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Three quotes from 'Why Does Freedom Wax and Wane? [1]

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The ability and willingness of the media to ?show everything? may contribute to cynicism more generally. The Jerry Springer Show, So You Want to Marry a Millionaire, and situation comedies may not have any direct political implications, but they may affect individuals? worldviews more generally. The audacious and the immoral will, after a while, cease to shock us. Viewers will become somewhat jaded and generally suspicious. On one hand, these attitudes may prove beneficial, as voters will be suspicious of poorly conceived government programs and cynical about political demagogues. On the other hand, the cynicism may undercut some of the values needed to sustain a free society.

Tyler Cowen 'Why Does Freedom Wax and Wane?[3]' *Mercatus Institute* (2000)

The Internet promises to revolutionize communications media. The role of the Internet in circulating rumor and conspiracy theories has already been mentioned, but the broader implications of the Internet remain an open question. Currently, the Internet appears to encourage minority political groups and radicals of various kinds. These individuals can now get in touch with each other more easily and have new outlets for their ideas. Whether these groups receive a real boost in the long run, however, remains to be seen. It can be argued that the Internet marginalizes these groups from the broader streams of political life. Members of these groups may talk to each other with greater ease, but it is not obvious that they will have a greater impact on policy.

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A modern government can become large only if it supports freedom to some extent, which may in fact be our saving grace.

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