

I don't want to quote anything from the French Revolution for fear it will be mistaken as a call for revolution. But to show how uninformed many Americans are about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and how important these things are, newspapers periodically have undertaken surveys to show the deplorable lack of knowledge and information that citizens have. They would take the Bill of Rights, as written in the United States Constitution, they would present the document to people, not the entire Constitution, because Americans won't read anything that lengthy, and ask for their opinion, and there were people who thought that these propositions and principles had come from the Communist Manifesto and that they should not be considered for enactment into law in America. They were not told this...these propositions constitute the Bill of Rights, but what would you think about these propositions being enacted into law. Some people recognized them as being the Bill of Rights, but the majority of people did not. We use slogans in this country and we replace argument with slogans. Our children do not have things explained to them so that they understand why we say certain things ought to be done and certain things ought not to be done. We cannot forever tell our children that you will do this because I'm bigger than you, I'm stronger than you, I told you to do it and if you don't do it, I'm going to punish you. You can force people, if they're afraid of you, to behave a certain way while the threat is there, but once the threat is made, if they don't have an understanding and don't believe that what you're telling them is the thing they ought to do, they're going to do the opposite anyway and they'll do worse things because they want to show you how upset they are about the way you treated them. So we should take the time to explain things and let children know, let the citizens know that certain things are in the best interest of this society. They're in your best interest even if you don't like it because it's necessary that we behave a certain way in order that everybody has the opportunity to participate in the way this system operates. If you have 20 children in a room and you say, we're going to play tag or we're going to play hide and seek, or we're going to play hopscotch and we're going to vote on it to decide what we're going to do, so you say show of hands. Twelve hands say hide and seek. Four hands say one of the other and the others don't want to vote at all because there is something else they want to do. What usually happens is that you say, however most of the kids voted, that's what everybody is going to do for the whole time. If you ask children how they would resolve it, they would say, well, we can do all three of them. We'll do the one that