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Ann,

[http://books.google.com/books?id=eZ0I5uJP\\_wAC&dq=wild+swans&pg=PP1&ots=5Srm\\_ag8F&sig=OsU9y3Y9c9](http://books.google.com/books?id=eZ0I5uJP_wAC&dq=wild+swans&pg=PP1&ots=5Srm_ag8F&sig=OsU9y3Y9c9)

It's very, very interesting. I didn't know how much I didn't know. The names are sometimes hard to keep straight, but then I recognize some of them: Deng Xiaoping, Zhou Enlai, etc. I hate to admit this, but I knew virtually nothing of Mao Zedong, how he came to power, or what he did. I've read lots of books about the "former" China, but I never even wondered... when did that change to communism, and how? I was ignernt. The author, Jung Chang, has since written a biography of Mao, which I saw at the book store and considered buying for one second, but it was a huge book, and I doubt that it would hold my interest that long. I might be wrong, though. I do love biographies. It was just so big. Anyway, I figure she is very knowledgable. She was a follower of him, and has spent her live researching.

Jung Chang's grandmother was actually a concubine and had her feet bound. That would be the same generation as my grandmother. Very interesting.

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Kathy

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That sounds like really interesting reading. I'll have to look for that book.

Anne (looking at her "poor little capitalist" grandson, who's currently munching on a hamburger and slurping orangeade)

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I am currently reading "Wild Swans". It is the story of 3 generations of Chinese women (true story), and the woman writing it is about my age. She was born and raised in China during the Cultural Revolution of Mao, and her mother and father were both communists and high up in the party. What Mao did to that country was amazing, (the regime before him was bad, and

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the people saw the communists as saviors, but they didn't know how bad it could get) and I see the U.S. slipping and sliding toward "The Government" taking care of us, just as was Mao's dream. I never knew the extent of it, and this was going on when I was a young girl. The Chinese were not allowed to even have their own food to cook! It was against the law! They all had to eat in the "canteen" and thousands upon thousands of people starved to death. The funny part is that this lady says that if she didn't like something and didn't want to eat it the adults told her, "think of all the poor capitalist children in American who don't have enough food to eat!" HA! A trick used by parents worldwide, I guess!

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I think the trans fats thing is ridiculous, too. Not as serious as freedoms infringed upon by the Patriot Act, maybe, but all the same, I detest being looked upon as not being competent to make my own judgments about what I will or won't eat.

Incidentally, I've never been investigated by the government, but I still see the Patriot Act as freedom infringement. Call me paranoid, but I have no faith in the government to use the Patriot Act only as a means of hunting down terrorists.

Anne

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California has just taken away another freedom from those eating in their state. They are outlawing transfats. Not suggesting you shouldn't eat them, not warning of their dangers, not giving you the choice of eating them or something else, but actually outlawing a food product, removing your freedom of choice.

Those who agree transfats are bad for us might not see the loss of freedom, as those who have never been

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investigated by the government  
don't see the Patriot Act as the loss of  
freedom. I don't think  
transfats rise the level of terrorism though.

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When I mention damaging  
the Constitution and Bill of  
Rights, what's in  
my head is the Patriot Act. I  
can't believe that we just  
willingly  
handed our rights over to the  
government. The founding  
fathers of  
this country must be  
spinning in their graves.

Anne