

# ***GOD BLESS AMERICA!***

America the Beautiful. Land of The Free and Home of The Brave. Baseball and Apple Pie. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at the Park. Fireworks. The Star Spangled Banner. The Pledge of Allegiance. All of these muster a feeling in the hearts of Americans from Coast to Coast. A feeling of profound blessing to live in the Greatest Country in the history of the world.



America was founded by regular people, with a faith in The God of the Bible, who wanted to escape religious persecution and the rule of a monarch who didn't care about the welfare of his subjects, but only about himself and his own opulent lifestyle, built on the backs of the hardworking masses.

People from England, who were told how to worship and not worship, who were persecuted and stripped of their rights as humans, ordained by God, had two choices; stay and continue to live a hopeless life under the thumb of an evil King or set sail to a New World. Untamed and unsettled. A place with overwhelming risk of survival, but a place where they could establish a society centered on the love of God Almighty, and a place where they could live by His rules, and not those of a selfish and prideful King.

They wanted to rule themselves as equals and just as the Israelites of the Old Testament did when they escaped from Pharaoh in Egypt, they trusted in God to protect them and see them through in a wild and unforgiving land.

The first settlers arrived in Jamestown in 1607, which is now Virginia, and later in Plymouth in 1620 and the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1630. They all suffered unbelievable hardship and many made the ultimate sacrifice to settle the land that would one day become America. They made peace with the Native Americans for the most part (although some were hostile) who were already here. They traded with them and learned how to farm and flourish with the aid of their new neighbors.



The Pilgrims of Plymouth established a framework of what would become the basis of our Constitution some 150 years later, called the Mayflower Compact, a set of rules for self-governance in their new home. When the Pilgrims set out on the ship for America in 1620, they intended to lay anchor in northern Virginia. But after treacherous shoals and storms drove their ship off course, they landed in Massachusetts instead, near Cape Cod, outside of Virginia's jurisdiction. Knowing life without laws could prove catastrophic, colonist leaders created the Mayflower Compact to ensure a functioning social structure would prevail.

The Mayflower had 102 passengers aboard, 50 men, 19 women and 33 young adults. Only 41 were Pilgrims, seeking freedom from the Church of England and the rest were common folk; merchants, craftsmen, indentured servants and orphans whom the Pilgrims called "strangers".

***Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.***

***~Abraham Lincoln***

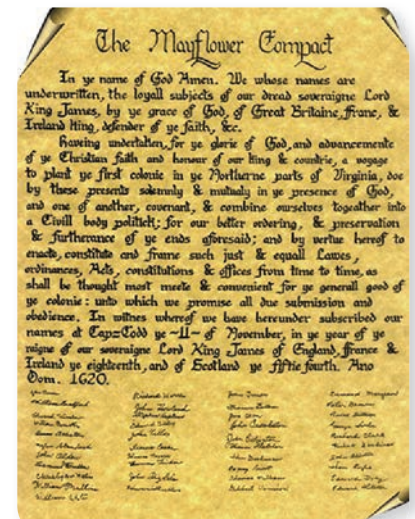
Their journey was financed under contract by investors who expected to be repaid with a profit when they landed in Virginia. When they landed in Massachusetts instead, the strangers considered the contract void, since they didn't land in the King's sanctioned colony. The defiant strangers refused to recognize any rules since there was no official government over them. Pilgrim leader William Bradford later wrote, "several strangers made discontented and mutinous speeches." The Pilgrims knew if something wasn't done quickly it could be every man, woman and family for themselves.

The full text of the Mayflower Compact is as follows:

In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Brittain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.:

Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith, and the honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another; covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic; for our better ordering, and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth, 1620.



After some 150 years, the 13 original colonies were firmly established, still under the Rule of The King of England, but the overreach of the "Government" became unbearable. England had become "occupiers" of the Colonies and took liberties on the colonists by denying their rights. They would occupy their homes without consent, confiscate food, firearms and personal property through illegal search and seizure, they taxed them unreasonably without representation or consent, They censored speech to the point of restricting what ministers could preach from the pulpit and silenced dissent in the public square. That and much more, as the colonists had become unrepresented subjects, forced to behave and conduct themselves according to the will of the King.

To make a long story short, As the first Americans, compliance with authoritarian rule was not in the colonist's DNA and as a result, they rebelled, declared their Independence and against overwhelming odds and against the most powerful military in the world, defeated England and became The United States of America.

In the nearly 250 years since, America established itself time and again as a beacon of Freedom and Hope across the globe. We as a people have made mistakes and continue to do so, but history also demonstrates that America is the most benevolent, fair, just and amazing country to ever exist. I believe that is in large part due to the fact that it was founded as a Free and Christian Nation. We have welcomed people from all walks of life, every race, creed and color, with open arms to pursue the American Dream of Freedom and the promise

**America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand. ~Harry Truman**



of Equality, Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. A place where anyone can become a success through hard work and sacrifice. A place of Charity, where we help our fellow man without hesitation, as demonstrated time and again whenever called upon, from World Wars to disasters at home and abroad.

Brave men and women have given their lives in service to protect and defend this great land. People from all over the world for decades have risked their lives to get here, because they knew that this was the best place in the world to live. It still is, despite those who would love to see us fail.



Since I was a young boy until now, I have seen our great country in decline. Not because of a lack of faith or patriotism by the majority of people, but because of our complacency in allowing fringe minorities to chip away at our freedom, piece by piece. We have turned over our trust to career politicians and bureaucrats, who work for their own benefit and not that of the citizens. We have been taxed and taxed again as an insatiable government continues to spend our children's inheritance on things that enrich them at our expense. What we are seeing today is chillingly similar to what our Founders had seen in 1776. An out of control ruling class that is chipping away at our freedoms and liberties.

When a person of modest means is elected to public office, under the guise of serving the public trust, ends up being a mega millionaire while on the government's payroll, something unacceptable is going on. When laws are made for the citizens to comply with but they don't apply to the elites, something is wrong. When rioters burn steal and destroy cities without consequence, but peaceful protestors are deemed terrorists, something isn't right. When schools teach our children to hate our country, and tell them they should be ashamed of their past, when they are taught that unnatural things are normal and should be celebrated, that math is racist and that men can be women, something is seriously wrong.



When they say that we need electric cars, whose batteries are made from lithium that is strip mined with slave child labor abroad, something isn't right. When we are told that "Green Energy" is the answer when solar panels are unreliable and windmills are killing thousands of Eagles and other birds and the unrecyclable fiberglass they're made of is being buried and destroying our environment, even though wind and solar

cannot supply 10% of our energy needs, we are going in the wrong direction.

When our government is shutting down our energy independence, paying farmers not to grow food, grossly mismanaging every sector of our economy with underqualified political hacks and lying to the American public with a bought and paid for media controlled by the global elites and American corporations are intimidated into embracing an upside down woke ideology that is designed to destroy our society, something needs to be done. When our elected officials seek to legalize the murder of babies in the womb right up to the time of birth while telling us we should give up our guns for the safety of the children, it's time for a change in governance. We as Americans need to get involved in protecting our Great Country. We need to speak up and speak out.

***We the people tell the government what to do, it doesn't tell us. ~Ronald Reagan***

None of us are perfect and we all have sinned and fallen short, but through Grace and repentance we are saved. We can no longer embrace sin of any kind as acceptable in our society. At the same time, we must

America is far from lost, but in order to preserve it, Good Men and Women need to step up and defend all that is good in this great land and not allow the evil that seeks to kill, steal and destroy us prevail.

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