

WE THE PEOPLE

THE LIBERTY ESSAYS

**A RESPONSE TO THE SOCIALIST LEFT
AND THE WOKE CULTURE OF TODAY**

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Preface

I want to make a brief statement before I begin. On occasion as you read these essays you will find occasional misspellings, punctuation errors, grammatical mistakes and even incorrect sentence structure. For this I truly apologize. I'm sure my 8th grade English teacher rolls over in her grave every time I commit one of these sins. God bless you Mrs. Rogers, you tried! I am neither a writer nor an English major. I am just a guy trying to express myself and my ideas. Please try to see past the mistakes when you find them and focus on what's important, the message.

I want these essays to give you hope knowing you are not alone. To know that there are others who think and feel the same as you. I also hope they give you the clarity and resolve to become active in defending our country from this truly evil form of political tyranny that is manifesting itself in our country today. It is a hybrid of Marxist Communism, Socialism, Fascism, and Authoritarianism. It is all being pushed and promoted by the useful idiots in the “woke” culture of today. BLM is run by Marxist and ANTIFA is not really anti-fascist but instead promotes anarchy. This is a critical time in our country's history. If we do not stop this cancer from spreading it will destroy our Republic. This is not a manifesto but rather a collection of ideas to possibly help bring us back from the brink of impending social collapse.

These essays are not like a two minute You Tube video or three sentence “tweet” with a

like/dislike emoji at the end. They are short essays about serious issues so please take the time to read them. Think of them collectively as a short book with each essay as a chapter. The themes and ideas vary somewhat but the core message is always the same. This is also not just another whine fest of complaints about current events. In these essays the problems are identified, and solutions offered. The solutions are “Big Picture” without detail at this point, you have to start with an overall idea before filling in the details as the plan comes together. Some ideas are more radical than others, but I believe they also have merit. Read them all before you make any decisions. If you agree with what I've written, then share these essays with your friends and family and discuss the ideas and their merits. Pass them on to as many people as you like in any form you feel appropriate. I sincerely hope you do. You may not agree with everything I have to say and that's OK. The point of these essays is to get people motivated. For them to become part of a movement to push back against the radical left and it's Marxist/Socialist agenda.

Throughout these writings I refer to the opposition by several names. At different times they will be referred to as Communist, Socialist, Fascist, Authoritarians, Tyrants, Leftist and Woke Liberals and worst of all, Democrats. I did this because what we face is a hybridization of several different philosophies with one common goal. That goal is the destruction of our republican form of government and all its institutions. The intent is the destruction of the United States as founded, a free and Republic. The intended outcome is a Fascist Authoritarian government under one party rule with no opposing views or decent.

I would also like to explain what I mean with “The Spirit of the Founding Fathers” heading. The quotes I use under the “Spirit” heading are often but not always from the founding fathers. I do believe that they convey the same concepts and ideas embodied by the words our founding fathers.

We should all learn about the birth of our nation and the extreme risks taken by the men and women of that period. The men who gave us our founding documents faced execution for sedition and treason against the Crown of England if they were caught. Many colonists were still loyal to The Crown and would turn in rebels (patriots) to the occupying British military forces. These men risked their lives, their fortunes and the lives of their families to give us a nation that is unique in history. They gave us a constitutional Republic ruled by the people, not by a monarch or dictator, but we the people.

Also take some time to learn about the average men and women of the period. They are just as important as the men who went to Philadelphia and created our founding documents. The perils and dangers they faced on a daily basis were immediate and very real. They endured hardships and made choices that would crush most of us today. I think you will be impressed with their character and you may even be a little bit humbled.

This is what I mean by spirit. Not just the spirit of a few select men but the spirit of a people willing to fight and die for the right to be free. No one nation or its people has ever been perfect. After all we are all just human with the all the faults and shortcomings that entails. But the ideals of “Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness” set forth by our founding fathers are something to strive for. None of this was guaranteed but we were given the right to pursue it. We also have the responsibility to defend and protect these ideals.

After reading these essays I hope you will find the courage and the time to become a modern-day Patriot. My fear is that if we don't stop “them” now in a few more years it will be to late. We were given a gift that every generation must fight to maintain. If we

are no longer willing to fight for our freedoms, then we deserve our fate. But the question is, do our heirs deserve that same fate? Are we so wrapped up in our daily lives that we are unwilling to make any effort to stop the progression of Marxist Socialism? "*Freedom died because no one was willing to take the time to defend it.*" That would be a sad epitaph to put on the headstone at the grave of American freedom.

I believe we are a better people than that. I believe true freedom is always worth fighting for. I truly believe in the spirit of WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. And I hope you all do as well.

Authors Note: The Oaths, being the very fabric to the foundation of our Founding Fathers, was included after the initial final publication. They are a set of simple rules for We The People to adhere to and follow, and should be referenced from time to time as a check to see if our elected officials are serving We The People as intended by our Founding Fathers.

A Fan of the Founding Fathers FFF
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WE THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"Where there is no law, there is no liberty"

- Founding Father BENJAMIN RUSH

Who we are:

We are ordinary men and women living in extraordinary times. We are no longer willing to stand by and see our Republic destroyed by people who say they only want to create a better life for us all.

What their ideas really represent are Marxism, Communism, Socialism, Fascism, all leading to authoritarian rule and tyranny. For those who remember history that should sound familiar. You should also remember the outcome of those promised utopias. If you don't remember or were not taught about it look it up. It will be enlightening.

We no longer have any hope or belief that our institutions of formal government will solve these problems. They are unwilling or unable to do so. They are all to one extent or another complicit with or directly involved with the Marxist left.

Our legacy will not be our timidity and cowardice for failing to confront, challenge and defeat this threat to our Republic. We will confront this evil and defeat it. We do this for our children, grandchildren and their heirs.

We were born into this Republic as a free people. A Republic with all the scars, warts and imperfections of humanity. But by the grace and foresight of our Founding Fathers we were also born in one of the greatest nations in the history of civilized man. A nation with more freedoms and opportunities than any

nation in history.

We will not submit to this evil masquerading as “equality for all” and “social justice.” We will not submit to nor allow this evil to destroy this nation as it was founded, a “free” Republic.

Our Founding Fathers fought, and many died, to give future generations the opportunity to live as a free people. We are not willing to give up these freedoms. We do not want to nor will we attempt to incite needless violence. However, we will no longer sit quietly by without challenge while others attempt to in their own words “fundamentally change America.” The question is change it to what?

The only way to make a bully back down and walk away is to make him realize you’re willing to fight and no matter how many times you get knocked down you’re going to get back up and continue to fight. We’re not walking away or hiding from this fight. No more complaining to the echo chamber. The question is what are we going to do about it? I’m open to ideas and will give you my own take on things in future posts.

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“One had to seek that which is right because the right answer always won. The wrong, the monstrously unjust could not work or succeed. It could do nothing but defeat itself.”

Hank Rearden, from Ayn Rand’s ATLAS SHRUGGED

I’m not a tech guy

When it comes to anything more technical than a basic TV remote or garage door opener, I’m in deep doggy do do. I’m not a tech guy. But I know people who are really good with all this “web space and my face” internet stuff and they’ve been helping me. I’ve even stopped putting my ideas down with pencil and paper and handing it to them to decipher. I’ve started using a laptop. I’ve done this mostly because if I continued in the old-fashioned way my friends threatened to take my crayons away and put me in timeout. These friends and family members have encouraged and helped me along because we all feel pretty much the same way when it comes to the current state of politics in our country.

I’m going to learn to embrace tech. In order to defeat our enemy, it’s necessary. And when I say ‘enemy’ I mean it. We have nothing in common with them anymore when it comes to a political philosophy. They want to rule by force, fiat

and executive orders. They believe in an Authoritarian State in which they are the ruling class. Our country is vast and the ideas we have to get it back are too big, too complex to be executed without making the best use of all the tech tools available to us. It will be vital to be careful with how we communicate with one another. I have the firm belief that as we grow others will come to us to compliment the skill sets, we already have and bring greater knowledge to help us as we move forward.

As I have put forth in other posts, we all know things are bad. Since the election and then swearing in of the newest President the authoritarian left has in a bald-faced manner shown us who they are. They say we need to come together now and heal the country. I guess that means all of us who do not agree with them should go meekly and willingly to the reeducation camps they plan to set up for us in the near future. The authoritarian left is promoting purges in Congress to remove some senators and congressmen. Their crime? They have spoken out against the new authoritarian regime. The left claims that by speaking out in such a way it will incite more violent protests from the domestic terrorist of the “fringe” right. I think fringe means around 75 million of us.

In the post “Starting the Movement” I speak of a spiderweb of interconnected groups. But it will be critical to keep under the radar. I hope that we can get so many interconnected groups to move with us on the same day and time when we make our presence known, it will be like a tsunami that the authoritarian left never saw coming and cannot turn back. A tsunami can move across an ocean at several hundred miles an hour undetected. But once it hits the shore it rises up and overwhelms everything before it. It is a unstoppable force once it rises up. I want us to be able rise up in such numbers that they will see the futility of trying to ignore us or feel compelled to resist.

We will never promote violence; we will never condone striking out preemptively. Our primary strength will not be in arms but in our numbers. But we will defend ourselves if need be. We will not be cowed, and we will defend ourselves if violence is brought upon us. Let’s all hope it never comes to that.

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WE THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

“When they came for the man down the hall no one said anything. When they came for your neighbor across the hall no one said anything. When they come for you no one will be there to say anything.”

An often-repeated warning about the dangers of a rising Authoritarian State.

Who will be there to speak up when they come for us? Will anyone have the

courage to do so?

Someone has to do it,

I had a conversation with my wife the other day. She has become extremely concerned because of everything happening around us. People and platforms are being canceled on the internet solely for their conservative viewpoints. The equivalent of Nazi book burning is happening right now. Books are being banned on the internet and even at select bookstores, all because of their conservative "racist content." Really!?! Dr. Zeus is now a racist? A young reporter was recently arrested by the FBI at his home in Florida. His crime? He had made fun of liberals during the last election cycle using commentary and memes!

