

Is The 4th Of July Truly Independence Day?

"And the rocket's red glare the bombs bursting in air gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"
(Are we the "land of the free and the home of the brave" any more?)

We are celebrating "what" Day? Independence you say! Independence from what? Certainly it can't be independence from government tyranny. We have "tyranny" in spades from our own government, at all levels. When our Founding Fathers wrote



and signed the Declaration of Independence, it was a declaration of war against the tyranny of Great Britain. It was a declaration of independence from excessive taxation, from harsh

regulations, from no representation and from military rule. The colonials had enough and declared war, with all of the tragic consequences that come from such a declaration. They were willing to die for their freedom and their independence.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE STATES IT IS THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO OVERTHROW A TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENT. BUT CAN WE DO IT

TODAY?

Today, are we willing to die for our freedom and independence as the Declaration of Independence authorizes? We might be willing to die for such a cause but the federal government made it illegal. 18 USC Section 2385 prohibits any person or persons from acting on that authority, or face serious fines and lengthy jail times. Here is the federal statute in part:

“Whoever knowingly or willfully advocates, abets, advises, or teaches the duty, necessity, desirability, or propriety of overthrowing or destroying the government of the United States, or prints, publishes, edits, issues, circulates, sells, distributes, or publicly displays any written or printed matter advocating, advising, or teaching the duty, necessity, desirability, or propriety of overthrowing or destroying any government in the United States by force or violence, or attempts to do so; or whoever organizes or helps or attempts to organize any society, group, or assembly of persons who teach, advocate, or encourage the overthrow or destruction of any such government by force or violence; or becomes or is a member of, or affiliates with, any such society, group, or assembly of persons, knowing the purposes thereof, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both. If two or more persons conspire to commit any offense named in this section, each shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.”

Unfortunately, the Declaration is meaningless, dead, an empty vessel and an out-of-date promise with no teeth. Your federal government repealed it with a law.

SO WHAT DOES INDEPENDENCE MEAN ANYWAY? (from the dictionary)

1. *Not influenced or controlled by others in matters of opinion, conduct, etc.; thinking or acting for oneself: an independent thinker.*

2. *Not subject to another's authority or jurisdiction; autonomous; free.*
3. *Not influenced by the thought or action of others.*
4. *Not dependent; not depending or contingent upon something else for existence; operation, etc.*
5. *Not relying on another or others for aid or support.*
6. *Declining others aid or support; refusing to be under obligation to others.*
7. *Possessing a competency.*
8. *Expressive of a spirit of independence; self-confident; unconstrained.*

If July 4th is Independence Day, it is not the Independence that is defined in our American dictionary. It is not the freedom and independence that was crafted so carefully in our Declaration of Independence by men of vision, in a time of conflict, confusion and turmoil, over 240 years ago.

Freedom and independence means freedom of choice, freedom of movement, freedom of what to buy, freedom of what to wear, freedom of where to live, freedom of where to work, freedom to live on and use our land without undue government interference and our freedom to roam freely throughout America without having to go through check points and body searches.



We are constantly subjected to the authority and jurisdiction of government, local, state and federal. We are continuously being influenced and manipulated by the dictates, propaganda, the lying, corruption and usurious taxation by government. We can't move sideways without butting heads with an out-of-control, arrogant bureaucrat to get some permit or license.

Way too many of us are **DEPENDENT** on government for our very existence. We are forever relying on government for aid and

support. We, as a culture, are no longer competent, self-sufficient, self-reliant and responsible. Some of us are, but way too few. We have been bought, sold, conquered and enslaved without a shot being fired for a few pieces of silver.

The truth is, America's government has gone way beyond what King George the III imposed upon the colonies. The people of America have allowed themselves to be enslaved by government and have given up their right to freedom, liberty and independence, because they were and are unwilling to defend their freedom and liberty with whatever it takes. The desire for freedom has been replaced with the insatiable desire for comfort and entertainment. **The people of Hong Kong show more courage than Americans.**

What we celebrate on the 4th of July is a myth and an illusion called freedom. We are not free. As a nation, we are no longer independent and self-reliant. In fact, most of us are so controlled by government and so dependent on government, they have slapped invisible handcuffs on each of us and confiscated our right of free choice and our right to live on our land, unfettered by government interference. Government no longer is restrained by the limits of the constitution, nor does it uphold the God-given, unalienable rights of the individual, as it was mandated to do by that Constitution. We have been enslaved by millions of laws.

