

A COUNTRY
IS AN IDEA.

DREAMED UP,

AND WRITTEN DOWN.

ENSHRINED ON PAPER
OR STONE, IT MAY
SEEM PERMANENT,

YET IDEAS
ARE FRAGILE.

ITS PERSISTENCE
DEPENDS ON A SHARED
COMMITMENT TO
UPHOLD ITS PRINCIPLES,

OR IT
CRUMBLES.

THE NOTION OF DUE PROCESS GOES ALL
THE WAY BACK TO THE MAGNA CARTA IN 1215.

No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or
stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed
or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any other
way, nor will we proceed with force against him,
or send others to do so, except by the lawful
judgment of his equals or by the law of the land.

(NAMED IN 1354.)
No man of what condition he be, shall
be put out of his lands, tenements nor taken,
nor disinherited, nor put to death, without he
be brought to answer by due process of law.

RECOGNIZING HOW
FUNDAMENTAL IT IS
TO ALL OUR
FREEDOMS, WE
INCLUDED IT TWICE:

5TH AMENDMENT
NO PERSON
SHALL ... BE
DEPRIVED OF
LIFE, LIBERTY, OR PROPERTY,
WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW.

14TH
NOR SHALL ANY
STATE DEPRIVE
ANY PERSON OF

STILL,
SOME SAY:

If you violate the
law you don't get
due process.

What process is due is a function
of our resources, the public
interest, the status of the accused,
the proposed punishment, and so
many other factors.

THAT IS, IF IT'S
TOO MUCH EFFORT,
IT'S OPTIONAL...

NO.

WHEN A PERSON IS
ACCUSED OF VIOLATING
A LAW OF THE LAND,

PROCEDURES BEGIN
THAT MUST BE
FOLLOWED THOROUGHLY
TO ENSURE FAIRNESS.

WE RAISE UP THE
PROTECTION OF THE
LAW - THIS EXTENDS TO
EVERYONE -

BEFORE BRINGING
DOWN THE POWER OF
THE STATE TO REMOVE
A PERSON'S RIGHTS,

NO MATTER
WHO YOU ARE.

WITHOUT THIS, WE
ARE SUBJECT TO
THE TYRANNICAL
WHIMS OF A FEW.

THE REVOLUTIONARY ACT
TO CAST OFF A KING,
SET THE IDEA OF THIS
COUNTRY IN MOTION,

BUT IT'S ON
ALL OF US TO
SUSTAIN IT.

WE MUST ALL STAND UP
TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS
OF ANY ONE OF US,

TO PRESERVE
LIBERTY FOR
ALL OF US,

AND KEEP THIS
IDEA FROM BEING
EXTINGUISHED.