Now I haven't seen those memes but I'm sure they are no less offensive than the things the fascist have said or done the last few years. Remember Kathy Griffin holding up the bloody severed head of President Trump? Or Madonna thinking a lot about blowing up the White House. How about Maxine Waters telling her socialist constituents to get in the face of Trump supporters at gasoline stations and restaurants! She said, "tell them they are not welcome here!" She also said, "I will take Trump out!" What about Trump administration officials being harassed at public restaurants and driven out by leftist protesters. Senator Rand Paul and his wife, along with others, were assaulted by ANTIFA and BLM on the streets outside of the White House after an outdoor event. Yes, the left is so very tolerant and civilized.

Now we hear that 5,000 National Guard troops will be stationed indefinitely around the Capitol. This will be done to maintain peace and protect members of Congress from further acts of violence from domestic terrorists. Last I heard all 5,000 of these National Guard troops were billeted in a parking garage, sleeping on the concrete with access to only one bathroom. That's OK, Dr. Jill Biden took them cookies to make it all better. My guess is at some point they will be sent home to be replaced by a permanent militarized force to maintain the "peace." The murder rate will continue to rise in neighborhoods just blocks from the Capitol, but congress will be protected from their constituents.

This all bothers me but not like before. I used to feel anger and rage at the left but not anymore. Now it's just cold resolve. From this point forward we are being proactive. We must work with one another and other groups of a like mind. At a certain point in the near future we will put an end to this move to authoritarian fascism. We are in the infant stages of this movement, but it will happen.

My wife is frightened about what will happen if it's discovered that I am responsible for these posts. Not only for me but our entire family. In this current political climate, we could be used as an example to create fear and intimidate others. Our lives could be destroyed. I have pointed out that it needs to be done and if not me then who? "It would have been easier four years ago but it's much more dangerous now" she said. My response was that it wasn't needed four years ago because things were different then. I told her my reasoning was that if we don't start pushing back and creating a movement now it may never happen, it will be too late. I'm not doing this because I want to but because I feel I have to. Someone has to do it; I fear for the type of future our children and grandchildren

will face. I don't see myself as a leader, I'm just a guy who is frustrated with the mad rush towards a Totalitarian State. I am expressing my ideas in the hope that others who feel the same way will be inspired, lose their fear and join the fight. Lose their fear speak up and start to fight back against this madness gripping our country. I hope you all understand and feel the same way. In future posts I'll explain what I think we need to do. How far we have to go will depend on to what extremes the totalitarian left is willing to take things. We will confront them at every turn. We will make them understand that we will never cower or fear them, ever. We will not let them scare or frighten us into silence.

Someday we will make those in government who are responsible for crimes against our country and the people vacate their positions of power in the State Houses and Washington DC. We will hold those who are accountable for treason and put them on trial. As evidence we will use their own words and actions. No kangaroo courts but real trials with judges and juries who believe in the Constitution and the Law. There will be cells in maximum security prisons for those who are convicted. The punishment will fit the crimes.

Then it will be the turn of the sycophants in the fake news media who have helped propagate the lies of the left to be called out for what they have done. They are as much to blame as the leftist politicians. An honest, independent press used to be the watchdog against corruption in government. Now they are just the lapdogs of the Democrat Socialist Left.

This country belongs to us, we the people of the United States of America, and we will not let them forget that.

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WE THE PEOPLE

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"A well informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God had given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the same region of ignorance that tyranny begins."

- Founding Father BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

With the help of the public education system we have now entered that region of ignorance where tyranny begins.

One of the biggest problems,

We are all starting to sound like characters out of a Glenn Beck novel, *The Overtown Window* or *The Eye of Muloch* come to mind. We complain, we know what

the problems are. We the people have lost control of our government. The mountain of lies and vitriol the fascist propaganda media networks spit out every day seems like something out of an Orwell novel. The politicians and media lie to our faces daily without any hint of shame because they are sycophants and sociopaths. That's not calling them names it's just the truth.

Here is one of the biggest problems. We are not just fighting corruption in politics but at least 40 years of indoctrination through our educational systems. However, you want to label them, Liberal, Marxist, Fascist, through the years they have been spreading through college campuses right down into our grade schools. They teach that America is a systemically racist country. These radicals have been poisoning the minds of our students for decades. They try to ban holidays that might offend or make others feel left out. They are rewriting the history books and not in a good way. They are trying to destroy the very social fabric of our communities. The youth of 25 and 30 years ago and right up to today have been brainwashed and now believe in trigger words and micro aggressions. They believe in "safe spaces" as well as therapy animals in the student lounge to help them "cope" with stress during finals. They say they believe in free speech because "like, everybody should be heard." It's "like, a human right." But don't you dare stand anywhere on campus and voice your belief in conservative values. You will be called a racist, homophobic, Neo-Nazi. Your independent spirit, belief in personal responsibility, belief in God, hell your belief that men and women are biologically different, and your toxic masculinity will have all the woke social justice warriors going into fits. They will demand you be immediately removed from campus. If they really had their way you would be tied to a post and flogged before being released. So much for free speech.

For decades the Marxist left in the US has kept taking, little by little, whatever they could get away with. Not much at times but bit by bit. Year in and year out decade after decade their cancer has grown in our educational systems. They have fought by using our own words against us while trying to destroy the very freedoms we believe in. The educational system is now turning students against themselves and the Country by teaching the "evils of white privilege." It has created a "woke" culture that has no grasp of the real world.

Now we hear that we on the right need to be sent to re-education camps. Our children should be taken from us and deprogrammed. Our children are also encouraged to "watch and report" any behavior by their parents that might suggest intolerance of any kind. This is what happened under Joseph Stalin in Communist Russia and in Mao's Communist China. All of these things have really been said about us by leading politicians and news commentators of the major propaganda networks.

Like I said in the beginning, the education system is one of the biggest problems. The question now is what do we do about it? Do we just complain, or do we develop a real game plan to defeat the coming tyranny of a authoritarian state? How do we stop the destruction of our cultural history through false historical narratives? How do we stop them from turning our

Republic into an Authoritarian Socialist State? I'm open to ideas and want you to voice yours.

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"We institute government to secure our rights. Our natural rights and rights we create as we live or lives. But the powers the government may need to do that must be derived from our consent if they are to be just. // But the powers the people give to government, to be exercised on their behalf, is strictly limited.

From the Declaration of Independence

I think they've blown way past "strictly limited" into a uncontrolled grab for absolute power.

Who They Are

From Webster's College Dictionary:

opportunism: adapting actions, decisions, etc., to expediency or effectiveness without regard to principles or consequences.

sociopath: a person whose behavior lacks a sense of moral responsibility or social conscience. sycophant: a self-seeking, servile flatterer; fawning parasite.

zealot: an excessively zealous person; fanatic

coward: a person who shows shameful lack of courage or fortitude.

These are the five basic personality traits of people within the deep state and they are all corrupt. They populate all layers of government and the media. I include the media because they are the propagandist arm of the deep state. These traits are the opportunist, the sociopath, the sycophant, the zealot, and the coward.

Excluding the cowards, the other groups share one common trait. Most of them are sociopaths. There is no other way to explain why they say and do the things they do. No human being with any kind of morals and ethics could otherwise do what they do day in and day out.

They are all creatures of the "Deep State" swamp. What I say is not spoken in anger. It is simple truth and cold clarity about what we are up against. It has to be understood what type of people they really are. Without clearly understanding them it will be impossible to ever completely defeat them. They all want some of or all of the following things; money, power, control, influence. Anybody with ambition desires these things to some degree, having ambition is

a good thing. But the people we are talking about are willing to do it in a way that excludes the concepts of morality, honesty, fairness and truth. They believe in a system of authoritarian tyranny where they control the outcomes and reap the rewards. Some have larger appetites than others, but this is what drives them all.

The Corrupt Politicians: opportunist, sociopaths, cowards, zealots:

Many politicians are corrupt opportunists and sociopaths. They populate both parties, but their numbers are much greater in the Democrat party. In pursuit of their goals they are willing destroy good people while showing no remorse. They do not care if they destroy our country so long as they are personally enriched and gain more power and influence in the process. They believe they will always be in positions of power.

Most Democrats will promote any illicit idea or action so long as they benefit from it. Look at them and their party leaders. They have been lying for years. They've lied before the media cameras and to the American people for the last five years about everything. It is done without shame in their self-righteous pursuit to destroy President Trump, his followers and his "America First" agenda. During the 2016 campaign, and ever since, they have called those of us who voted for President Trump some of the most derogatory slurs imaginable. They tried to impeach President Trump using a mountain of lies. Now they accuse us all of being domestic terrorists. Not just a few of us, but all. Someday these sociopathic, opportunistic politicians will be called out and exposed for who and what they are. Every American should learn what they have done to this country. When this happens don't have any false hope that they will be ashamed or embarrassed. They lack such emotions; it is not in their DNA.

Within the Democrat Party are two particularly dangerous groups, the zealots and the Communist. They are dangerous because they believe in their cause and their cause is not freedom or liberty. These zealots come from different causes, but they have one common goal. The destruction of this country as a free and independent Republic. They want an Islamic State or Communist Workers Paradise (ultimately leading to a Authoritarian State.) Radical Islam and Communism may not get along, but they are both believers in Authoritarian rule. They have different ideologies but for now they will work together toward their common goal, the destruction of our Republic. The enemy of my enemy is my friend.

The communists are the greater threat because they have been working to destroy this country from within for decades. They also have a much larger following. I discussed the reason for this in a previous essay "One of the Problems." Now they are in positions of authority throughout the bureaucracy of Washington DC, Congress and the White House. The leftist Democrat party has become a hybrid of Communism and National Socialism. There is nothing in it that is good for the American people.

The Republican Party in Washington DC, with just a few dozen exceptions, is just one large group of corrupt, inept cowards. Over the decades, they have managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory so many times it is breathtaking. They have won skirmishes in the past but those are the exceptions

not the rule. They come together on occasion, but they cannot coalesce into a strong united group for any extended period of time. I challenge them to prove me wrong. Give us the examples, show us. Show us real strength and courage! They are an embarrassment to themselves. I quit identifying as a Republican a long time ago.

