

"Republic - I like the sound of the word. Republic means people can live free - talk free, go, come, buy or sell, be drunk or sober, however they choose. Some words give you a feeling - republic is one of those words that make me tight in the throat. Same tightness a man gets when his baby takes his first step, then when he shaves and then makes his first sound as a man. Some words can give you a feeling that makes your heart warm. Republic is one of those words."

as spoken by **John Wayne** as Colonel David Crockett in the movie  
**The Alamo** (1960)