**Famous People on Freedom**

**Uncertainty can be freeing, because isn't it so much easier to say "I just don't have the answer" than to concoct a structure that won't even stand up in a light wind, to support that which you wished were true? *(Alan Alda, in When Your Life Is on Fire, What Would You Save?)***

**I mean, this the history of our country, the ability to stand up and say, “I believe this guy is a schmuck.” And he’s allowed to do that. *(Ken Burns, documentary filmmaker, defending Michael Moore’s right to make Fahrenheit 9/11, though Burns added that he wouldn’t make it “to save my life.”)***

**Free nations are peaceful nations. Free nations don’t attack each other. Free nations don’t develop weapons of mass destruction. *(George W. Bush)***

**Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better. *(Albert Camus, in Resistance, Rebellion and Death)***

**Do not free a camel of the burden of his hump; you may be freeing him from being a camel. *(G. K. Chesterton)*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. *(Albert Einstein)***

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**History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid. We hold it to be the first task of statesmanship to develop the strength that will deter the forces of aggression and promote the conditions of peace. *(Dwight D. Eisenhower)***

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No man is ever free, and he couldn’t stand it if he were. *(William Faulkner)*

We must be free not because we claim freedom. but because we practice it. *(William Faulkner)*

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**To be quite free one must be free to refuse. *(Robert Frost)***

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**All fear is a sign of want of faith. Cultivate the quiet courage of dying without killing. For man lives freely only by his readiness to die. *(Mahatma Gandhi)***

**Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes. *(Mahatma Gandhi)***

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**Forgetfulness is a form of freedom. *(Kahlil Gibran, American poet and artist)***

**Unless a man has the talents to make something of himself, freedom is an irksome burden. *(Eric Hoffer)***

**Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, as the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past! Let each new temple, nobler than the last, shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, till thou at length art free. Leaving thine outgrown shell by life’s unresting sea! (*Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.)***

**It’s easy to be independent when you've got money. But to be independent when you haven't got a thing -- that's the Lord's test. *(Mahalia Jackson, American gospel singer)***

**Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe. *(Thomas Jefferson)***

**You are free and that is why you are lost. *(Franz Kafka)***

**Anxiety is the dizziness of freedom. (*Soren Kierkebaard)***

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**The ballot is stronger than the bullet. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, cannot long retain it. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

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**There are those who will say that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind, is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is the American Dream. *(Archibald MacLeish, in A Continuing Journey)***

**If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom, and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too. *(W. Somerset Maugham, in Strictly Personal)***

**As long as men are free to ask what they must, free to say what they think, free to think what they will, freedom can never be lost, and science can never regress. *(J. Robert Oppenheimer, American physicist)***

**Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear. *(George Orwell)***

**Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it. *(Thomas Paine)***

**Too much freedom seems to change into nothing but too much slavery. *(Plato)***

**Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. *(Pope John Paul II)***

**The one thing more difficult than following a regimen is not imposing it on others. *(Marcel Proust)***

**Freedom is the deepest and noblest aspiration of the human spirit. *(Ronald Reagan)***

**The only man who is really free is the one who can turn down an invitation to dinner without giving an excuse. *(Jules Renard)***

**Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere. Our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights and keep them. Our strength is our unity of purpose. To that high concept there can be no end save victory. *(Franklin D. Roosevelt)***

**Freedom is what you do with what’s been done to you. *(Jean-Paul Sartre)***

**Freedom is the right to do what you ought to do. *(Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, American religious leader)***

**If everything would be permitted to me, I would feel lost in this abyss of freedom. *(Igor Stravinsky)***

**Freedom is still expensive. It still costs money. It still costs blood. It still calls for courage and endurance, not only in soldiers, but in every man and woman who is free and who is determined to remain free. *(Harry S Truman)***

**To be free is to have achieved your life. *(Tennessee Williams, American playwright)***

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