But we are a great and a "good" people and to our detriment our greatness and our goodness have been buried deep in forgotten memories and obscured by our very prosperity. This author believes deeply in freedom and liberty; a freedom and liberty for each individual; an individual freedom and liberty that is natural, as comes from nature or God, not from governments; a freedom and liberty that was envisioned by our Founding Fathers and codified into the law of man through our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. We believe that when governments, or groups of people attempt to stifle

freedom and liberty, or remove man from them, man's progress through time is depressed and he retreats further backwards into depravity, immorality and serfdom.

We believe that freedom and liberty are our strengths not our weakness and if we inhibit freedom by any means, we as a people become weaker. If we as a people become weaker, we lose our creative ability, we lose our ingenuity, we lose our industriousness, we lose our productivity, we lose our can-do spirit, we lose our pride in our accomplishments, we lose our strength and courage to right a wrong when we see it, we lose our generosity and finally, we lose our great goodness.

We believe that if the people look to government to solve their problems and acquiesce to its unauthorized power, they abdicate their duty and responsibility to control their own lives and hand it over to a collective. Having done so, they are no longer free men. And further, their actions, or in-actions as the case may be, only encourage the government to usurp even greater power.

What America does, will determine the fate of the World. If we forsake freedom, if we sell our sovereignty for expediency or government handouts, if we break the bonds of our Constitution, if we abdicate our right and duty to defend freedom for ourselves and future generations, we shall descend into the mediocrity, apathy and self loathing under which the rest of the world operates and will be pulled down to their level, never to rise again.

Only one country on Earth has shown the best in man and what can be accomplished under the combination of unalienable freedom and our God-given goodness. If we lose that freedom and the goodness that flourishes under it, we shall surely descend into the abyss of the evil within us, where greed and avarice are the rule, rather than the exception. We are dangerously close.

Freedom, liberty, independence and self-reliance are our heritage. It is those characteristics that made us one of the greatest and most productive nations on Earth. If we refuse to defend and maintain it, we condemn all future generations, including our own children and grandchildren, to a life of dependency and the chains that come with being dependent. But even worse, we dishonor the memories and the sacrifices of all those who gave their lives, their limbs and their minds, in the birth of freedom and in the defense of freedom.

As Francis Scott Key watched over the ramparts from his sloop, after visiting a British ship in an attempt to exchange a prisoner during the war of 1812, he managed to hold on to his strong belief in liberty and as long as that flag still waved over Fort McHenry in the battle of Baltimore, liberty still lived in his mind and on the land he loved. From that unreal vision, framed in chaos, Francis penned the words of our Star-Spangled Banner that we sing in tribute to our freedom, our independence and to the flag that waves proudly throughout the land.

But we in America today are not watching a foreign enemy attack one of our forts, or one of our cities with military force, where crushing noise, death and destruction rain down on the inhabitants. What we are watching is the very destruction of our institutions of freedom from within.

We suffer in a battle of two ideologies, freedom and liberty on the one hand, and socialism, government control and enslavement on the other. Our country has a cancer and we must purge it, or the cancer will grow to the point where no "medicine" will save the patient. All future generations will be affected by what we do now to cure that cancer.

In an all-out war, the choices are crystal clear. We need only to kill the enemy to be victorious. But when the enemy is our own leaders, what then do we do? We expunge our leaders and choose new ones who will adhere to the foundation of our liberty and swear on solemn oath to preserve, protect

and defend that foundation and then live up to that oath as if their lives depended on it. Unfortunately, our mission is cloudy, as we do not know exactly what weapons to use to expunge those leaders, since voting them out of office has proved ineffective.

This is the job that lies before us and it is a job we must first attempt by exhausting all peaceful means. But without sufficient resolve and commitment by millions of Americans and the materials and resources to fund the preservation of freedom, peaceful means will become impossible.

If the “slag” that has risen to the top of the Democrat Party, as represented by the socialist traitors of the current gaggle of presidential candidates, is ever allowed to gain power again and implement their radical socialist agenda on the American people, civil war is inevitable. *For those who are not familiar with the term “slag”, it is the name given to the impurities (crud) that rise to the surface in the metal smelting process and are poured off as an unwanted bi-product.*

NEVERTHELESS, REMEMBER THIS: YOU ARE AN AMERICAN!

See it as if you were blind and suddenly regained your sight!
Feel it as if it was burned into your soul! **Believe it** as you believe in all that is holy! **Say it** with strength, vigor and conviction! **Be proud of it**, as it is an honor, like no other, bestowed upon you by time and place. **Then spread it** to the multitudes and liberty could be born again!

On several occasions we have given you a chance to [**SPREAD IT**](#). Many have signed up already. If you haven't yet, consider becoming part of the solution! Let's return the true “meaning” of freedom to the 4th of July.

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