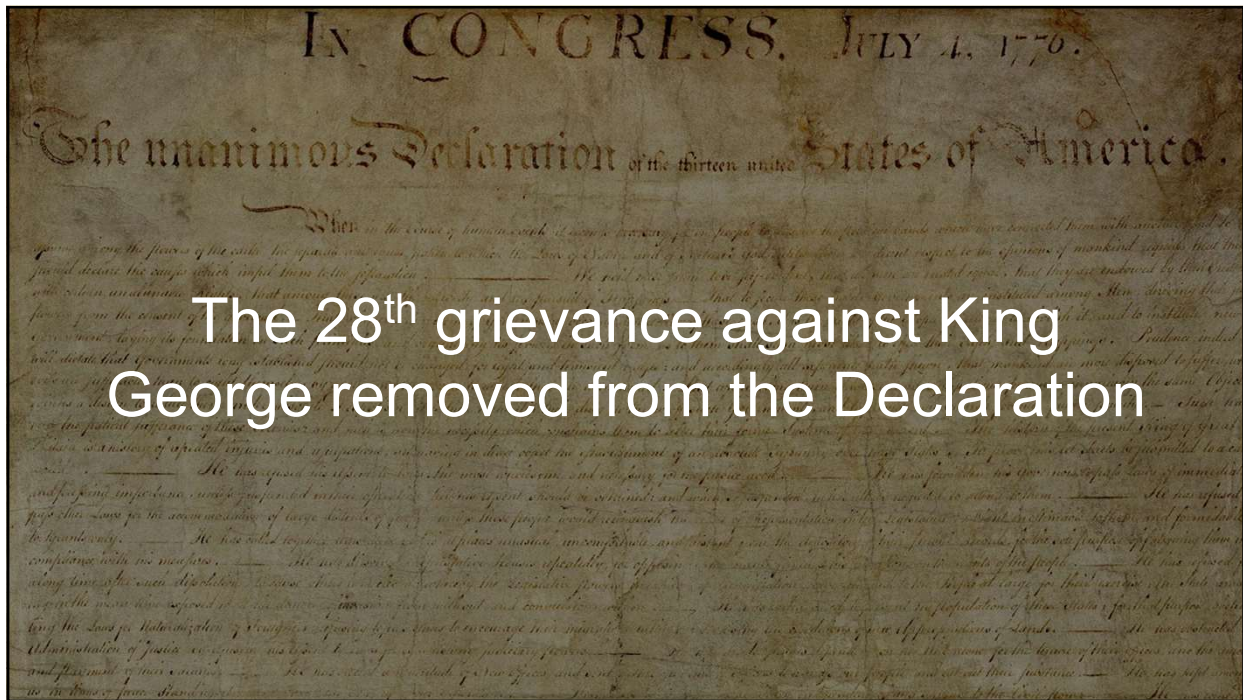
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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

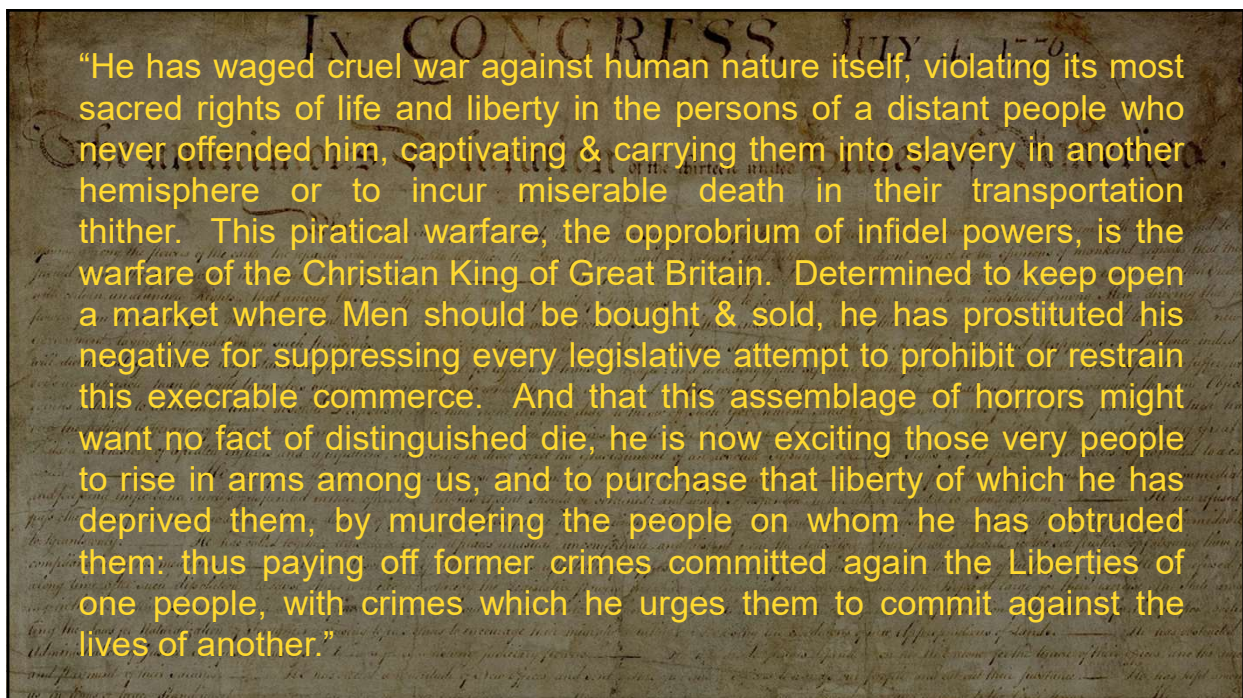
