

According to Ben Franklin "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Do you agree? Does being at war change your response?

I do not agree with this quote. It was a different period in time when Ben Franklin first made this quote, so I do think that I might have agreed with it back then. However, in today's world I do not agree with it because we do have to give up some liberty to gain some security.

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I think that during the time Ben Franklin stated this, essential liberty was more important than safety. America had gained its independence from England, and essential liberty was everything. However, even the founding fathers wrote some safety features into the Constitution. For example, although we have freedom of speech, freedom to bear arms, the government still has the right to search and seize. So although essential liberties were important, there were still checks and balances so that they were in balance with safety. No one should be able to bear arms, or stock pile guns without any type of safety measures around that right.

Being at war does not change my response because I believe that people should give up some liberty to gain safety whether at war or not. This is how it should be all the time especially in the world we live in today. For example, we have the Internet and with the Internet come security problems. The government should have some level of access to information to ensure the safety of the American people as long as there are measures to keep this in check. There is no possible way that the government would not be able to access this information because there