

PSEUDO-FREEDOM: **Reflections on Post-Democracy**

**When I support government policies
and avoid controversy
I seem "free"**

**When I don't worry
about injustice
or upset hegemonies
I appear to have liberty**

**Yet
if I question too much
or threaten existing elites
this mirage vanishes
&
the limits
soon become crystal clear
regarding how much
I can do or speak**

**If I persist any further
punishments merely increase**

**All people have
their breaking points**

&

Yes -

I support the system!

Yes -

it's wonderful to be free!



Frida: (Spitting on the sidewalk.) Isn't naive to expect significant freedom in a world with so many billions of people?

Ning: (Pretending not to notice) Well, can any one person answer that question?

Frida: (ignoring this Ning's comment) Freedom is a mirage – we are all slaves in some way or other.

Ning: (Deciding to short-circuit the whole conversation.) I hear that the weather will be cloudy today.

Dmiritri: (Attempting to rescue the conversation) Ah, yes – the weather!

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