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Critical concept 4:
"All men are created equal"

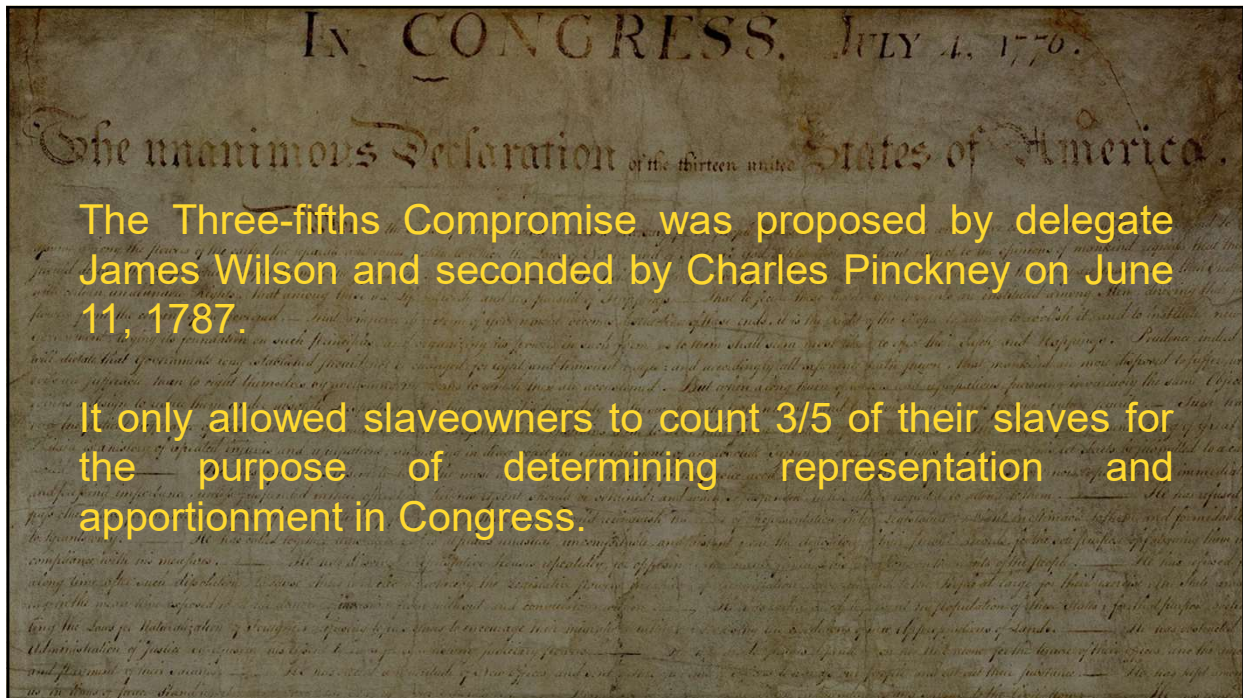
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