



A Freedom Declaration for America:

Part I, Preface

INDEPENDENT AMERICAN PARTY

Questions to be asked of anyone who desires Freedom in America:

1) Why did individuals come to America during her early period, as well as millions since then?

Answer: People came, and have come, to America searching for Freedom. They have come for the opportunity to work, learn, grow, improve their conditions, worship God according to their own pleasure, enjoy unobstructed peace, and to use their abilities to obtain and keep property and possessions through their individual labors – THIS is the American Dream!

2) Why did we declare Independence from our mother country in 1776?

Answer: We declared Independence because of the tyranny imposed upon our People by the King of England and his emissaries. The people of the New World were being forced to succumb to unreasonable and tyrannical laws while being forced to give of the fruit of their labors to the mother country without their consent. American colonists were also anxious for the opportunity of self-government. Through courage and sacrifice, and with the Hand of Providence guiding us, we succeeded in separating ourselves from tyranny and became a free People.

3) What is Freedom and who enjoys it?

Answer: Freedom is the ability to do as we choose, to go where we choose, when we choose, and to be free from outside forces – so long as we do not violate the rights of other individuals – to own and control our own property and do as we please with it. In known world history, very few peoples have lived in Freedom with the benefit of self-government.

In America we are blessed to be part of the small percentage of earth's population who have ever enjoyed Freedom. With this personal Freedom comes personal responsibility. We must not allow either to be taken away. Yet unfortunately an erosion of our Freedom is occurring at a rapid pace!

4) What have you done to keep or restore our Freedom?

Answer: Each individual bears responsibility for preserving their Freedom. In the Independent American Party, as in other groups, we have worked in various ways, such as sharing information, running for office, attending rallies, sending e-mail, setting up web sites, participating in conference calls, and voting. Most importantly, we never give up in the fight for Freedom. However, a few cannot do it alone. We must all work together in unity for this great cause. It matters not what party, creed, race, religion or affiliation we are – we must band together for the sake of our Liberty. There are people working tirelessly night and day to take your Freedoms away, and to supplant them with socialist programs and with the shackles of slavery. This is NOT Freedom! We must never compromise with tyranny, but be everlastingly valiant for Liberty.

5) Have we forgotten who we are?

Answer: Yes, we are forgetting important facts about our history and origins. We are forgetting how important the rule of law and just principles are to our Freedom. We have forgotten the source of our rights and who truly holds power. We must understand that we are sovereign citizens of a free country that we established for our benefit. Each of us is independent and can reason and act for ourselves. Each of us is endowed by our Creator with irrevocable rights. A sovereign citizen is not merely a "taxpayer" or an "obedient subject". As individuals, we are the masters over those we choose to represent us and administer government

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for our common good. Despite this fact, our Freedoms are being eroded and chipped away before our eyes! We often unwittingly vote for these usurpations of our own Liberty. In order to put a stop to this erosion, we must first understand correct principles. We must act to reestablish our authority before we are laden with a yoke of bondage too heavy to bear. Freedom must prevail! By recalling the greatness of our past and remembering that we are the masters, we can help shape the outcome of our future in a positive way.

One of the key Founders of our nation, Thomas Jefferson, made the following three statements about Freedom:

- a) "A free people claim their rights as derived from the laws of nature, and not as the gift of their chief magistrate",
- b) "The people [and not government]... are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty",
- c) "Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the law', because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual." These gems of wisdom will help guide us as we further discuss our rights and the threats to their stability in the following pages.

In summary, it is up to us – "We the People" – to preserve our Liberty. Government has failed to fulfill their responsibilities and has chosen to ignore the pleadings of the People to return to its proper role and size. "We the People" must take the initiative to restore our nation to its greatness – and it begins with you.

Problems and Solutions

One of the biggest problems in our country is our "two-party system". America began as a united nation with no parties – only men and women devoted to Freedom and Independence. Our fiery Founder, John Adams, made the statement: "There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other. This, in my humble apprehension, is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution." (John Adams, October 2, 1780, emphasis added). Surely we have all seen the division and contention caused by corrupt political parties. It is our responsibility to purge the partisan rhetoric out of the debate and unify the nation in an unbiased movement of Liberty.

We declare that to maintain Freedom in the United States of America the People must know, understand and follow certain basic principles and take action to assure that their leaders do the same. Without adherence to principle, "We the People" become oppressed by powerful, selfish, secretive and tyrannical leaders, bankers and internationalists. These individuals take the fruit of our labors as personal profit and abscond authority to remain in office to do as they please, and to violate the laws, faith and trust of the People they were meant to serve (abscond: to depart in a sudden and secret manner, especially to avoid capture and legal prosecution).

When our nation was founded, the People and their leaders had faith and belief in God. These men and women humbly sought the help of Providence to lay the nation's foundation in Freedom. Providence, or God, blessed and inspired the establishment of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These immortal documents form the bedrock of our Freedom. Since our miraculous founding, our nation has been gradually drifting off course. "We the People" have allowed the principles contained within our precious documents to become weakened in their spirit, intent, function and effectiveness. To reverse this trend we must return to the principles of Liberty and rekindle the patriotic spirit of 1776.

