
I was born an American; I live an American;
I shall die an American and I intend to perform
the duties incumbent upon me in that character
to the end of my career. I mean to do this with
absolute disregard of personal consequences.

What are the personal consequences? What
is the individual man, with all the good or evil
that may betide him, in comparison with the
good or evil which may befall a great country
and in the midst of great transactions which
may concern that country's fate?

Let the consequences be what they will, I
am careless. No man can suffer too much and
no man can fall too soon, if he suffer, or if he
fall, in the defense of the liberties and the
Constitution of his country.

—Daniel Webster



YOU
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AN
AMERICAN



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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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"The very idea of power and the right of the people to establish government, presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government."

—GEORGE WASHINGTON

Because You Are An American

You are an inheritor of a "Land of Liberty," colonized by courageous people who fled across the seas from tyranny to seek political and religious freedom.

Because You Are An American

You are an inheritor of a Freedom purchased by the blood and sacrifice of those who fought in the War of the Revolution; the War of 1812; the War between the States; the Spanish-American War; World War I; and World War II.

Because You Are An American

You are an inheritor of a Great Country opened by the courage and fortitude of explorers and settlers who crossed the mountains and plains by foot, horseback, and covered wagon; who traveled the rivers by canoe and barge, who opened the great resources of field, forest, and mine of the west, and far west. And this they did that they and their descendants might by their own initiative and enterprise attain a life of betterment and security.

Because You Are An American

You are an inheritor of a Free System of Enterprise which has brought to this land the highest standard of living yet known to this world.

"Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands everywhere."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Because You Are An American

You live under a Government of the People, by the People, for the People.

A Government founded on a Fundamental Belief in God.

A Government by Constitution whose cornerstone is a belief in the value and importance of each person as an individual.

Because You Are An American

You Have the Right . . .

- To life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
- To worship God in your own way
- To free speech
- To free assembly
- To petition grievances
- To complete privacy in your own homes
- To habeas corpus
- To trial by jury
- To move about freely at home and abroad

"They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

"The God that gave us life gave us liberty at the same time."—THOMAS JEFFERSON

Because You Are An American

You Have the Right . . .

- To vote
- To own property
- To own your own business
- or
- To work for whom you wish
- To compete in business for profit
- or
- To bargain collectively with your employer
- To gain a free education
- To choose your life work
- and
- To practice it where you wish.

Because You Are An American

You have a responsibility to protect this inheritance by . . .

- Obeying the law of the land
- Voting at all primaries and elections
- Being informed as to the ability and honesty of the candidates
- Being actively interested in legislation
- Serving on the jury if called
- Promoting justice and fair play among your fellowmen in whatever your walk of life.
- Promoting calm, clear thinking in all problems of race, religion and economics.
- Honoring your Flag as the symbol of all that is America.
- And, ultimately, by bearing arms in the defense of your country if need arises.

". . . while the people should patriotically and cheerfully support their government, it's functions do not include the support of the people."—GROVER CLEVELAND

The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States

*"We the people of the United States, in order to
Form a more perfect union
Establish justice
Insure domestic tranquility
Provide for the common defense
Promote the general welfare
Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and
our posterity
do ordain and establish
This Constitution for the United States of
America"*

The American's Creed

I Believe In . . .

The United States of America
A government of the people, by the people,
for the people
Whose just powers are derived from the con-
sent of the governed
A democracy in a republic
A sovereign Nation of many sovereign States
A perfect Union
One and inseparable
Established upon these principles of free-
dom, equality, justice, and humanity for which
American patriots sacrificed their lives and
fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my coun-
try to love it
To support its Constitution
To obey its laws
To respect its flag
And to defend it against all enemies.

—William Tyler Page

"When the conditions have been created which make prosperity possible, then each individual man must achieve it for himself by his own energy and thrift and business intelligence."—COL. THEODORE ROOSEVELT

WATCH, AMERICA

Where the northern ocean darkens,
Where the rolling rivers run,
Past the cold and empty headlands,
Toward the slow and westering sun,
There our fathers, long before us,
Armed with freedom, faced the deep,
What they won with love and labor,
Let their children watch and keep.

By our dark and dreaming forests,
By our free and shining skies,
By our green and ripening prairies,
Where the western mountains rise;
God who gave our fathers freedom,
God who made our fathers brave.
What they built with love and anguish,
Let their children watch and save.

—Robert Nathan

"Liberty has never come from the government—the history of liberty is the history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it."

—WOODROW WILSON