

Constitution Party of Utah – State Convention Speech

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What is the real meaning of the Declaration of Independence? What was its purpose? What does its opening lines really tell us about what *THE AMERICAN VIEW* of Government is?

Let's try and find out who made this Declaration and how we can be more like them. Who were the Founding Fathers and what was their vision of how this Nation would become great and stay great?

In the Declaration it states:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them.....

We hold these truth's to be self-evident, that all men are CREATED equal (not EVOLVED equal), that they are endowed by their CREATOR with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness

When our Founders established this nation it was based upon Christian principles. They knew that its success would rest upon the acknowledgement of God by our

people and by our systems of law - as well as the righteousness and morality of the people.

This is a matter of recorded history. Consider these quotes from our Founding Father Statesmen:

Thomas Jefferson:

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever.”

Daniel Webster:

“If the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end.”

James Madison:

“We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

The Founders understood that America was to be guided by the “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God”. This allowed for people of all faiths to live here in peace.

This is the ONLY nation on earth that recognizes that our rights come from our Creator, not the law or even the Constitution, and the only reason for government is to protect the natural rights of Life, Liberty and Property. This is truly the AMERICAN VIEW of law and government – that Rights come from GOD and NOT the State.

Why did the Founders establish a Republic and NOT a Democracy?

The Founders recognized that a democracy was the worst form of government because the majority would never be right unless they were righteous. In a republican form of government based upon the Declaration of Independence, the Founders appealed to the Supreme Judge of the world “for the rectitude” of their intentions. They knew that we couldn’t have liberty and freedom to do whatever we want without consequences. They established a system that would flourish if we would do what we should be doing according to God’s law, and the Founder’s pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to this end.

How can we as a nation maintain our AMERICAN view of law and government and hence – maintain our FREEDOM?

First of all, we must create an awareness among the people of the nation of the destructive consequences of not abiding by the constitution when we govern. For example:

- the recent Supreme Court ruling which has virtually destroyed our right to own property
- the passing and renewal of the unconstitutional Patriot Act which completely ignores our Bill of Rights and thus takes away our essential liberties
- the endless Welfare State government entitlements that take from one and give to the other depleting our nation's wealth
- the illegal use of our armed forces which is reducing our nation's strength and making us more vulnerable to our real enemies
- the complete lack of enforcing our immigration laws and defending our borders which is allowing an invasion of our nation by those who do not respect our laws
- and the sovereignty destroying trade agreements that are placing the control and direction of our nation into International bodies that do not have our best interest at heart.

Our nation flourished for 200 years without any of this. Why must we have it now?

We must educate the nation about the dangers of party politics and show them that the “two party” system is broken and inept and is only destroying our freedoms.

George Washington in his farewell address warned against getting involved in Party politics. He said:

“In contemplating the causes, which may disturb our Union, it occurs as a matter of serious concern, that any ground should have been furnished for characterizing parties....which designing men may endeavour to excite a belief....One of the expedients of party is to misrepresent the opinions and aims of others....

Let me now warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party.... The alternate domination of one faction [party] over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries, which result, gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual...

Without looking forward to an extremity of this kind, the common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it. [Getting caught up in political parties]...opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which find a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions.

We have done exactly what our Founding Father George Washington warned us **not** to do.

Our “party” is not like the others. We seek to return our nation to its founding principles and hence to our original greatness by following the intent and the inspired direction given by our founding fathers – which we believe was given to them by our Heavenly Father.

We must also defend moral issues in the political arena and restore integrity to our nation’s political offices. We do this by using the founding documents of the nation to articulate our positions. We can also study the words and the works of our historical Founding Father Statesmen as well as some of our modern-day Statesmen.

Consider another statement from one of our original Founding Fathers:

“Those who would sacrifice essential liberties for a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety” –

Benjamin Franklin

Are we sacrificing liberty for safety today?

Here is a great quote from a true modern day statesmen with a Founding Father personality:

"Simply put, freedom is the absence of government coercion. Our Founding Fathers understood this, and created the least coercive government in the history of the world. The Constitution established a very limited, decentralized government to provide national

defense and little else. States, not the federal government, were charged with protecting individuals against criminal force and fraud. For the first time, a government was created solely to protect the rights, liberties, and property of its citizens. Any government coercion beyond that necessary to secure those rights was forbidden, both through the Bill of Rights and the doctrine of strictly enumerated powers. This reflected the founders' belief that democratic government could be as tyrannical as any King." - Rep. Ron Paul (Texas)

The principle of that quote is this:

If it is not right for me to do as an individual, it is not right for government to do it either.

But – you may say – I’m just a regular person – what can I do?

As Oliver DeMille stated in his book “A Thomas Jefferson Education”:

“In 1764 (just 12 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence) Thomas Jefferson was just a twenty-one year old college student. He had been “dumped” by his fiancé, who married one of his best friends. Worse still, Jefferson was asked to serve as the best man at the wedding. He then turned to his studies under his mentor Professor George Wythe.

In that same year, George Washington was just a farmer. He worked hard trying to make a living, and his major effort that year was a struggle to get out of debt.

John Adams was just a teacher for a small community school.

In 1764 James Madison turned twelve years old, and his future wife hadn't even been born yet.

A decade later these men would courageously declare independence from the greatest power in the world and sign it “we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”

A decade after that they would write the Constitution of the United States, “the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man”.

But in 1764 they were just ordinary people, like you and me. In fact, they were *a lot* like you and me.

It is not enough to reverence the Founding Fathers each year at the Fourth of July, or even other times. **WE MUST BE LIKE THEM!**”

“Their writings show that they knew the cycles of history. These founding minds wrote this....

The worlds greatest civilizations... have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependency; from dependency back again to bondage.”

“Knowing this pattern of history, the Founders knew that courageous and wise statesmen would be needed shortly. They could not see the future, but it was clear to them that a crisis was coming, so they prepared.”

“Do the patterns of their day apply today?”

“Do we need true Statesmen today?”

True statesmen are leaders in more than government; indeed they lead society as a whole. A statesman is a certain type of leader, one who takes character and moral courage into whatever they undertake. These individuals act upon principles and do what is right regardless of the consequences.

These are the traits of a true Statesman:

Virtue – which is honesty and integrity

Wisdom – having the ability to seek and obtain answers and know their ramifications

Diplomacy – the ability to properly apply good ideas in a positive way

Courage – to deal with adversity and challenges successfully

The ability to inspire greatness in others

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The ability to move the cause of liberty – movement requires action!

We have a great need for statesmen in our day. How do we do this? We must study the Founding Documents and the words of statesmen who have gone before, who truly understood the AMERICAN VIEW of law and government.

It is my hope that we may all have the spirit of Freedom within us that will cause us to go forth and begin the hard work of taking back our nation and restoring our God given freedoms. It is up to us to educate our fellow citizens and warn them about the loss of their liberties that is occurring under the two-party system that now exists. It is up to us to bring back an awareness of our Constitution and its divine origin. It is up to us to convert our liberty-loving friends who are stuck in the mire of the current establishment to the more just cause in the Constitution Party. It is up to us to become the true Statesmen that our founding fathers were and which our nation now needs.

May we take the necessary steps to educate ourselves and prepare ourselves for this fight. May we all commit ourselves to never sacrifice our God given liberties so that we may always remain free and always be able to celebrate

the real meaning and purpose of the Declaration of Independence and may we never give up on freedom!

God Bless you and God Bless America!