THE POST 9/11 “RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF A U.S. CITIZEN”
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1.-I may think as I please so long as I don't do anything about it.

2.-I may speak or write as I please, so long as I do not interfere with the patriotism and intolerance of others.

3.-I have the right to vote. With my vote I get to imagine I actually choose the public officers who are really my servants.

4.-I have the right to imagine I choose my work, any job for which my experience and ability have equipped me, even if there are no jobs around.

5.-I have the right to a prompt trial by jury, if I should be accused of a crime, so long as I am not an Arab or Arab-looking.

6.-I may seek justice in the courts where I have equal rights with others, so long as I am not black, Latino, Asian or Native American.

7.-I have the right to try to improve my lot through various means, including lying, stealing and invading other countries.

8.-I have the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," so long as I was born white, male, upper class and of course, in America.

9.-If so, I also have the privilege of sharing in the benefits of all the natural resources of my country and other countries.

10.-I have the right to worship a Christian god.

11.-I will do my part to make America, once again, "A Nation of Riflemen."