Look at it like this. The Democrats are the bully on the playground and the Republicans are the kid who gets beat up every day and has his lunch taken. The wimpy kid thinks if he takes the beating and turns over his lunch the bully will eventually let the kid be his friend. That is an abusive relationship, that's life on Capitol Hill. Their lack of will to stand up against the Socialist left is disgraceful. Never again do I want to hear some Republican Congressman or Senator say, "we are going to establish a committee with the power to issue subpoenas, ask questions and get to the bottom of this." The Democrats are shaking in their boots..... from laughter.

The amoral bureaucrats:

I know there are many good people who are civil servants. I have been helped by kind and cheerful individuals many times in different circumstances. They have gone out of their way to help and I always appreciated that. Next time you go to your local DMV don't get mad at the person behind the counter. Look behind you and see what they deal with all day. It's the bureaucrats in state and city governments who are to blame. They are the ones who pass laws and regulations, create the mountains of paperwork and determine the cost of fees and fines.

Then there are the sociopathic, opportunistic, sycophants and amoral individuals that populate the upper levels of government. The real bureaucrats. The IRS, FBI, DHS, The Justice Department, The State Department, The Department of Defense, CIA, NSA, and all the other alphabet soup agencies. They are all part of the Deep State. They think they have the right to do whatever it takes for them to maintain power within the Deep State and keep it away from we the people. In their arrogance they believe they know what's best for us. They lie, cheat, steal, destroy or falsify evidence, intimidate and threaten private citizens and spy on us. All in the name of their personal warped version of justice and patriotism. Politicians come and go but bureaucracies last forever. They run the government, from Washington DC, right down to your local city council.

The lying, amoral sycophants of the media:

The major news media outlets of the left are a bunch of lying sycophants with no novel insights or ideas. They are the propaganda arm of the socialist left. They all use the same script about the topic of the day. They are so lazy they even use the exact same words and phrases as given to them. They get their information from one central source. I haven't found it yet but that's the only way to explain how so many talking heads can utter the exact same phrases day after day. They tell their viewers the lies of the day, "Trump is putting babies in cages at the border." Reports of "Demonstrations in Portland and Seattle were mostly peaceful." They say this while in the background of their own on-scene reporting you can see buildings burning. Looters rioting, burning buildings and attacks on people are

called “a peaceful march of protest against injustice.”

The propagandist media no longer reports. They print or report the stories given to them; they tell the lies of the day. Sadly, I think some of them believe their own lies. They elaborate on these stories but never deviate from the message. Today, I heard one talking head suggest that the government should start using preemptive drone strikes on US citizens who may be promoting insurrection (a dissenting view) against the current administration. She referred to these citizens as domestic terrorists. I guess in the United States we no longer need courts and juries. Just a signature authorizing the drone strike.

These Delusional writers, reporters and bobble-heads also want all dissenting views to be silenced. They say “truth and only the truth” must be reported! They tell us that conservative media outlets tell nothing but lies! This sounds like something from an Orwellian novel but it’s not. It’s happening now, today, in real time! This is frightening, national news outlets demanding censorship of other news outlets who don’t follow the party line. What ever happened to a “free press?” Drone strikes on American citizens!? This is how far over the edge they have gone.

The digital world:

The oligarchs of the digital world are a real threat to freedom. We know the players and their attempts at censorship. The sad part is a huge segment of the population thinks this is OK. Ask most kids on a college campus and they will tell you “we must sensor speech to protect the truth.” They have no idea what freedom of speech really is. This will have to be a separate post. It’s too big to do here right now.

Every time I see a politician, bureaucrat or a media propagandist speak I want to slap them hard across the face when they lie. I once told my wife the quickest route to reform would be to put a “minder” on every politician, management level bureaucrat and media talking head. Each time they told a lie the minder would slap them really hard across the face. In front of cameras, at meetings, while giving speeches, it wouldn’t matter. If they lied, they would get slapped, hard! How long do you think it would take to get things straightened out? And it would be fun to watch!

A Fan of the Founding Fathers FFF

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WE THE PEOPLE

Spirit of the Founding Fathers

“The flames of liberty cannot be extinguished. Once the people of a nation experience freedom they will never be enslaved.” FFF

Are you willing to fight for your freedoms, or will you stand idly by and do nothing?

We do not secede from the Union, they do.

I've had this idea for some time. I don't really like it but it seems it's going to become a reality sometime in the near future. I am not suggesting this is a good idea, but I see no other way to deal with the things that are happening. I know most of us don't want this to happen, but the Socialist Left is pushing us to the point of having to make some hard choices for the safety and future of our country. There may be other ways, but I don't see one. We no longer have anything in common with the them.

What will ultimately happen will be the disintegration of the United States as we know it. Both left coasts will descend into Marxism. At some point the heartland of our country will have to separate from them. The old Union of the States would be dissolved. It would be comparable to removing a cancerous tumor before it kills the host. The heartland would be fine without either of the left coasts. We don't need them.

The Heartland has everything to sustain us in every way. Oil, timber, natural gas, coal, and great swaths of agricultural farmland to provide food and fiber. There is dairy, beef, swine and sheep production along with an abundance of sea foods from the gulf. The Heartland has interstate highway systems, rail for transportation, pipelines for oil and natural gas as well as refineries for processing these energy resources. It has power plants to provide the needed electricity. There are freshwater lakes and rivers that supply water for both cities and agriculture. The Gulf of Mexico provides deep water ports for shipping. The Heartland has international airports for global trade and transportation. Seceding from the Union would seem logical. The Heartland literally could be a nation unto itself and that would seem like a very appealing idea. The only problem is what do you do about those pockets of blue in a red state or a state that is red but is defined as blue simply because of a few major metropolitan areas.

Recently I heard a very insightful commentator say, "we do not secede from the union they do." This is my take on that statement. We believe in the Declaration, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. We believe in the words "all men are created equal with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We believe in a free society with open debates of ideas. We also believe we are a sovereign nation with borders and rules of law applied equally to everyone. We believe in the spirit of the United States of America.

But the socialist-authoritarian left doesn't believe any of this. Oh, they say they believe in equality for all, that every person deserves to be heard. But as we have seen time and again there are two sets of rules. Their rules we must live by and the rules they pick and choose to live by. What they want is a United Socialist States of America. They desire all the same freedoms, blessings and prosperity bestowed upon all the other successful models of Socialist Nations and their peoples throughout history. The problem is there has never been a sustained successful socialist society. EVER! Therefore, we do not secede from the United States, we will not secede from the United States.

However, our socialist comrades will have to make a choice if they insist on

continuing down the road to Socialist Authoritarianism. Their beliefs are incompatible with those of a free people. Those blue pockets in red states can decide their own fates. If they choose National Socialism, we simply halt all commerce with them. No rail, no interstate transport, no electrical power, no trade or Commerce of any kind in or out. They can trade with other countries as they see fit. I guess they can look to the Berlin airlift campaign of 1948/49 as a solution. Most Socialist blue states will have the ability to conduct international business. They will have deep water ports and international air services. They can go their own way; we will not trade with them in any fashion. They will not receive any type of support from us. We will no longer let them leach from us the fruits of our labors. They will have to secede because we do not believe in and will not support their Socialist agenda. Their Authoritarian Socialist agenda goes against American ideals and values.

We will not secede from the Union. If the National Socialist and “woke culture” on the left continue down this road they are on they will be making a choice. They will be choosing to secede from The United States of America. Marxism, Communism, Fascism, National Socialism, they will never be compatible with freedom loving societies such as ours. The National Socialist are the ones pulling this country apart not We The People.

When you stop and think about it we don't need them..... but they need us.

A Fan of the Founding Fathers FFF

March 16, 2021

WE THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

“No people will tamely surrender their liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and virtue is preserved”

Founding Father SAMUEL ADAMS

I will not tamely surrender, will you?

What should we do?

I had been saying it's time to quit complaining and do something to stop the radical left. Then someone said to me “what should we do?” Well let's get started and let me explain. The left is attempting to rewrite campaign election law in a way that goes against our Constitution. It will all but guarantee they never lose another election. The constitutional method of “one person/one vote” is being thrown out the window. Attempts are being made to silence free speech. We need to start pushing back. We need to start organizing ourselves now. I used to think it would be 20 years or so before things got pushed to the breaking point.

However, with this last election cycle and the actions of the socialist left that nebulous timeline got pushed into a hard wall that's "now." I think within the next five years we have to be ready to act. We are going to try and do this peacefully. Nobody in their right mind ever would want or push for violence. We will make every effort to avoid violence. Violence will come when and only when it is brought upon us first. Those who sit in State Houses across our country and our nation's Capital through fraudulent means have brought us to this point.

We are going to rise up and take our country back. We are going to do this in as many states as possible all on the same day and the same time. It will have to be extremely organized and well timed. Shortly after this rising begins the state-controlled media along with most other forms of mass communication will be shut down. This will be a government ordered blackout to prevent the populace from being informed of what is happening. That's OK, we will have planned for this. We will have several forms of alternate communications already in place. If all communications are cut off, we will follow prearranged, coordinated plans for how to proceed in this event. We should all be prepared for some disruption in services but if all goes well things should not get too bad. Prepare in a similar fashion as you would for a natural disaster. Hope you never need it but you have peace of mind knowing that you are prepared.

I'm going to stress it again at this point that we who are doing this do not and will not promote violence. However, we will not back down from a fight if confronted. I have a friend who pointed out how Gandhi and his passive resistance movement defeated the British Empire and gained self-rule in India. I deeply respect that. But we are dealing with in many cases hardcore leftist who have no regard for the law or for that matter us. My fear is that unless they see that we will not back down and are ready to defend ourselves they will not take us seriously. I honestly believe that when the time comes the majority of law enforcement and the military will stand with us. We cannot at any time become a mob. If that happens then our cause will be lost right, then and there. We must remain disciplined and organized.

What we will simply try to do is take our country back from those who would see it turned into something it was never meant to be, a Communist State run and ruled by the bureaucracy of the permanent Deep State and the radical left.

