

## DO WE NEED ANOTHER JULY 4?

250 years ago, our nation's Founding Fathers had had enough with the tyranny of the British government, and the king specifically, who used the 13 colonies for what he could get out of them but withheld from them the Rights and Liberties accorded Englishmen in Britain.

These brave men decided to do something about it, and after exhausting all options of peaceful negotiations, they broke the relationship and severed the cord holding the colonies and Britain together. This bold act plunged the colonies into a long and bloody war against the most powerful nation in the world at the time, and yet, by God's mercy, we prevailed!

The reasons for this severance were clearly spelled out in the Declaration of Independence, of which the following is an excerpt:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that **they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights\***, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to **secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed**, That

whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more

disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, . . . it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. . . .

As you can see, our foundation was firmly built on the principle



that God created us, that He gave us fundamental rights just because we are His Creation, and government is organized to protect, not exploit those Rights. When it ceases to protect them, it should be overthrown.

The unique form of government that honored God and men in proper relationship to Him produced the most creative, energetic, successful, wealthy, powerful, and benevolent nation known to man. It lasted about 200 years. Unfortunately I believe it is over, and has been in accelerating decline during a good share of the 1900's and has fallen off the cliff since 2008. Yes, we are

enjoying a slight economic renaissance under a gutsy leader right now, but the direction of the country into the dustbin of has-been nations has not changed.

We in Kalifornia "enjoy" the dubious distinction of being a cultural leader for the U.S., with many saying that as California goes, so goes the country just a few years later. And of what are we examples? What does the rest of the nation have to look forward to?

We have a legislature that is saturated in lust for power, control, and money. They will do anything that serves their agenda, sell out

any fundamental principle of Right and Wrong. If we were to make a list of their violations against us citizens, like our Fathers did against George III, it would include brazenly stealing votes and elections; dissolving our national borders in order to illegally import foreigners who will vote for them; stealing our personal resources through taxes and fees in order to give those same resources to the illegals; forcing grossly immoral agendas onto our children as young as five and preventing parents from having a say in what their kids are exposed to; trying to control what pastors preach from the pulpit; use judges and judicial appointments to thwart the will of the voters time after time. They hate God and demonstrate it by their increasing regulation of

anything that smacks of the Christian religion.

And that is only a partial list of their evil actions.

If you read the entire Declaration of Independence, you will see how

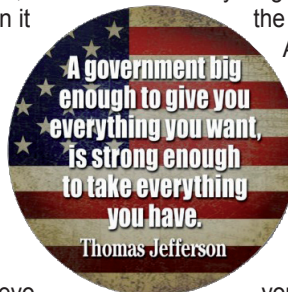
far we have come away from the Light of the Spirit of God that inspired that document and the formation of this nation and this State. You will also see that in it is a call to us to rise up against the tyranny to which we are subject. For absolute sure, at this time California tyrannically holds us Normals hostage, keeping us disenfranchised by using (mostly illegal) immigrants, making our votes count for nothing.

Should we rise up against the actions of the State? If so, how do we do that? Can we secede and declare our independence from Sacramento? To me, these are not just rhetorical (unanswerable) questions. They require a meaningful answer.

What does God want us to do, to reflect our appreciation for His gift to each of us lucky enough to have been born here? What does He want us to do to give our kids and grandkids the marvelous benefits and opportunities we have enjoyed?

Father, God, what do YOU want us to do? Show us Your will, please.

*Linda Gammel*



## MORE ON JULY 4TH

From the Web.

### SOARING SYMBOL OF FREEDOM

If you've ever watched a bald eagle fly across the sky, it's no surprise that the majestic bird represents patriotism in America.

According to the U.S. National Archives, the idea of using a bald eagle to symbolize America was proposed in 1782 when a drawing of the eagle was presented to Congress. It was immediately accepted and in 1787, the bird was officially adopted as the emblem of the U.S.



### YANKEE DOODLE

One of the United States' patriotic songs, "Yankee Doodle" was originally sung by British military officers prior to the Revolution as a means to mock the disorganized American colonists who fought alongside them during the French and Indian Wars.

### LIBERTY BELL

To avoid cracking it, the Liberty Bell has not been rung since 1846. To mark the quintessential day, every fourth of July it is symbolically tapped 13 times.

### ALL AMERICAN QUOTES

"If I have to lay an egg for my country, I'll do it." – Bob Hope

"America is not just a country, it's an idea." – Bono

"Freedom lies in being bold." – Robert Frost

"America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination."

– Harry S. Truman

## Independence Day

### Celebration

July 4, Wed.

Parade, 9AM  
Pioneer Park, 11AM:  
Ring of Bell  
Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Patriotic Song  
Parade Awards

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