

*Legacy*  
*of*  
*"We the People"*  
...  
&  
Their American Constitution

# *We The People* of the United States...

In America's foundational document, the first three words state, "We The People". This phrase is often taken for granted in our country today. Often, the principle becomes "We The Government" or "We The Legislation". But why? Is it the fault of the government stepping up, or have the people of America stepped down? To find this answer, we must investigate the history of "We The People".

Our history was not built by history itself. History is built by the risks and decisions made by people in the here and now. Those decisions were made by everyday citizens. So why do we remember them? We remember their names in history because they did not just have a belief; they took action.

In order to take action, there must be a root belief to that action. In Genesis 1 and 2, it states that God has graciously given every person certain rights. Those rights are essential to His plan and purpose for our lives. God established root beliefs in the beginning. Those beliefs provoked the leaders of America to take action.

Gouverneur Morris once wrote, "We The People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, 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." Sound familiar? We have all heard or even memorized the Preamble to our Constitution. But we fail to realize that this sentence is truly a blueprint to what "We The People" should look like.

This is the foundation of America: when "We The People" take a stand.

In Order to Form a  
*More Perfect Union...*



# George Washington

“Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the rest is in the hands of God.”

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”

George Washington firmly believed that God was the key to a rightly governed nation. He took action in these beliefs when serving as a general in the Revolutionary War, running the meeting of the Constitution’s drafting, and serving as the first President of the United States. As a result, we know George Washington best as “The Father of our Country”.

# Abraham Lincoln

“Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.”

“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”

Abraham Lincoln placed a beautiful perspective on life; he believed that the efforts you placed in your time and the faith that you had in God were two essential points. He stood up for our country as the 16th President, and during that time abolished the moral wrong of slavery in America. No matter the war or the protests, Lincoln stood firmly in what he knew was right- and succeeded.

Establish *Justice...*



# Susan B. Anthony

“Sooner or later we all discover that the important moments in life are not the advertised ones, not the birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, not the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory unannounced, stray dogs that amble in, sniff around a bit and simply never leave. Our lives are measured by these.”

“Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less.”

With the upcoming elections, I think that every one of us have considered who we might vote for if we were of age. Ladies, consider this would not even be possible without the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Susan B. Anthony fought for the fact that women were also given rights, and that in America they should be able to use them. She believed that the equality of rights was an essential aspect to a country founded on liberty. By co-founding the Women’s Suffrage Association and illegally voting to prove her point, Anthony stood up for what she truly believed. It wasn’t until 14 years later that the 19th Amendment was passed.

# Harriet Tubman

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

“Moses”, as she was also called, had a dream to become free from the shackles of slavery. After she had made her daring escape, Tubman realized that she was not content. So what did she do? Her decision was to risk her life for the 300 slaves that she led to taste freedom. She had always trusted God to lead her path, and God guided her past the \$40,000 dollars that was offered for her capture and past the risks of losing an escapee. Never did these happen- faith had seen to that.

Ensure *Domestic Tranquility*...



# Ulysses S. Grant

Never was there such a time of domestic unrest than during the Civil War. It was a war fighting not just over the superiority of the North or South, but over the moral issue of slavery. The disagreements were too strong to avoid war. General Ulysses S. Grant fought as the leader of the Northern forces, and stood strong in the fact of never giving up. He was not the best American general; in fact, he wasn't even the North's first choice. But he did know one thing: war was not fought just to be fought. This war was waged to achieve peace and agreement across America- and that is what he fought to see.

“Although a soldier by profession, I have never felt any sort of fondness for war, and I have never advocated it, except as a means of peace.”



Provide for the  
*Common Defense...*



# George Marshall

“Go right straight down the road, to do what is best, and to do it frankly and without evasion.”

As a WWII General and Secretary of State, George Marshall served America faithfully. But it was not only the USA that he served. By creating the Marshall Plan, he was partly responsible for the rebuilding of Western Europe after WWII. His plan was so successful that Western European production was about 40% better than after WWI. Through his loyalty, devotion, and straightforward work, Marshall literally rebuilt our world.

# Dwight D. Eisenhower

“We seek peace, knowing that peace is the climate of freedom.”

“Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower was seen as a grandfatherly image to the American people. His friendly persona and trustability were, in part, his ticket to being the 34th President of the United States. Before that, he led the Allied Forces as Supreme Commander during WWII. Eisenhower was also responsible for the turning tide of the European Theater, D-Day. Through his leadership and motivation to the American people, he led Americans and the world to victory.



Promote the *General Welfare...*



# The Wright Brothers

“The airplane stays up because it doesn't have the time to fall.”

Due to their ingenuity and determination, about 100,000 flights go out *each day* worldwide! The airplane has redefined transportation.

# Henry Ford

“I believe God is managing affairs and that He doesn't need any advice from me. With God in charge, I believe everything will work out for the best in the end. So what is there to worry about.”

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

As the perfecter of the assembly line and responsible for the mass production of American cars, Henry Ford proved that you can do anything you set your mind to.

# Walt Disney

“All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me... You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you.”

Walt Disney was the very definition of perseverance. After hitting rock bottom multiple times, he proved to America that “All our dreams can come true, if only we have the courage to pursue them”.

# George Washington Carver

“When you can do the common things of life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world.”

“When I was young, I said to God, ‘God, tell me the mystery of the universe.’ But God answered, ‘That knowledge is for me alone.’ So I said, ‘God, tell me the mystery of the peanut.’ Then God said, ‘Well, George, that's more nearly your size’.”

Through his focus to discovery, George Washington Carver gave us wisdom about God's character and 300 uses for the peanut.

© Secure the *Blessings of Liberty*  
to Ourselves and our Posterity...



# Martin Luther King, Jr.

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the **content of their character...**”

“...With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that **we will be free one day.**”

MLK Jr. was not only one of the greatest Civil Rights advocates in America; he was also the perfect example of the values, faith, determination, courage, and liberties that America was founded upon. He didn't stay quiet. He didn't stay still. Instead, he obeyed God's calling to stand up for His original perfection in creation- a calling that he died for. King took what God had given him- rights of *equality* and purpose to pursue those rights- and raised his voice against the injustices of racial inequality in America.

For faith and trust are the doors to freedom.

# Do Ordain & Establish this Constitution for the *United States of America.*

Has the government stepped up, or have the people stepped down? This is something we must decide for ourselves.

Anyone can believe in something so strongly that they have a drive to make a change. But as we have seen, those who truly change a nation are those who are not afraid to do something about their dream. They will take action despite the fact that there will be a consequence- for better or for worse.

How do we know if the change we make is for better or for worse? We, the people, and our nation have been founded upon God's perfect principles, found in the Bible. Although we are fallen, the people of a nation must carry the responsibility of respecting and fulfilling those principles.

We have seen and felt the consequences of decisions made by the past generations of America. Every era is unique in its style, focus, and action. ***We are the next generation.*** The way we turn, whether right or left, is an obligation that rests on our shoulders. The way that happens will depend on our **worldview** and the decisions and actions we choose to make through it! These crucial decisions that we make today and tomorrow will one day become the history of our beloved America.

It is critical that we stay in the hands of God's established liberties. Anyone can be a Dreamer, but it truly takes "We The People" to become Doers- to truly make an impact on our nation. **Will you leave behind a legacy?**

ROMANS 12:2  
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Do not  
be conformed this world,  
but be transformed by the  
**RENEWAL** *of* **YOUR MIND,**  
that by testing you may  
discern what is the will of God, what is  
**GOOD; ACCEPTABLE; PERFECT**