This is just the start of taking our country back from the radical Socialist Democrats. Other ideas and details on how to proceed will come in future posts. I'm not a strategist, a politician, ex-military or a tech savvy guy. I'm not a communications expert. I am someone who is fed up with the complaining and so now is offering actions and solutions. This idea, this movement, will depend on others with the needed skill sets in order to be successful. To connect with others who feel as we do. We need Keyboard Warriors.

Remember, this isn't a sprint that can be completed quickly. It's a marathon and our resolve and determination will be tested. We will be called terrorist, racist, insurrectionist, right wing radicals. We will be called enemies of the State. We are none of these things, we are Americans willing to fight to preserve our

Republic as spelled out in the Constitution and The Bill of Rights. This will be a movement of "We The People."

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March 20, 2021

WE THE PEOPLE

An Update:

I originally wrote "Movement" in late January of 2021. It discusses the genesis of a movement to counter the onslaught by the socialist left to destroy our freedoms as they are spelled out in the Constitution. At the time I was, and still am, very distrustful of tech. I believe if a governmental entity wants to read your email no amount of encryption will protect you. The ideas put forth here are old school in the sense that minimal tech is involved. I was, and still am, concerned about people not of a like mind turning us in as anti-government terrorists. Friends have since convinced me we can communicate with a fair degree of security and anonymity. Modern communications through the internet are necessary in this day and age. As we move forward the ideas put forth in these posts are still basically the same. Meet, listen, talk with others and deliver our message of hope for a better future. But also, when prudent, we will use all the tech tools available to us to communicate faster and to a larger audience. Let's just work to keep communications as secure as possible.

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"Experience has shown that a people are willing to suffer small evils so long as they are sufferable. But when a long train of abuses with the objective of absolute Despotism is evident, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government and to provide a new more civil government in its place."

Paraphrased from the Declaration of Independence but with the same intent and meaning.

I don't know about "throwing off" but it's certainly time to rein-in and regain control of a government that is out of touch and out of control.

Starting The Movement

What I'm going to discuss is not treason, sedition, secession, or civil war. This is about taking our country back from the fraudulent groups of Communist/Marxist who are coming very close to achieving total control of our political system. They are the traitors; they are the ones who want to "Fundamentally transform America." Those are the exact words of one of their leaders. The question is transform us into what? We cannot and will not let this happen. As Americans we believe in personal freedoms, but the left is turning this idea on its head. They are becoming Authoritarians turning every traditional American value into something evil. They do not believe in the principles of a

“free” Republic. They are the ones committing treason by their very actions.

We all have reasons for our anger and frustration. Heck, we could fill a football stadium with paper if we each wrote a reason down and tossed that note into the stadium. But in order to move ahead we have to set that anger aside. We have to be clear headed. Emotion will cloud our judgment and that will bring failure. We have to talk to one another, and I don't mean just complaining among ourselves. I mean discuss, strategize and develop plans to defeat the agenda of the Democrat Socialist left. This next step is critical, and we have to be very careful with the selection and implementation process.

We have to keep our eyes and ears open for others who feel and think as we do. We sit down with them, have coffee. We don't talk to them we listen; we ask an occasional question. Then we decide which group they fall into. There will be those who don't like what's happening but can't make the transition to the active participation of building a resistance movement. There will be others who want to participate but are fearful of being found out and the negative consequences for both themselves and their families. I respect that and understand it, it's OK. They can help locally in more traditional venues within a community. BBQ's and rallies, community fundraisers, that sort of thing. They might know or meet others sympathetic to our cause and introduce us to them. Then we come across that person who wants to do more. That's the one we take aside and explain what we have in mind. It's critical however that we don't make the mistake of exposing ourselves by being too quick to welcome others.

The next step is to find others like ourselves in other states. We all have at least a few friends in other places with the same political views. Again, it's a selection process finding the right person. Once the right individual is contacted and they're onboard we explain our plans in more detail. We vigorously stress the necessity for caution and care before they speak/ listen to anyone. I'm old fashioned and believe in speaking face to face with people. I want to read their facial expressions and body language. Once they have two or three others, they trust a face to face meeting can be arranged. It will have to be done this way otherwise we open ourselves to being compromised before we ever get any kind of momentum within the movement. No overt campaigns on the open internet! Not even a whisper. Only secure encrypted VPN communication sources.

At some point the person who made the contact along with someone from our original group goes back and meets this small group. They talk, we listen and ask and answer questions. If everyone is on the same page we take the next step. Our ideas and plans are explained in more detail. They go out and start new groups of their own based on the same basic tactical principle. They meet, they listen, they assess, they contact us and the movement grows. I've been referring to this as building our own spiderweb. From community to community, state to state.

There are obviously more technical aspects to this plan but for right now this can be the start of a movement to get our country back. I'm not a tactical planner or an expert in communications. I'm not an expert in logistics and I'm not proficient with tech. But I know in my heart as we move forward people with those skill sets and more will come to us and join.

It has to be understood how treacherous this can be. None in our group(s) can brag, boast, or flippantly be discussing this with others who will not understand or agree with us. This has to be stressed and done so vigorously. A wrong word or the wrong thing said in the wrong place could be disastrous. Like being convicted of sedition and treason, death penalty disastrous. In the meantime there are things we can do out in the open to oppose them. I'll get to those ideas in future posts and I think you'll like them.

Just remember you're not alone, there are lots of us out there and we going to begin to make our voices heard.

A Fan of the Founding Fathers. FFF

January 30, 2021

WE THE PEOPLE

Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty "

Founding Father PATRICK HENERY

Part of our public liberty is the right to openly criticize and demonstrate against our government.

Old School Activism

I think we have to start letting ALL our politicians know that we are done with the left's socialist ideas and the weakness of Republicans. We're going to start doing this using old school activism and it will be pretty hard for them to ignore.

This is the first of several ideas I have to get their attention. We do a call-in campaign to Washington DC starting with the White House. Every single Republican, conservative and independent all calling into Washington DC at the same time. We want to melt the switchboards of the White House, House of Representatives and the Senate. This is not my area of expertise, so you guys have to follow up and coordinate our actions to make this happen. Timing and coordination will be important for the success of this call-in campaign. We'll need lots of help from our Keyboard Warriors. We need the names and contact numbers for the White House, the Vice President and the various members of the House and Senate. They'll need to be posted in such a way that everyone can access them.

Communicate with like-minded people in other states to help coordinate everything. Check with Republican Party headquarters in each state and see what they are willing to do to help. They should have a list of congressional contact numbers for both Republican and Democrat members of the house and

Senate. They might see that it's in their best interest to help but keep your reasons vague. We want to prevent our plans from leaking out ahead of time if possible. Be prepared for big tech to fight back. They will try to shut us down or remove our data bases with the contact information. Have a plan in place to counter them if possible. We organize so that all these calls start happening on the same date and time. And don't just call your state's Senators and House Representatives, call all of them. We will inform a few members of the media beforehand so they will have a heads up and can do reporting of this event.

A date is decided and on that date we all start calling and continue to call every day for a week. All day and night long. Call as many of them as you can every day during this time. Start with the White House then your State Representatives and Senators. Heck, call the President in waiting, Kamala Harris. Then move onto the next State. Call on your way to work, on your lunch break, coming home from work or after dinner and before you go to bed, but just do it. Make as many calls as possible. It will be impossible for any one person to contact all of them, but it doesn't matter. If we can get 74 million people to get through with at least two calls each it will have a tremendous impact.

The greater goal is to overwhelm the system with one message. We call with the simple message that "we do not want and will not accept the Democrat's socialist agenda, ever! We are tired of weak and ineffective Republican politicians." This message is directed at all of them regardless of party affiliation. No swearing, name calling or threats. We have to maintain civility, or we will be viewed as right wing insurrectionists. It is extremely important that we do not imply or make direct threats.

Then we move to the state level. We do it about 10 days after the national call-in. We do the same call-in campaign but we each focus on our own states. We get the name and office contact number of every state assemblyman and state senator in our perspective states. Even if you live in a red state you still need to send the message. We also include the states governors in this campaign. Again "we do not want and will not accept the Democrat's socialist agenda, ever! We are tired of weak and ineffective Republican politicians." Again, no swearing, name calling or threats. Civility is as important as the message. We're keeping our powder dry for now.

I can't stress it enough about not making threats. If even just a half dozen callers in the tens of thousands of calls made make threats that is what will be reported. The lying fake news outlets will report that all of our calls threatened violence. We CANNOT have that. We will know the truth but that won't matter. I think even the more militant among us can understand the need for moderation for now. If necessary, we can ramp things up on a future date. Right now, we want to draw others to our side not scare them away.

If we can do this successfully it will be our first "shot across the bow" of the socialist left. It will show we are a true collective force to be reckoned with. We will have shown we can successfully coordinate and organize on a state and national level. Don't expect our efforts to be greeted kindly. When they start loudly protesting and express outrage, you'll know we hit a nerve. But if we do it

with enough numbers and “melt the switchboards” they will also experience another emotion, fear, and that’s OK with me. We want them to fear us because then they will start making mistakes and that’s a good thing.

I hope my words encourage you to join in this movement, to spread this message to others. I hope they give you resolve and peace of mind. There are more ideas to come so keep reading and following.

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March 25, 2021

WE THE PEOPLE

Spirit of the Founding Fathers

“If asked, what is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be, an inviolable respect for the Constitution and Law.”

Founding Father ALEXANDER HAMILTON

The left has lost all respect for the Constitution and the Law as originally intended. They have become Authoritarian Socialists.

Old School / New School Ideas

I last spoke of a call-in campaign to both our national representatives and individual state representatives in the post “Old School Activism.” A friend of mine has a great idea in the old school tradition that I think has a lot of merit and will have an impact. He also has a great digital age idea. Two simply brilliant simple plans. Go back to “Old School Activism” for details on implementing these ideas. I referred to the old school activism campaign as the first shot across the bow of the authoritarian socialist left. These next two ideas could be likened to the follow up salvos.

If successful we will really have their attention and they will be upset! They will realize that we are not going to quietly roll over for them and there won’t be enough re-education camps to put us all in.

