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When the United States of America was founded, Thomas Jefferson wrote a document that officially severed the US from Great Britain. In the document, Jefferson asserted that people have a right to rebel against tyrants. Jefferson's assertion is correct, people have a natural right to rebel against tyrannical governments.

The first reason why people have the right to rebel against tyrants is that tyrants suppress people from having the freedom to express themselves. The classic example of this is King George III. King George would not tolerate those who spoke against him, often imprisoning them or executing them for going against his regime. The colonists were so scared by this policy that they passed the First Amendment, granting US citizens the right to freedom of speech. Another example of a tyrant suppressing speech comes from Nazi Propaganda and Helmut Hubener. Helmut was the youngest person to be executed as an opponent of the Third Reich. Helmut was executed for illegally publishing propaganda against the Nazis. The Nazis, led by Hitler the tyrant suppressed Hubener's right to free speech. A final example of tyranny's suppression of speech comes from Martin Luther's rebellion against the Catholic Church. Luther was put on trial and was nearly killed for speaking out against the Catholic Church. The pope was a tyrant over freedom of speech. Citizens have a right to rebel against tyrants that suppress their freedom to say what needs to be said.