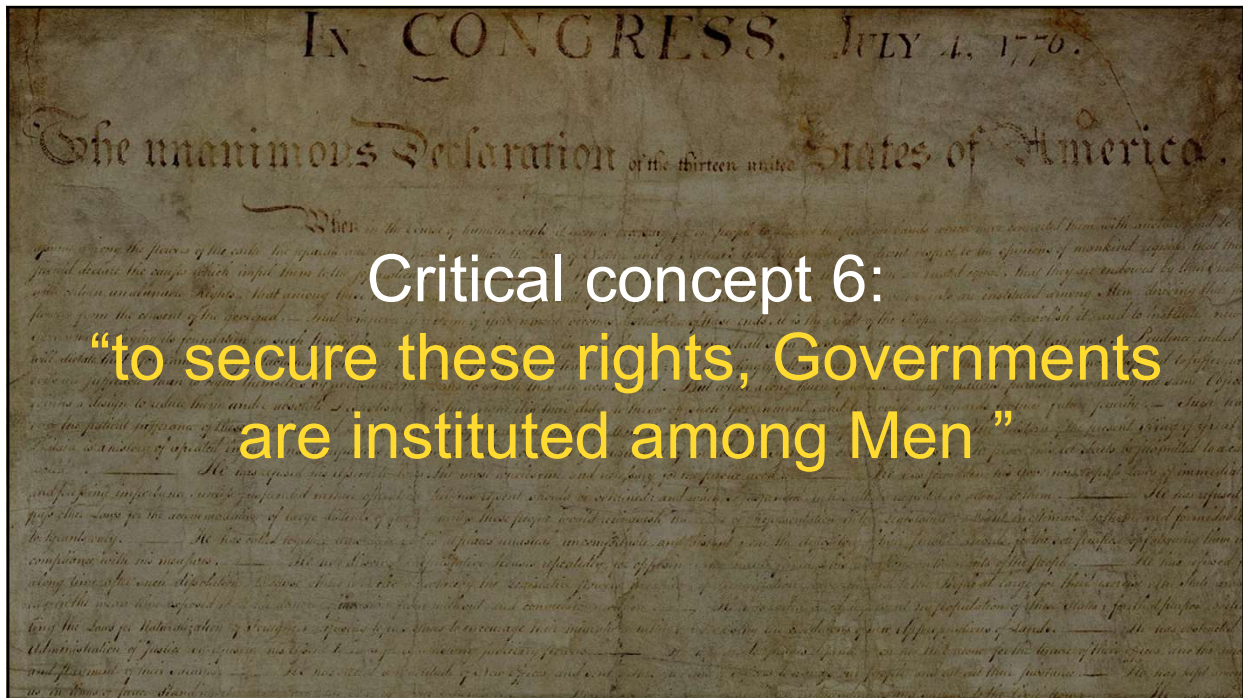
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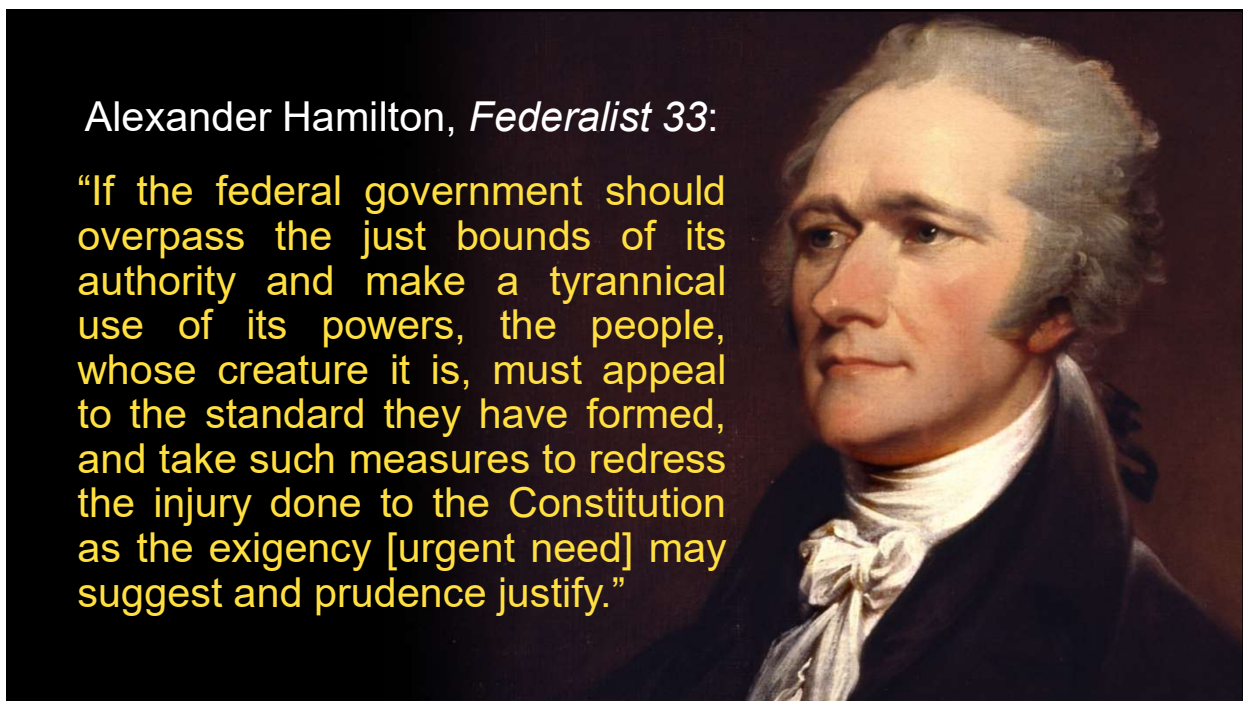
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