Idea #1

An old school write-in campaign would be kinda hard for them to ignore if done right. It sounds like an antiquated idea but think about it for a minute. If everyone who voted for President Trump sent in one letter that would be 74 million letters arriving in DC in the span of one week. Two letters and that’s 148 million! More would be even better. The sheer volume of it would be staggering. It would involve sending a simply written message that would read “We do not want and will not accept the left’s socialist agenda, ever! We are tired of weak and ineffective Republicans.” Using the same contact information, we got for the

call-in campaign we send out as many letters as we each can afford. Again, we do it at the national and then state level. The White House, the Senate and the House of Representatives then to your State Senators and Assemblyman. All getting letters with one message. Do not get tricky and run dozens of copies with the same signature. Those will be found and held up as examples that this campaign is a deep fake. Obviously, you can print out the message itself but personally sign each one. Also address each envelope by hand, I've been told this method gets their attention. Heck, also send one to the President In Waiting, Kamala Harris.

This all has to be planned in advance. The letters must all be ready to go out on the same day so it will have more of an impact due to the sheer volume when they are delivered. Yes, some will take longer to arrive but that works to our benefit. It will be like a rising tide as more and more pour in. Also, along with your return address on the envelope add "We The People." At the top of your letter write a header with WE THE PEOPLE on the top and again, be sure to sign your name at the bottom. It will let them know who we are and that we are not afraid of them. There is no harm or threat implied in our message. This will also be another demonstration that we are a single massive movement.

Idea #2

We've now hit them in old school fashion with phones and letters. Here is the new school thing and it will absolutely get their attention. Contact all of them digitally, text and email, using the same base message. Send as many of them as possible from the White House on down within a 7 day period. Don't forget about the President In Waiting!

Some of you younger folks may need to ask older folks for help using real stamps and envelopes. That's OK because some geezers will need help with the email thing. This is all OK, we pool our talents and we get our adversary's attention.

We all must understand that these actions won't change anything in the short term. The Authoritarian Left is on the march and for now they are in control. They can see the light at the end of the tunnel leading to their new Fascist State and are rushing headlong to get there. What they don't know is the light at the end of the tunnel is us holding up the torch of liberty. That light is us fighting for our country, its freedoms and its future as free nation. We will continue to stand against them until our Republic is free of tyranny.

One last thing. No name calling, no derogatory statements, no threats. No matter how frustrated and angry we are we cannot resort to that. It will do our cause no good. I hope even the most militant of us can see the value in this tactic. Don't give the sycophants and lying fake news media outlets ways to turn people against us. We want and need to draw more people to our side. We are the activist but to be successful we need those who are sitting on the sidelines to join us. We do not want to drive them away by appearing violent. Be calm for now and keep your powder dry. It will be the Fascist Left who will determine if things

become violent. If they do become violent it will bring even more people to our side. And at some point, we may be forced to answer back.

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March 27, 2021

WE THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"I have a dream, a dream that someday a man may be judged by the content of his character and not the color of his skin."

From Dr. Martin Luther King's speech on the National Mall in Washington DC

August 28, 1963

Tolerance

This essay is about tolerance, but I want to get this out of the way right now. We will not tolerate, and we do not want or need in this movement any groups who preach or promote hatred. We will not tolerate any group who foments or practices policies of bigotry. We will not tolerate any group of people who think they are better or superior to another. This means race, skin color, nationality, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation.

We will not tolerate militia groups that promote violence of any kind for their own gain. No breakaway groups who want to carve out their own "sovereign" nation. No White Power groups, no Black Power groups, no Brown Power groups. No militia groups who seek to enrich themselves through violence or the subjugation of others. This country belongs to we the people, not just some of the people.

We believe all people have the same basic rights. To live their lives as best suits them as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others around them. Just because someone is different from what you think is "normal" doesn't give you the right to publicly belittle them, make fun of them, harm them in any way, or in general to make their lives miserable. So you don't like the way they dress? Have you looked in the mirror lately? Hair color, tattoos, the kind of vehicle someone drives, these are all personal choices. We don't all have to like the same things, but we can learn to accept that others and those in their community have their own "style." Here is a little test for tolerance.

First example:

What if a gay pride group wants to hold a parade and prance down Main Street

in tutus, sparkly outfits and have outrageous floats. Yes, some of them do “prance” it’s just what some of them do! They have applied for and received all the proper permits. They are celebrating who they are without hurting anyone in the process. They have the right to do so, they are practicing their right to free speech and freedom of assembly as put forth in the Bill of Rights. It’s not my thing but it doesn’t have to be. It floats their boat and that’s OK. No one is forced to go and observe this parade. Anyone who would go out and angrily protest against the gay community at this event is expressing their intolerance of such things and is making a huge ass of themselves. They may not like it but this is still a free country.

Second example:

A group of firearms enthusiasts want to hold a parade in support of and honoring the Second Amendment to the Constitution. The second amendment guarantees our right to keep and bear arms. They want to hold a parade marching down Main Street with their firearms in classic military style. This demonstrates their belief in both the first amendment, free speech and right to assembly, and the second amendment, the right to keep and bear arms. Unfortunately, many cities and states have severely, and I believe unlawfully, restricted that right. But let’s say they get their permit. In a civil society they would have the right to do so. Just like the gay rights group. But in today’s political environment imagine the outpouring of hate and vitriol coming from all corners of the socialist left! They would claim it to be a danger to the community with all those guns openly carried. They would be called right wing terrorists inciting violence against the civil authorities!

The Authoritarian Left clearly understands the meaning of the first and second amendments. The Authoritarian Marxist Left fear and want to destroy the first and second amendments. These are the two amendments that protect and allow all the other rights we have to exist. The left has no tolerance for anything that gets in the way of its grab for absolute power and control.

We have to be tolerant of one another in order to have a civil society. The key word here is tolerant. That doesn’t mean the complete 100% acceptance of all things different. You cannot force acceptance, that goes against human nature. And I’m not talking about being tolerant of deviant behavior. We all know real “wrong” when we see “it.” The defenseless should never, ever be taken advantage of. There is a special place in hell for people who do those sorts of things.

But tolerance and understanding is what is needed. And this goes both ways! Just because whatever makes you happy may be “different” doesn’t mean you can force someone to accept you. That’s just as wrong! Again, that word, tolerance. Tolerance for one another. You don’t have to like the other person and you don’t have to hold hands and sing Kumbaya. But accept one another as individuals with differing opinions and feelings and the world will be just a little bit better.

I am a rock-solid conservative and I believe in tolerance. I will not force you to comply with everything I think is right and I would expect the same courtesy

from you. I believe in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and I believe in equality for all. And equality and tolerance means accepting what may be different. I guess maybe there's a little bit of a Libertarian in me as well. And that's OK too!

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April 3, 2021

WE THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"A truly successful army is one that, because of its strength and ability and dedication, will not be called upon to fight, for no one will dare to provoke it."

RONALD REGAN

May 27, 1981

I don't think the left really knows how big the "army" they keep provoking really is, or how dedicated to the cause of defending and saving our Republic we really are.

A finger in the eye of the media

This one will provide some satisfaction for all of us. We're going to poke our collective finger in the eye of the fake news media outlets. We are going to call out all of the sycophants and self-righteous hypocrites who lie to us every day. We are going to make them understand that we know they are lying to us. What I propose is the same type of three phased campaign put forth in the previous posts "Old School/ New School" and "Old School Activism." We do a write-in campaign (first phase), call-in campaign (second phase), and a email campaign (third phase). Some of you digital age folks may have to ask geezer citizens for help with how to use stamps and address real letters and envelopes. That's OK because some of the geezers may in turn ask you for help with the emails. We all work together pooling our talents and skills. By executing these campaigns on exact dates it will optimize their impact.

First, we establish the date for launching the first phase of our campaign offensive. Address letters to each network and one of their on-air personalities. Pick your own "favorite" bobble-head. Make sure on the return address of the envelope you include "WE THE PEOPLE" along with your name. At the top of your note be sure to head it with WE THE PEOPLE also. It makes the point that we are a massive movement. Address it by hand to get their attention and include your name to show you are not afraid of them. We still have free speech in this country for now. When the launch date arrives send as many letters as you can to each network. Be sure to include all the cable news channels. Sign

each letter individually, don't just make a bunch of copies. The message should go something like this. "Stop lying to us, start telling the truth, stop being the lapdogs of the Socialist Democrat Party. We do not believe in the Socialist agenda you are supporting, and we will never submit. We believe in honest facts and verifiable data. None of this is present in the lies you present as "news."

We do the same thing with a call-in campaign and use the same message. On the agreed upon date we all start calling. Have the message written out and in front of you so you can easily read it. We then follow up with an email campaign and again the same message. Determine the date and then start emailing.

I've talked about this in other posts but it's important to remember. The first two ideas are old school but can be very effective. The physical impact of receiving such a volume of mail will make it impossible to ignore. Can you just see the streets of downtown New York lined up with mail trucks blocking traffic? Having their business phone lines jammed with calls and messages will also upset them. I have to believe having their email filled with millions of messages will also get their attention. No matter how fast they delete them more just keep coming in!

The one thing we really need help with for this to be successful is the acquisition of business and email addresses. Also, multiple business phone contact numbers for the various media outlets and on-air personalities at each outlet. If they shut down one line, we can go to their next contact number. Again, I'm not a tech guy, so please somebody figure this part out and publish them for our use. We will all be eternally grateful. This where our Keyboard Warriors will be critical in helping prepare the "battlefield." We need good information before engaging the opposition.

Once again it is critical that with each of these campaigns, we do not call them names, imply threats or make direct threats against them. We simply tell them what we think. There is no harm or threat in this and that's important to remember. They have the eyes and ears of half the country watching and listening to them. They would like nothing more than to paint us as dangerous right-wing radicals bent on violence. Let's keep our powder dry for now. Again, I sincerely hope even the most militant of us can understand this tactic. At this point our strength will be in numbers not arms. We the people want our country back, but we are not going to be the first ones to resort to violence. However, we will no longer idly stand by and watch our country descend into destructive chaos.

And that collective finger in the eye? Yep, we're also giving them the middle finger and they know it. You gotta love free speech, God bless America!!!

