

The American Dream

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THE POWER OF CHOICE DEMANDS GREAT RESPONSIBILITY FROM EACH OF US...

Your American Dream is probably different than your neighbor's, and that's the beauty. We each determine how we personally define the American Dream in our lives.

What makes the "American Dream" so special? It is because it is an individual dream! Our founders understood this principle; they knew our rights were not endowed by the government, far from it! Our founders declared this boldly in their statement, "We are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, and among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

This belief led them to revolt against a tyrannical government. How suffocating was this government they dared to rise up against? Words written by James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution," provide some insight on this question: "The people of the U.S. owe their independence and their liberty, to the wisdom of desisting in the minute tax of three pence on tea, the magnitude of evil comprised in the precedent. Let them exert the same wisdom, in watching against every evil lurking under plausible disguises, and growing up from small beginnings." Madison is making the point that even though the tax may have appeared small, it set a new precedent of taxation without representation. The right of the people to be represented in this "small" matter was violated.

Had the American colonists allowed themselves to be tread upon over this three pence tax, they would have tacitly permitted the English government to further erode their rights on issues of greater importance.

God blessed our founding fathers with victory over the English and these men took measures to undergird our fledgling nation with the words found in The Declaration of Independence. These men set out to form a "more perfect union." They gave birth to the world's first truly Constitutional Representative Republic! We became a "nation of laws, not of men."

We are again under attack in the most insidious way, from within. A soft tyranny of 'democracy' cloaked in the disguise of a supposed benevolent government. A government that seeks to truly control our lives from the womb to the tomb.

I first asked myself this question, and now I am asking all my fellow citizens, "Do we have the courage and fortitude our Founders had?" They, knowing their Creator was in control of everything, had no fear to risk it all! They mutually pledged their Life, Fortune and Sacred Honor. They spoke not mere words, those fifty-six men. They lost more than we can imagine but they never lost their Sacred Honor. In not losing their honor they gained a NATION!

Again, I ask, do we have the courage to put it all on the line for the generations to follow? History books will be written about this time. What will history say of us? I say to you now, it is our DESTINY to be bold, to be STRONG and to be COURAGEOUS. Now is our time.

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