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Hence — in this British country — with its heritage of freedom founded upon the common law — and with its free democratic political institutions — I suggest that the people should scrutinize and analyze very closely any proposal to legislate about human rights and freedom.

Many of the rights and privileges — which we dearly prize — we do not owe to specific statutes. Rather — we owe them to an absence of laws prohibiting them.

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