A Fan of the Founding Fathers FFF

April 8, 2021

WE THE PEOPLE

I wrote this a few days before the news of Rush's passing. He was unique and we have lost one of the greatest conservatives of our time. We will all miss him greatly and mourn his loss.

Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"When a government fears its people you have liberty. When the people fear their government you have tyranny"

Founding Father THOMAS JEFFERSON

"Arena of Ideas"

The first time I heard a conservative talk show host I was blown away. This guy was broadcasting out of a local AM station in Sacramento CA and saying out loud the things I had been thinking for several years. He poked fun at the liberals and their hypocrisy. He became extremely popular over the next few years and eventually moved to New York where his program was syndicated. He now resides in Florida and has the largest daily radio audience in history. His name is Rush Limbaugh. Anybody who calls themselves a conservative knows who he is. We wait each day to hear his take on current political events. His showed are always entertaining.

I don't know him personally and have never met him but would like to someday if possible. He speaks for me and to me whenever he is on the air. His ideas excite and inspire all of us. I think Rush is an eternal optimist. He believes we can defeat the left in the "Arena of Ideas." He believes that common sense and logic can win the day. There were radio talk show hosts before him, but no one like him. He set a new standard for the medium and paved the way for dozens of conservative talk show hosts nationally. He opened up the airwaves for all who have come after him.

Rush is just like the rest of us. He's not perfect but then none of us are. He would be the first to agree with that. We are all human with our faults and shortcomings, but we always strive to do better. The Founding Fathers weren't perfect either, but their ideas inspired and created this great nation.

We all have our favorites and we love to hear them talk or watch them on screen. Some are constitutional attorneys, and some are former military or law enforcement. Others began their careers in other media and then gravitated to conservative talk formats. Some are former construction workers. Some of them seem to be able to read the tea leaves and forecast the future with uncanny accuracy. They all have their own personalities and their own spin on the day's events. They all talk about their own beliefs but have the same core conservative agenda. They want to see truth and honesty brought to the national, state, and local levels of government. They speak about cleaning up the mess that's been created and a return to common sense governance. The need to stop spending

money we don't have and for God's sake try to balance a budget for once! The other thing they have in common is the belief that with impassioned debates, discussions, and speeches we can turn things around. We can convince people that conservative ideas will work. There is that "arena of ideas" thing again. Debates in the arena of ideas are how civil societies solve both large and small issues. Nations grow and create legacy's for future generations through this process.

I don't believe in the radical ideas of the Socialist Left. I don't believe in the emotionally vapid and dangerous ideas of today's hysterical woke cancel culture. What we are witnessing is the 21st century version of the French Revolution.

We all must stand up to this insanity every day and when we see it. We must loudly proclaim "NO, not here, not now, not ever." We will push through this period of cultural chaos and come out stronger on the other side. One way or another there will still be a Free United States of America. I believe in "The Arena of Ideas." One day we will be able to return to a culture of thought and reason. One day we be able to debate and honestly discuss important issues in "The Arena of Ideas."

A Fan of the Founding Fathers FFF

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WE THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"Sometimes your emotions get the better of you and you put your foot in your mouth. Sometimes there is a personal price to pay. I had to learn when to keep my mouth shut and emotions in check the hard way." FFF

A lesson learned the hard way

You may feel the same as I do. You may experience the anger and contempt for the lying, sociopathic Socialist left every bit as much as I do. My outrage at the left in general and the ANTIFA/BLM movement in particular had become intense last summer. There may have been good cause behind the genesis of the protests, but that cause was quickly co-opted by militant groups. This past year they rioted, burned and looted in cities across America. All under the cover of "social justice." Burning and looting minority businesses has nothing to do with social justice. Burning down police stations has nothing to do with social justice. Trying to burn down Federal buildings has nothing to do with social justice. Killing and beating people is not social justice. It's just plain criminal.

Last summer I lashed out at one point and almost destroyed my relationship with a family member after they defended BLM. They said, "police are killing blacks all the time!" I love this person dearly with all my heart and I should not

have lost my temper. I pointed out that 9 black people had been killed in the last month by ANTIFA and BLM in the midst of these riots. An argument ensued, I was called a racist and many other things. That hurt me deeply. They supported BLM without knowing who and what ANTIFA and BLM really are. Later I apologized for upsetting this family member. I was embarrassed and ashamed with the way I had acted. My apology was graciously accepted, and we get along again. I never apologized for the words I said and never will. My words were factual and true. When groups preach Marxism, anarchy, the destruction of the American family and our way of life that's just wrong, it's anti-American. Through their lies these groups are willing to exploit and use the genuine suffering of others to achieve they own political ends.

The point is I had become so frustrated and angry at the lies from the left and what they are attempting to do that I let that anger boil over into my personal life. I will never do that again. Every day I make the effort to rein in my emotions and face our adversary with a clear eye. Those emotions are sometimes dark, angry, clouded and hard to control but I do. I will never stoop to their level of lies, name calling and vitriol. I will not lose my temper, when I do, they've won. I will not lose family and the ones I love over this. We will not lose our nation to this evil. We are going to defeat it.

Their cause is false and hollow, it really has very little to do with social justice. Once you get past the veneer it's all about money, power and control. Sometimes we become so frustrated it's hard not to lash out at our adversary. When we do, we drag ourselves into the sewer of lies and hate they inhabit. We will defeat them with our ideas and the truth. Our cause is grounded in faith, family, a belief in ourselves and our belief in the destiny of the greatest nation ever on the face of the earth. That sounds corny but I believe it.

I hope none of you ever put yourself in the same position as I did. Be a better person than I was in this case. I do hope you keep following and I that I never bore any of you. Thank you for taking the time to read these essays.

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WE THE PEOPLE

Spirit of the Founding Fathers

"The people are the government, administering it by their agents; They are the government, the sovereign power." ANDREW JACKSON

From the Merriam Websters Collegiate Dictionary

History: A continuous systematic narrative of past events as relating to a particular people, country, period, person, etc., written as a chronological account.

History and Borders

Let me be clear, I do not want nor do I endorse the idea of our national borders changing. I love this country and all the ideals it stands for. However, the National Socialists are creating a crisis in this country. As I keep saying, they are trying to destroy this country and everything it stands for. Their ideas of social justice and equity are really just Communism and the racism of low expectations re branded with cute euphemisms. Their ideas are not compatible with a free society, they are the ones creating this crisis. The options are limited, if anyone has a better idea then present it. I don't pretend to have all the answers, but something has to be done.

Nothing ever stays the same. History is the record of past events as viewed by the current generation. But the people living through those events rarely see the full scope or understand the impact those changes will have on future generations. There are those exceptions such as world wars, great feats of accomplishment, pandemics or great medical breakthroughs when people realize the significance of these events as they happen. However, after a few generations the turmoil, upheaval and emotions of these periods are no longer as strongly felt as they were in the moment. These moments then simply become another event in the chronological timeline of human history.

One of those things that constantly change through history are national borders. Nations tend to believe their borders will be static or grow moving forward. The Sumerians, Egyptian's, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Mayans, Aztecs, British and the Soviet Union all felt their empires would never retreat or fall. In today's world there are no longer empires but rather spheres of influence. The United States is the most recent example of a nation ascending to global dominance and influence. It has seen its borders expand several times since its birth as an independent nation. As Americans we have a belief that our borders, as they now exist, will never change. In the minds of many it's sacrilege to express any alternative. But in order for us to survive as a nation based on the founding principles of the Constitution of the United States it may have to happen.

We now have in our country a movement with a significant number, roughly 35% of the population, who feverishly believe Socialism is good and Capitalism is bad. What's ironic is many of them don't even know they are promoting Socialism or the evils of it. The Left used to say they only want things to be fair for everyone. That has now morphed into demanding "equity." The equity the Left now demands is itself racist. They say we are an evil nation and the only way to atone is a move to a "Socialist society" where everyone will be equal. They are willing and believe it is necessary to punish anyone who is not willing to subjugate themselves to the benevolent and righteous power of "The State." They are also willing to use any means necessary to take control. The elections of November 2020 are the most recent and glaring example of this.

In the post "we do not secede" I put forth the the idea that someday the borders of our country might need to change. It is something no American would want but it might have to happen out of necessity. In order for the heart and soul of our country to survive we will have to rid ourselves of the cancerous

Communist/Socialist factions ripping this country apart from within. We have arrived at a place where we no longer have anything in common with them. They do not want to debate ideas or listen to reason. They are hell bent on destroying every concept put forth in the Constitution and The Bill of Rights. Our country is being eaten alive from the inside out by this radical socialist disease. I do not want to contemplate a shooting war with them, this would do neither side any good. If a shooting war does start, they will be the ones to fire the first shots. Even after their defeat they could not be trusted. The ugly head of Communism/Socialism would rise again sometime in the future. The cancer would be in remission but eventually it would return.

The alternative to civil war would be the ceding of certain territories already occupied by the Socialist coalitions. Primarily both the west and east coasts along with a few major metropolitan areas that identify as "liberal". This is obviously a big picture plan with details needing to be worked out. The idea is to prevent a shooting war. Both sides can administrate their own territories as they think best. The hard part for people to accept is the change in our national borders. I'm much more willing to accept these changes than I am contemplating another civil war. A shooting war between the United States Constitutionalist and the Socialist States of this country is what our enemies are hoping for. It would cripple and destroy our nation beyond repair. No one wants to see this happen. The United States of America will have become just a footnote in history if it does.

But how long could they really last on their own? There is no recorded history of a successful Socialist society. The people of these failed utopias would eventually ask to be brought back into the Union. Of course, we would take them back, but terms would need to be discussed before any reconciliation.

I'm not willing to let the Authoritarian Socialists strip me of my rights and freedoms as a United States citizen. If somehow, they gain complete control of our government they will attempt to silence and neutralize any and all dissent. They will send us to prisons and reeducation camps. I will not accept their authority, if pushed I will fight for my freedom and the freedom of my family and friends. I would rather fight for freedom than live under the oppression of a tyrannical government.

What side will you chose if that decision has to be made?