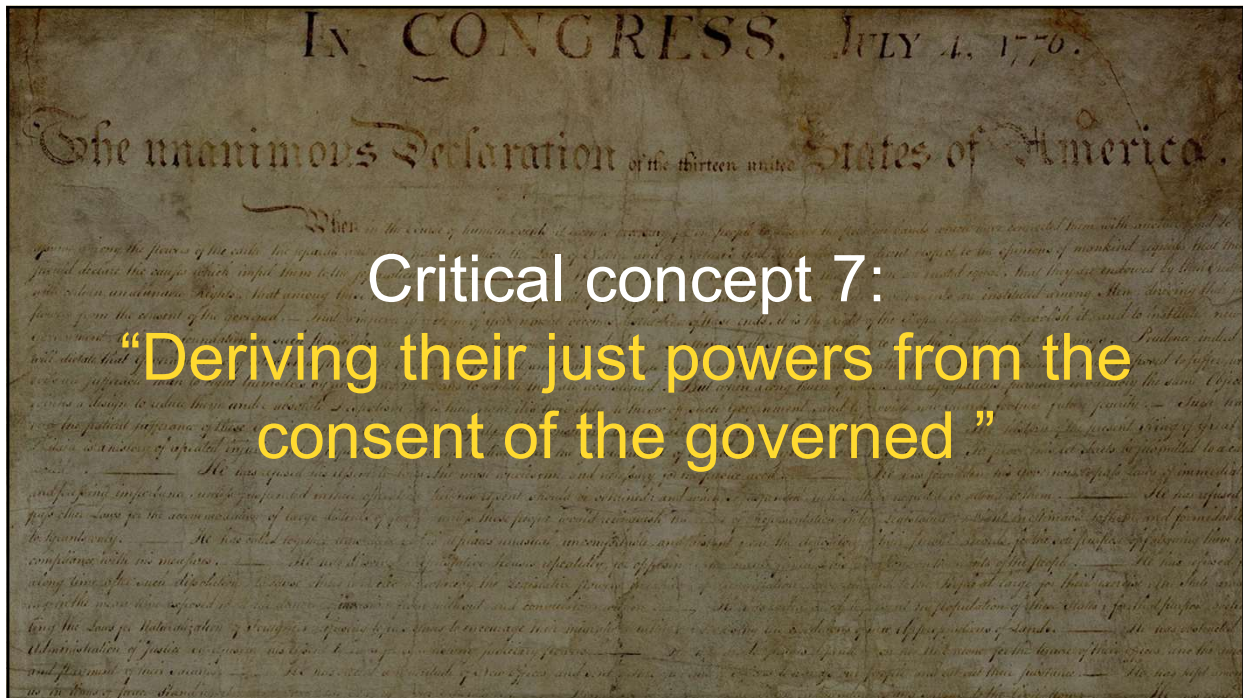
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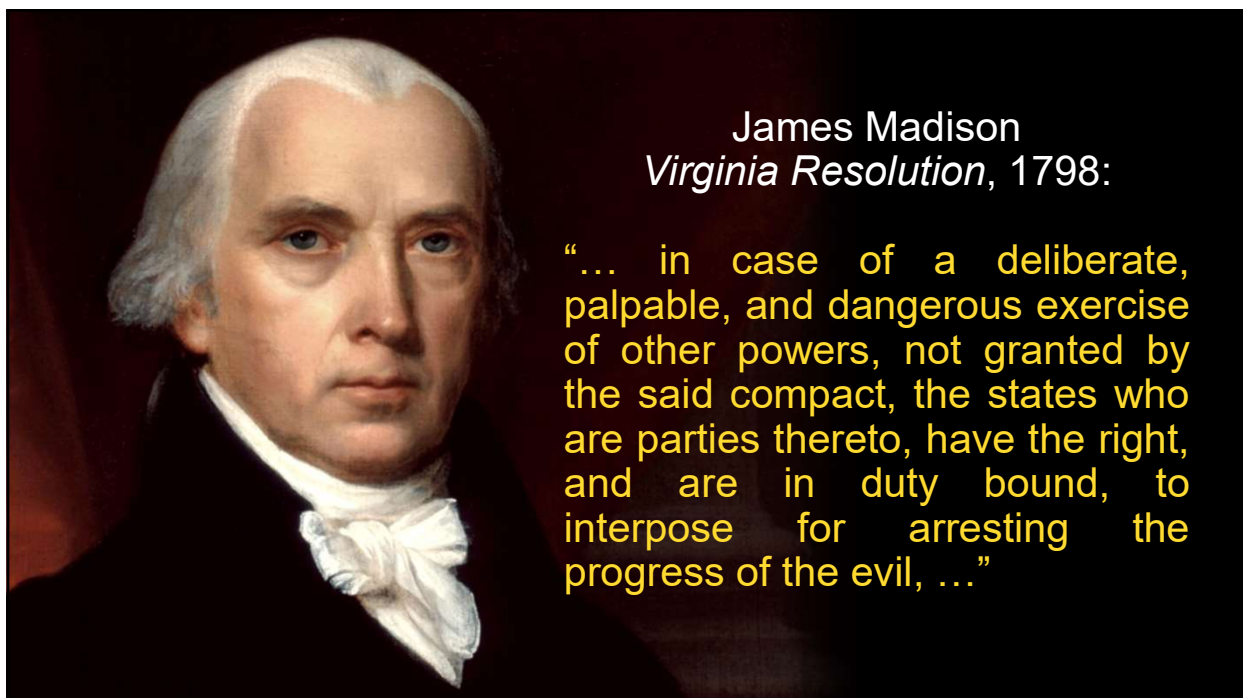
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