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Louis Dembitz Brandeis (November 13, 1856 – October 3, 1941) was an important American litigator, Justice, advocate of privacy, and developer of the Brandeis Brief. In addition, he helped lead the American Zionist movement. He was appointed by Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1916 (sworn-in on June 5), and served until 1939. He was the first Jew to hold that office. Before his appointment to the Supreme Court, he was associated with the progressive wing of the United States Democratic Party, and published a notable book in support of competition rather than monopoly in business.

Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the Government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal well meaning but without understanding.

- Brandeis, Louis D.

Men long for an afterlife in which there apparently is nothing to do but delight in heaven's wonders.

- Brandeis, Louis D.

Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they

were done.

- Brandeis, Louis D.

The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal -- well-meaning but without understanding.

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Behind every argument is someone's ignorance.

- Brandeis, Louis D.

The right to be alone -- the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized man.

- Brandeis, Louis D.



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