We, the Independent American Party, representing Freedom-loving Americans, boldly witness that our nation is in great peril, that robbers have infiltrated key places in our government and through strategy and deceit have placed us in financial bondage, expanded the government beyond its Constitutional limits, and have caused the loss of many Freedoms. This downward spiral is accelerating faster and faster over time. Nearly every day brings news of yet another usurpation of our rights! Our situation will only get worse until we become educated and unite together in restoring and defending our Freedoms. It is the duty of all Americans to stand up and become involved in the restoration of the original principles of correct and proper government as our patriot forefathers did before us.

James Madison, another of our great Founding Fathers, remarked: "I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform them." To reiterate, "We the People" hold all political power. Let us then engage in a sweeping campaign of education in the principles of Liberty and take back our country one person at a time!

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The Proper Role of Government

As we all know, our nation has serious problems and is in rapid decline. What can we do about it? First, we must learn what made America great and what made us different from all other nations in the world. The key factor in America's unparalleled success is what our government couldn't do! Our government was set up so that its power would be divided, vertically and horizontally, and would not be concentrated in one branch, person or group. An elaborate system of checks and balances was devised to prevent abuses of power by the government. Thus, we have the Executive branch, the Legislative branch and the Judicial branch which all operate independently yet check each others power at the same time. This is the core of what most Americans understand about our government. This foundation is necessary, yet we must delve further and expand our understanding.

Unfortunately, in spite of our Constitution our representatives in the federal government have been concentrating power over many years. Many of the checks and balances have been removed, and the three branches have been taking power unto themselves that was never intended nor allowed in the Constitution. The notion of splitting the power of government into three branches rested on the hope that if one branch got out of control, or if it attempted to amass power, the other branches would put a stop to it. The danger today is that every branch is gathering power and no one is checking their advance! Furthermore, these delegated powers were to be shared between the national government, the states, counties, cities and local communities so that only specified and limited powers would reside in each entity. "We the People" must reclaim the rights and powers given us by nature.

Who is there to protect our Freedom? Who is to be the guardian? The source of all power in government is the PEOPLE themselves. However, because the People are not sufficiently involved, the government is becoming its master rather than its servant. The government is accelerating its power grab continuously through unconstitutional law-making, addition of non-constitutional departments headed by 'czars' not accountable to the People, rampant spending, exorbitant debt, hiring of millions of government workers who resist the downsizing of government, welfare entitlements, undeclared wars, consolidation of many departments under one head, etc. These are indicators of a government gone wild and is precisely what our Founders intended to prevent!

As mentioned, the Constitution defines the best structure for government and enumerates what the federal government can and

cannot do. There are strictly limited or specifically listed powers delegated to the federal government by the states, who in turn derive their power from the People. These powers are carefully listed in the Constitution, primarily in Article 1, Section 8. The government can legally and morally do nothing more than what is listed. The most important function of government is to PROTECT the God-given rights of the People as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, with elected representatives of the People adhering to their oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. Yet consider how much more power our government has taken for itself in defiance of the Constitution. We are allowing this to occur, but We can stop it if We become educated, unified and personally take responsibility and action.

As a People, we must return to our origins and roots. We must adhere once more to the time tested beliefs of our ancestors, including to the following: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). Our land will experience a glorious revival of prosperity, peace and Freedom if we will acknowledge our collective mistakes and take the necessary steps to remedy them.

We, the Independent American Party, have prepared these several documents to discuss and define our national predicament, and which offer solutions to correct our awful situation. The second of these documents is an explanation of the basic principles of proper government as defined in the Constitution. The third document is a brief overview and declaration of our Freedom touching on major grievances that must be addressed. Furthermore, we will present a detailed exposé of the most egregious abuses and unconstitutional laws afflicting our nation, as well as information on agencies which are amassing power beyond constitutional limits and exercising tyrannical authority that is emasculating our Free country.

Remember: The People as a whole are the master, not the government! Ask yourself: Do you feel like you are being served well when you are coerced or threatened to pay your taxes, when you struggle month to month to make ends meet because your dollar is worthless, when you can't afford to fill your gas tank, or when your sons and daughters are shipped off to fight and die in unconstitutional wars? Where did the American Dream go? Where has our Freedom gone? Together we can answer these questions and find solutions. We invite you to join with us to restore and preserve our Freedom, our Independence, and our economy for ourselves, our family and for all the world.

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Furthermore, we solemnly invite you to study and learn by reading “Part Two: Basic Principles of Freedom”, and especially Part Three, the main point of our presentation: “A Freedom Declaration For America.”

We declare to those who truly love their Freedom that the time is now to awaken, to take action, and to share the thrilling fire of Liberty with everyone.

In God We Trust!

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