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WE THE PEOPLE

The spirit of the Founding Fathers

"If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of

every American to be informed."

Founding Father THOMAS JEFFERSON

It is difficult to be informed when you have a political party and a press that will not tell the truth and continues to lie on a daily basis.

An Oath To Defend and Protect

There is one important and critical question that keeps popping up whenever there is a discussion about our current state of political discourse. Where does the military stand in all of this? Historically and traditionally the United States military does not get involved in political policy making. It goes when and where they are given orders to do so. These orders always come from the civilian authority, The Commander and Chief, the President of the United States. But there is an interesting aspect to this chain of command.

All soldiers when they enter service take an oath. That oath is to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic. All Presidents take the same oath, to defend and protect the Constitution of The United States of American against all enemies foreign and domestic. The military oath is not to protect and serve the President, an elected official, or one political party or the other. The President is The Commander and Chief only so long as he upholds HIS oath to defend and protect the Constitution. The President does not get to choose which parts of the Constitution and Bill of Rights he wants to follow and which ones he will ignore or do away with. That is not within his powers as President.

Most recently Joe Biden said that the Amendments in The Bill of Rights are not absolute. That should send a chill down the spine of every free American. Technically his statement is correct, but it takes a two thirds vote in both the House and Senate before being presented to the states for consideration. It takes three quarters of the states to vote for and approve the amendment before it is sent back to Congress for ratification and becomes law. I don't think this is what he has in mind. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights cannot be changed on the whim of a President through executive order or a group of politicians.

The Biden administration and the Democrat party are doing everything they can to subvert and dismantle the Constitution and The Bill of Rights. The powers and rights given to us as United States citizens by these documents are not something that can be dismissed, watered down or taken away. They are clear in their meaning. The Constitution and Bill of Rights were meant to put a check on government and protect the people from attempted excessive power grabs and abuse by politicians. These rights are not something that can be taken away by any bill passed in congress or executive order or decree. When such attempts are made, and laws passed taking away these rights they should be viewed as having no real legal standing. Furthermore, those who have promoted, pushed for, then voted for and passed such laws should be viewed as domestic enemies of The United States.

They are attempting to destroy the very foundations this country was founded on. The question now becomes where will the military stand if there is real national civil unrest. I believe there will be many members of the politically motivated military establishment at the Pentagon who will side with the left. These are carrier officers who have lost sight of what the military is all about. Again, to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. They will also believe they have more to gain by standing with the established and entrenched power structure in Washington DC and the Deep State. But I do believe that a large number of our members in the armed services will see the things that are happening and stand with us.

We are the ones trying to defend the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and all they stand for. We are the ones who defend and support the military. We are the ones who stand, remove our hats and put our hands across our hearts when the National Anthem is played. We will never disrespect our country's flag or the servicemen who currently serve and have served under it. We are proud to be Americans and we will never take a knee as some have chosen to do as a form of protest whenever our national anthem is played. Those that think they are making some grand statement by taking that knee can kiss my well you get the idea.

So, if that time comes when a decision has to be made about which side the military takes I don't think there will be much of a question. The majority of them will not choose the woke Socialism and Fascism being pushed by the Democrat party. They will not choose the side that supports the Marxist anti-American groups BLM and ANTIFA. I think they will choose the side defending the Constitution and the principles this country was founded on. That side is us, WE THE PEOPLE.

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WE THE PEOPLE

The Spirit of the Founding Fathers

“A civilized nation is founded on principles of law and order. Without law you have violence, anarchy, chaos and mob rule. The result is a cry from the masses for a return to order which leads to a authoritarian dictatorship taking control.” FFF

For the last year we have seen violence, anarchy, chaos, and mob rule in Democrat controlled cities across the nation. How much longer will this be allowed to go on?

Sheepdog: a noble breed trained to maintain order, to guard and defend the herd against violence and danger.

In Defense of Our “Sheepdogs” in Blue

We now have high profile Democrat members of Congress calling to abolish all police forces across the nation. They say that all police routinely use excessive force and brutality and are systemically racist. That all the prisons should be closed, and the inmates released because they are really just political prisoners. These insults and lies come from the “squad” who now run the Democrat party.

How many of us are willing to go out every day to defend the public and keep it safe? How many of us are willing to go out every day knowing we may have to put our life on the line in defense of others? That when you walk out the door on your way to work, there is that chance you may never come back. That is exactly what those who have chosen law enforcement as a career do every day.

Being a law enforcement officer is not what it used to be. There was a time when people looked upon peace officers as respected members of their community. They were your next-door neighbor or your best friend. They also might have been the Little League coach or the referee at the high school football game. At the end of the day you could sit down together and have a beer, talk about family, sports, hobbies or the next fishing trip. You also knew you could depend on them to be there when you needed help. Heck, you might get pulled over for speeding and just get told to slow down. You would also get a ticket the next time if you didn't heed that warning! The bottom line is the guy (or gal) in the police uniform was a friend and neighbor and didn't feel isolated or feared. But something has happened to our society.

The society we live in today has become much more violent. For a police officer the simple traffic stop has become a potential life-threatening situation every single time. We've seen the dash cam footage of officers being shot. The call to a domestic disturbance turns into a standoff. The suspect has murdered their entire family and is hell bent on committing suicide by cop. A call of suspicious activity at an isolated location can turn into an ambush with the intention of murdering the officers who respond to the call. The detention and arrest of a known violent repeat offender can turn into a lawsuit for police brutality after the suspect attempts to escape. In certain areas drug deals are conducted openly on street corners without fear of arrest. This is because the the violent crime rate in that area is so high and the risk to officers so great it isn't worth it. Besides, the dealer and junkie will both be kicked back out on the street only hours after the arrest. Because of the current state of politics and policies in many cities police are taunted and harassed openly by groups of “peaceful protesters” without fear of reprisal. The cries for defunding the police get louder every day.

We as a society are the ones who have created the police forces, we have today. We have forced them to become more militarized because we have become a more violent society. In spite of what the Democrat Socialists tell us, doing away with the second amendment and confiscating all of the legally owned firearms in the country would not lower the violent crime rate, it would actually increase it. How many career criminals and violent gang members purchased their guns through a licensed dealer? How many of them would turn those guns in if laws were passed outlawing private ownership of firearms?Ya, that's what I think too.

There is no longer community policing where we know the officers and they know all of us. No police officer while on duty can ever let his guard down for even a moment. They are trained to be constantly on guard, to be hyper alert. A momentary lapse in that hyper alert state and they may not go home because they'll be dead. A failure to act quickly and decisively may lead to the death of innocent bystanders. That is the environment they work in and mindset they must have to perform their duties and protect their communities.

Then there is the issue of organized street gangs terrorizing our cities and Mexican cartels smuggling drugs and conducting human trafficking across our southern border. These very activities are now being aided and abetted by the Democrat party. If you don't believe me look at the statistics for the rise in violent crimes in Democrat controlled cities and the recent unprecedented flood of drugs and illegal immigration at our southern boarder. There has been a spike in these statistics because the Democrats allowed it to happen. The Biden administration created the current crisis at the boarder by encouraging illegal immigration. The blame for all of this can and should be laid at the feet of the "woke" left and the Socialist Democrats.

The greater community of law enforcement is a cross section of our society as a whole. Within society you have a diversity of people with a multitude of personality types. Everything from truly good and admirable people to that roughly 2% who are bad people and career criminals. In spite of the screening process for law enforcement candidates, sometimes a less than perfect individual gets through. This is the .02% of police officers that the radical left focuses on and accuses all police of being. I've seen police officers' spit on, threatened, cursed at and attacked at "peaceful" BLM/ANTIFA riots across this country. They put up with things beyond a point that no one should have to.

I don't condone police brutality in any way, shape or form. No one does including other police officers. The first step to deescalating and preventing it is to comply with an officer's instructions and commands when interacting with them. Even better yet don't commit crimes and build a rap sheet that identifies you as a repeat offender and in some cases a violent repeat offender. If you don't want to be treated like a criminal don't be a criminal! If you don't want to get shot don't fight and run when confronted by the police. It's actually pretty simple. And when things go tragically wrong the response should not be burning down entire sections of a city while looting and creating chaos. The mobs who commit these crimes are no more than anti societal savages and anarchists taking advantage of a tragic situation.

The woke left always wants to blame the police and the Socialist Democrats pile on. How about manning up and taking personal responsibility for one's own actions. Stop letting the Left's bigotry define groups of people. Don't burn down the community you live in; instead try to make it a better place to live with less crime. However, without the structure of a civilized society and a police force to protect it that will never happen. It will be violence, anarchy, chaos and mob rule. We will always need those sheepdogs in blue to maintain a civilized society and keep the wolves at bay.

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EPILOGUE

The Genesis

These essays were my response to the November 2020 elections. I was frustrated and angry, but I felt there was no meaningful way to express myself. In late December I started jotting down thoughts on pieces of note paper while at my work bench or at the table eating lunch. That turned into ideas that lead to a couple of handwritten essays. I was told my handwriting sucks and nobody writes on paper anymore anyway. What did I know? But these ideas were so important to me that I asked a couple of friends to help me become reacquainted with using a laptop. I'd done it before, and I could do it again. This

was so I could put my thoughts down in a digital forum. It's been a few years since I had any real use for digital tech. I don't care for it, I don't like it, I'm not a tech guy, but I understand, and I do appreciate the value it has added to all our daily lives. However, I will never trust it because it can be so easily turned against us.

It's also something that's been very hard for me to get comfortable with. What you may think is simple and straight forward is an exercise in extreme frustration for me. Where you see a screen with icons and prompts, I see a jumble of colors and nonsensical things. I'm not going to get into any more than that. However, these ideas are so important to me that I've pushed myself to do it. I believe in the great ideals that this country embodies. If this country is so terrible and awful as the Left always tells us it is, why do so many people from all across the world risk everything to get here?

What surprised me was the response from the few people who first saw these essays as they were being developed. They've been encouraging me and, in some cases, asking when I'm going to do more? They've said they know a number of friends who would want to read what I've written. It has even been suggested that I publish the essays for a broader audience. That thought initially scared the hell out of me. I didn't think the writing was that good or that my ideas would be taken seriously. My wife was the one who explained it to me. "You are putting into words and explaining all the things we think, know and feel. You are clearly defining who they are, but you are also offering ideas and solutions about how to defeat them. You are offering a direction and actions to fight back."

