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used part of Mason's work for the opening paragraphs of the [Declaration of Independence](#). Madison used much of his fellow Virginian's writings [arguing](#) for what is now the Bill of Rights.

Since the Bill of Rights was ratified, codifying unique freedoms for all Americans, those rights have been under constant attack by enemies of liberty. Those enemies argue that the Constitution is a living document and should be updated to suit the needs of today's society. These enemies are those who have been pushing quite openly for generations to destroy the United States from within.

French historian Alexis de Tocqueville wrote about the enemies of our liberty and the Bill of Rights in America in his book *Democracy in America*. [He stated](#), "When the taste for physical gratifications among them has grown more rapidly than their education ... the time will come when men are carried away and lose all self-restraint.... It is not necessary to do violence to such a people in order to strip them of the rights they enjoy; they themselves willingly loosen their hold.... They neglect their chief business which is to remain their own masters."

Our Constitution and Bill of Rights are in place for us to use to keep the enemies of liberty and the risks associated with the tyranny of the majority at bay. The ratification of the Bill of Rights and the fact that it still protects us today is a victory for liberty and freedom. It also is a reminder that we must continue to fight for our freedoms, as soft tyranny is in full force in our nation's government. Only if we remain vigilant will our liberties survive.



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