

BECAUSE

Audie Murphy did it and Sergeant York did it **AND** Smedley Butler did it and then had the **STONES** to come home and tell the **TRUTH** about it. Amelia Earhardt did it, Liberace did it, and the landing craft at Normandy were **NUT-TO-BUTT FULL OF BASTARDS DOING IT.**

And me? I did it on a cold March day with no gloves on, blowing kisses at cameras and quaking in my boots. I did it on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial under the disapproving glare of a security guard. I did it on some Anonymous January with a megaphone and the whole world watching. My mom did it on the docks and escaped from the handcuffs. My grandmother did it in combat boots. My great-grandmother did it at the polling booth, then her husband had to arrest her and feed the kids alone that night.

So, yeah. Tell me how you're gonna do it. But save us both the trouble, and tell me **AFTER** you do it.

The thing about

"GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH"

is that it's not a threat at all, it's just an announcement of the fact that you are going to be **FREE ALL OVER THE PLACE** and if they don't like it, they'll have to kill you first.

- The Good Reverend Roger,
with extra affirmations from Anonymous

GET OUT THERE AND DO IT

Look, you bastards, it **ISN'T** treason, and I will **NOT** confess. It **IS NOT** heresy, and I will **NOT** recant. Sure, I did it, and so would **YOU**, if you had any balls. Johnny Cash did it, and flipped everyone the bird. James Brown did it, and brayed laughter out the window of his car, while cops chased him across **FOUR STATES.** Patrick Henry did it, just to show he wasn't afraid to stick his neck in a noose. But **DOING** it is not the same thing as **TALKING** about it. You'll scream 'YEEHAW' at that scabby little wimp Ted Nugent, and you will 'HELL YEAH' at Goddamn Fox News down at your local saloon, but **THAT'S NOT DOING IT.**

Martin Luther King did it in jail, Mohammad Ali did it to a federal judge's face. Gandhi did it in the face of the entire British empire. Ozzy Osbourne did it while pissing on the Alamo, and you didn't see a single po'bucket with the **CUTS** to punch him out for it. They were small, crawling things, and he was a raging maniac that could not give **ONE SOLITARY DAMN** what anyone thought.

Martin Luther nailed it to the church door, Schindler did it to the Nazis, Joe Hill did it to the man until they **KILLED** him... and... and... and...

FURTHERMORE

Loving did it to the state of Virginia and Ru Paul did it to a million screaming bigots. Wayne Newton did it to the Las Vegas mob, Daniel Shays did it to George Washington, right after Washington did it to King George III.

And what about you? Did **YOU** do it? I bet you didn't. I bet you **PLAN** to do it, or **SHOULD** have done it, or **TALK A REALLY GOOD GAME ABOUT IT**. I bet you elbow your buddies and tell them you're gonna **DO IT** one fine day, just not right now, on account of the game is on, pass the goddamn Miller High Life.

BUT REMEMBER

Louis Armstrong did it and Scatman John does it, and Medgar Evers did it til they **SHOT** him, and Sitting Bull did it **ALL DAMN DAY**, and Chocise and Geronimo just **DIDN'T GIVE A CRAP** and **KEPT DOING IT**, long after it had gone out of fashion.

So spare me the stories about how you're **CONNA** do it, if they by Jesus **PUSH YOU ONE MORE TIME**, because they've pushed you **YOUR WHOLE CODDAMN LIFE**, and you didn't do **DICK**.

HOWEVER

The **FUNNIEST** part is, Obama didn't do this to you, and Dick Cheney didn't either. Leon Blankenfein didn't do it to you, nor did Henry Kissinger or Robert MacNamara or Pope John Paul II. No, you stupid punk, **YOU** did this to you, and so if you really ever get the urge to **GO AHEAD AND DO IT**, just punch yourself in your own stupid face. Then you can get up and do it to the rest of the bastards who have it coming.

But while you're doing it, **SHUT THE HELL UP**. I'm tired of hearing about it, and how you're gonna do it.

SOME DAY.

Chelsea Manning did it while they tortured her, and Edward Snowden did it and ran like hell, laughing like a mad bastard. King Canute did it up to his knees in the ocean, and the dance band on the Titanic did it while the ocean was coming to them. Aaron Swartz did it at MIT and Michael Hastings did it on the front page, and look where that got **THEM**. Jackie Robinson did it for the love of the game and Rosa Parks did it and said it was just because **HER FEET HURT**.

John Dillinger did it every chance he got, and he didn't stop til they shot him from **AMBUSH**, because he was **TOO MUCH** for them to deal with **MANO-E-MANO**. Billy the Kid did it until he was shot in the back in the **DARK**, for **THE SAME CODDAMN REASON**, and, you know, I'm trying to say...

BESIDES THAT

Neil Armstrong did it in vacuum, death by boiling blood less than **TWO INCHES AWAY**. Sophie Scholl did it until they chopped her head off. C Everett Koop did it while his boss screamed and **BOTH** sides of the aisle wanted him dead! Huey Newton did it and H Rap Brown did it and Angela Davis **NEVER STOPPED DOING IT**, and she'll kick your junk right up around your ears **TO THIS DAY** if you give her crap about it.

So there's no reason **YOU** can't do it, except for maybe all those Goddamn **EXCUSES** you have for **NOT** doing it and I tell ya, The Crack awaits you, you horrible little monkeys. So don't tell me **WHY** you can't do it, because **I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.**

YOU KNOW WHY?