

# Samuel Adams Quotes

“Among the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, a right to life; Secondly, to liberty; Thirdly, to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can. These are evident branches of, rather than deductions from, the duty of self-preservation, commonly called the first law of nature.”

Some of our politicians would have the people believe that the administration are disposed or determined to have all the grievances which we complain of redressed, if we will only be quiet. But apprehend this would be a fatal delusion.”

“There can be no property in that which another can of right take from us without our consent.”

“If the British administration and government do not return to the principles of moderation and equity, the evil which they profess to aim at preventing by their own rigorous measures, will the sooner be brought to pass—the entire separation and independence of the colonies.”

“We cannot make events. Our business is to wisely improve them.”

“Shame on the men who can court exemption from present trouble and expense at the price of their own posterity’s liberty!”

“How strangely will the tools of a tyrant pervert the plain meaning of words!”

Sources

[\*Rights of the Colonists\*](#), by Samuel Adams.

[\*The Writings of Samuel Adams, Vol. III \(1773-1777\)\*](#) by Samuel Adams.

