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This is Phil Arnott for community comment on K INS radio

as a student of history I love to read and review statements, predictions and admonitions of former presidents, politicians, economists and historians. Let me start with Thomas Jefferson. He said our democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. Then he said that I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. He should have been a modern day politician when he said my reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government. Does that not remind you of what is happening today

later Pres. Ronald Reagan said the nine most terrifying words in the English language are I am from the government and I'm here to help. He was also quoted as saying if we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. One of my other favorite quotations from Mr. Reagan is governments view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases quote if it moves, tax it, if it keeps moving, regulate it, and if it stops moving subsidize it.

William F Buckley Junior said that liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other views, but then are shocked and offended to discover that there are other views. Pres. Calvin Coolidge who was a man of few words said this: don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong.. Thomas ^{well} so all in his book random thoughts said this: one of the sad signs of our times is that we have demonized those who produce, subsidize those who refuse to produce, and canonized those who complain.

Pres. John Adams said that a constitution of government once changed from freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever. At a commencement address in 1987 at ~~Cape~~ Cape fear Academy he said two things to his audience and they were I want our young people to believe as we did that there is no goal to high to reach if they are willing to work. He also said that the free enterprise system is under assault by our Congress ^{that has} is piled up debt during the past generation by engaging in the foolish notion that government can solve everybody's problems by throwing tax dollars at them. see Jesse Helms

Newt Gingrich is reported to ^{have} said on Fox news in 2004 the following all free people stand on Reagan's shoulders. His principal policies proved that free markets create wealth, that the rule of law sustains freedom and that all people everywhere deserve the right to dream, to person pursue their dreams and to govern themselves

after all of those wonderful remarks and writings I leave you with a point to ponder: don't you believe that Pres. Lincoln was right when he said in one of his speeches, don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.

Here is to our Veterans.

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