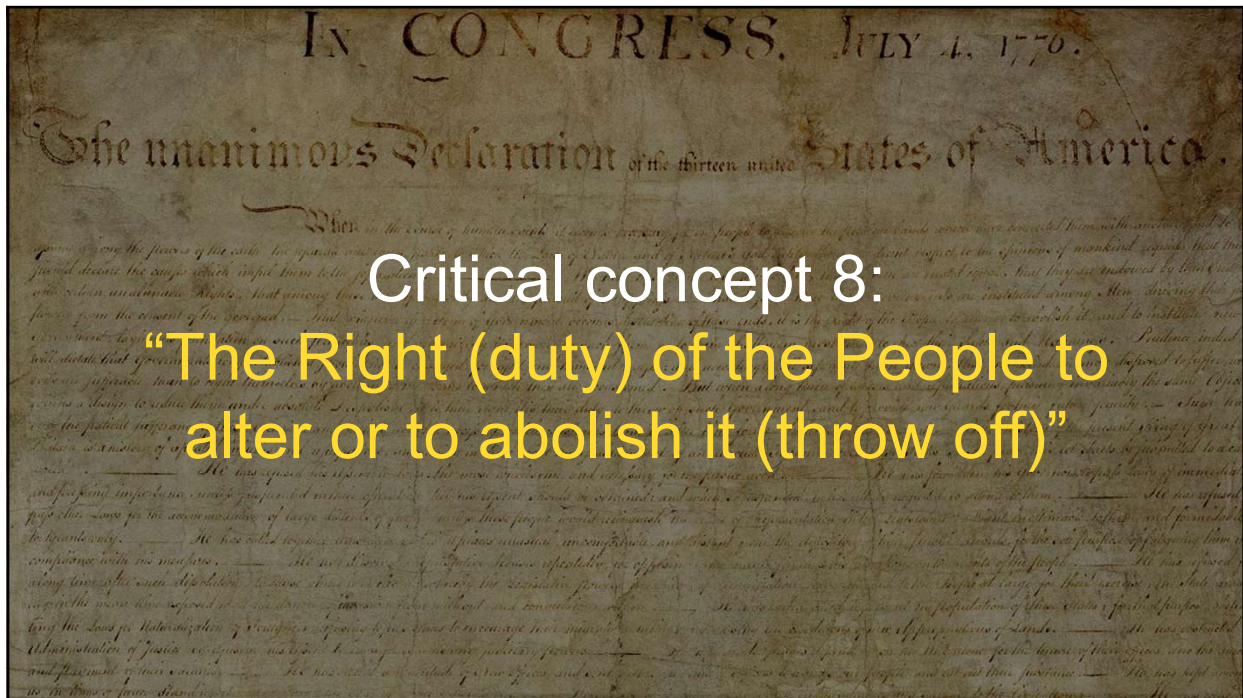
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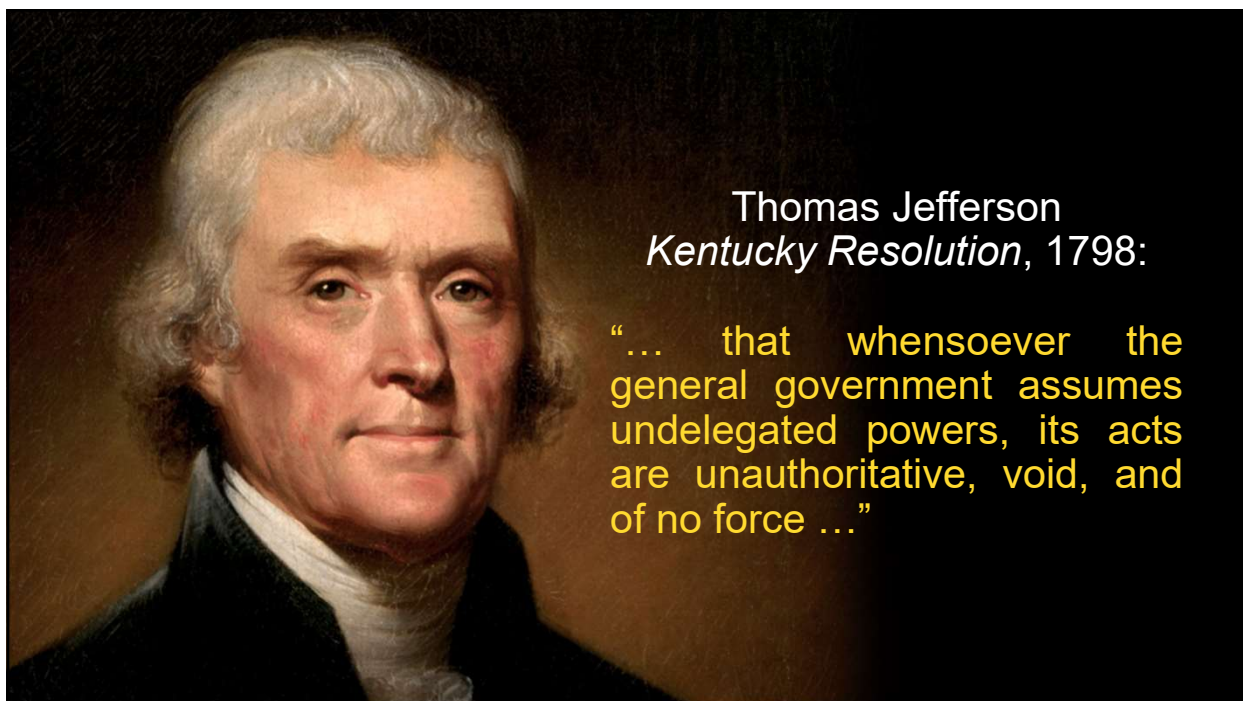
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Daniel Webster, "The Dignity and Importance of History," Feb. 23, 1852:

"[I]f we and our posterity reject religious instruction and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