Right now, we are all focused on our daily lives and that makes sense. Work and family always taking precedent as they should. But I fear we are at a place where if we do not pick our heads up, look around and get involved we will lose our country as we know it. In the past I always thought that "others" out there would be the ones to keep the "liberal left" in line. I went about my daily life of work and family while cheering on the conservative movement from my seat in the bleachers. I didn't take the time to become actively involved because I knew others would take care of it. It wasn't on my front doorstep, so it was a distant concern. But there is no more time for "armchair patriotism." There are not enough "others" to keep the radical left at bay anymore. We are facing a tsunami of woke radicalism. The Radical Socialists are on the march. Because of the election results of November 2020, they have been emboldened and they can sense "the great coming victory." We must all become active in this fight against these woke cultural Fascist and Marxist or we will all suffer under their tyranny. They are now at our doorsteps both figuratively and literally.

It was suggested that I get actively involved in politics. Maybe run for a local office or work as a fundraiser for a PAC. PAC's are all well and good but they don't do enough. I'm too opinionated and unwilling to compromise and put up with all the BS coming from the "woke" liberal left. I no longer believe that they can be defeated from within the system. I believe that the way to combat the left's Fascist agenda is at the grassroots level. Any and all of you who think as I do need to start speaking out and forming your own groups. Search for other groups who have the same philosophical mindset.

The first step is to share these essays with others then organize your local group. The blueprint to start actively fighting back is in the essays. With a little luck our first campaigns against the left will begin this summer.

Go to the "Old School/New School Activism" and "A Finger in the Eye" essays to see what I think we can do to get their attention. Then reach out and contact others and ask them join in. It's up to all of US to stop THEM.

I don't have all the answers or technical expertise to run a counter revolution, but I've got some pretty good ideas. I also have friends who I think can help us organize. No more complaining, from now on we are going to be proactive in responding to the Marxist Left and their onslaught against our Republic. I'm done with being timid. I'm listening to my friends and family and I believe in the freedom of speech. With the help of a few Keyboard Warriors I want to get these essays distributed through as many types of media as possible. From old fashioned print and various online platforms to self-publishing online. I believe in the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and The Declaration of Independence. I believe in The United States of America as it was founded, a "free" Republic. I believe in WE THE PEOPLE.

In the near future I hope to do more of these essays. If there are those of you out there who want to read more let me know. One of my friends will have to figure out how to make that happen. If no one listens or cares so be it. Then I'll be the guy on the corner standing on the soapbox holding the sign that reads "I Told You So" when all our liberties are lost. But at least I will have tried, will you be able to say as much?

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Appendix of Oaths



US MILITARY OATH OF ENLISTMENT

US Army Oath of Enlistment:

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God." (Title 10, US Code; Act of 5 May 1960 replacing the wording first adopted in 1789, with amendment effective 5 October 1962).

US Army Oath of Commissioned Officers:

I _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will

well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God. (Title 5 U.S. Code 3331, an individual, except the President, elected or appointed to an office of honor or profit in the civil service or uniformed services)

OATH OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

President of the United States of America

“I (President elect name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

Vice President of the United States of America

“I (elected’s name) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.”

OATH OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.”

US CONSTITUTION

(Preamble)

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I (Article 1 – Legislative)

Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2

1: The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

2: No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

3: Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to

Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.² The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

4: When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

5: The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section 3

1: The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof,³ for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

2: Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise, during the Recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.⁴

3: No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

4: The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.

5: The Senate shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States.

6: The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

7: Judgment in Cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

Section 4

1: The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any

time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators.

2: The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be on the first Monday in December,⁵ unless they shall by Law appoint a different Day.

Section 5

1: Each House shall be the Judge of the Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner, and under such Penalties as each House may provide.

2: Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

3: Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.

4: Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

Section 6

1: The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States.⁶ They shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.

2: No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no Person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office.

Section 7

1: All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

2: Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by

their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

3: Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitations prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

Section 8

1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

2: To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

3: To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

4: To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

5: To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

6: To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

7: To establish Post Offices and post Roads;

8: To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

9: To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

10: To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;

11: To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

12: To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

13: To provide and maintain a Navy;

14: To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

15: To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

16: To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the

Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

17: To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;—And

18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

Section 9

1: The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a Tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.

2: The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

3: No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

4: No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken.⁷

5: No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

6: No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another: nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay Duties in another.

7: No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

8: No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

Section 10

1: No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.

2: No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing it's inspection Laws: and the net Produce of all Duties and Imposts, laid by any State on Imports or Exports, shall be for the Use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Controul of the Congress.

3: No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.

Article II (Article 2 – Executive)

Section 1

1: The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows

2: Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

3: The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons, of whom one at least shall not be an Inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority, and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like Manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice. In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice President.⁸

4: The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

5: No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

6: In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office,⁹ the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by Law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

7: The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been

elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

8: Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Section 2

1: The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States; he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.

2: He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law: but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

3: The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

Section 3

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

Section 4

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

Article III (Article 3 – Judicial)

Section 1

The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

Section 2

1: The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made,

under their Authority;—to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls;—to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction;—to Controversies to which the United States shall be a Party;—to Controversies between two or more States;—between a State and Citizens of another State;¹⁰—between Citizens of different States, —between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects.

2: In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make.

3: The Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury; and such Trial shall be held in the State where the said Crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the Trial shall be at such Place or Places as the Congress may by Law have directed.

Section 3

1: Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the Testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open Court.

2: The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attainted.

Article IV (Article 4 – States’ Relations)

Section 1

Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.

Section 2

1: The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States.

2: A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime.

3: No Person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.¹¹

Section 3

1: New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the

Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

2: The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

Section 4

The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

Article V (Article 5 – Mode of Amendment)

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

Article VI (Article 6 – Prior Debts, National Supremacy, Oaths of Office)

1: All Debts contracted and Engagements entered into, before the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

2: This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

3: The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

Article VII (Article 7 – Ratification)

The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

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done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and

of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth In witness whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names,

BILL OF RIGHTS

Congress of the United States
begun and held at the City of New-York, on
Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all, or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz.

ARTICLES in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

Note: The following text is a transcription of the first ten amendments to the Constitution in their original form. These amendments were ratified December 15, 1791, and form what is known as the "Bill of Rights."

AMENDMENT I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

AMENDMENT II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

AMENDMENT III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

AMENDMENT IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

AMENDMENT V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval

forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

AMENDMENT VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

AMENDMENT VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

AMENDMENT VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

AMENDMENT IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

AMENDMENT X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

AMENDMENT XI – Passed by Congress March 4, 1794. Ratified February 7, 1795.

Note: Article III, section 2, of the Constitution was modified by amendment 11.

The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by Citizens of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State.

AMENDMENT XII – Passed by Congress December 9, 1803. Ratified June 15, 1804.

Note: A portion of Article II, section 1 of the Constitution was superseded by the 12th amendment.

The Electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate; — the President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted; — The person having the greatest number of votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose

immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. [And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President. –]* The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice-President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States.

**Superseded by section 3 of the 20th amendment.*

AMENDMENT XIII – Passed by Congress January 31, 1865. Ratified December 6, 1865.

Note: A portion of Article IV, section 2, of the Constitution was superseded by the 13th amendment.

Section 1.

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XIV – Passed by Congress June 13, 1866. Ratified July 9, 1868.

Note: Article I, section 2, of the Constitution was modified by section 2 of the 14th amendment.

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age,* and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

Section 3.

No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged

in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Section 4.

The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Section 5.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

**Changed by section 1 of the 26th amendment.*

AMENDMENT XV – Passed by Congress February 26, 1869. Ratified February 3, 1870.

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude–

Section 2.

The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XVI – Passed by Congress July 2, 1909. Ratified February 3, 1913.

Note: Article I, section 9, of the Constitution was modified by amendment 16.

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

AMENDMENT XVII – Passed by Congress May 13, 1912. Ratified April 8, 1913.

Note: Article I, section 3, of the Constitution was modified by the 17th amendment.

The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct. This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

AMENDMENT XVIII – Passed by Congress December 18, 1917. Ratified January 16, 1919. Repealed by amendment 21.

Section 1.

After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

Section 2.

The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Section 3.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the

Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT XIX – Passed by Congress June 4, 1919. Ratified August 18, 1920. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XX – Passed by Congress March 2, 1932. Ratified January 23, 1933. *Note: Article I, section 4, of the Constitution was modified by section 2 of this amendment. In addition, a portion of the 12th amendment was superseded by section 3.*

Section 1.

The terms of the President and the Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

Section 2.

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Section 3.

If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

Section 4.

The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

Section 5.

Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

Section 6.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.

AMENDMENT XXI – Passed by Congress February 20, 1933. Ratified December 5, 1933.

Section 1.

The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

Section 2.

The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or Possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

Section 3.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within

seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT XXII – Passed by Congress March 21, 1947. Ratified February 27, 1951.

Section 1.

No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

Section 2.

This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

AMENDMENT XXIII – Passed by Congress June 16, 1960. Ratified March 29, 1961.

Section 1.

The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XXIV – Passed by Congress August 27, 1962. Ratified January 23, 1964.

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay poll tax or other tax.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XXV – Passed by Congress July 6, 1965. Ratified February 10, 1967.

Note: Article II, section 1, of the Constitution was affected by the 25th amendment.

Section 1.

In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

Section 2.

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

Section 3.

Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to

discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

Section 4.

Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

AMENDMENT XXVI – Passed by Congress March 23, 1971. Ratified July 1, 1971.

Note: Amendment 14, section 2, of the Constitution was modified by section 1 of the 26th amendment.

Section 1.

The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

Section 2.

The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT XXVII – Originally proposed Sept. 25, 1789. Ratified May 7, 1992.

No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of representatives shall have intervened.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone for the tenure of their offices, and the

amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & Perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Reference for Oaths:

<http://oaths.us/declaration-of-independence/>



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