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"Freedom and Liberty For All" - What Does It Really Mean?

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*"The real threat to our future is Biden and the well-heeled powerful forces who want us to lose sight of what made America great in the first place. It's not our diversity. It's our freedom." -
Laura Ingraham - Fox News*

What is freedom, really? It is when someone says, "It's my freedom to not get vaccinated"? Is it when, in the view of Laura Ingraham, that well-heeled forces are trying to get her to lose sight of what made America great in the first place?

What did make America great in the first place? If it isn't our diversity that is adopted in our country's motto, *e pluribus unum* (out of many, one), then what is it? Who are these "well-heeled" forces anyway and are there no "well-healed" powerful forces threatening our future from the alt-right?

Victor Frankl, psychiatrist and Nazi concentration camp survivor said that his concentration camp guards had more *liberty* than he, but that he had more *freedom* than his captors. What did he mean by this?

Have we lost the definition of freedom? Have we manipulated it to support our selfishness and/or our political beliefs?

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