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### The Flags Have Changed - The Words Have Not

# Declaration of Independence

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

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, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. 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 ancient Constitutions are generally the best, which have ever yet appeared, than to neglect them by a change to new Governments, for serious and obvious Causes, which even the most desperate Men will admit, require a Reform. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.— Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies, and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct or indirect Object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let us submit to a candid and impartial View of several of the most material and oppressive Particulars, which have drawn down the Wrath of Heaven upon this Headed serpent, and which are the just Basis of their Complaint. He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless they should first be referred to and approved by a Council of chieftains, appointed by himself. He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large Numbers of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a right in itself, and by consequence, a privilege, which is essential to them. He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures. He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his invasions on the Rights of the People. He has refused for a long Time after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, requisite for the Execution of the most important Duties of Government, have ever been totally obnoxious to the absolute Despotism of a single Man. He has endeavored to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Migration of your Settlers, and cutting off the Trade of your Seaports, he has endeavored to obstruct the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their Substance. He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislature. He has endeavored to maintain in the Colonies a large Body of armed Troops, without our Consent. For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops among us. For compelling us to furnish them with Quarters. For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent. For depriving us in many Cases, of the Benefit of Trial by Jury. For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences. For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to encompass us in a despotic Tyranny. For detaching a distant and distant Part of our Empire, and declaring themselves independent of us, and of all our Interests. He has endeavored to bring the Colonies into Subjection to a separate Government, by declaring us separate Kingdoms, and by declaring themselves independent of us, and of all our Interests. He has endeavored to bring the Colonies into Subjection to a separate Government, by declaring us separate Kingdoms, and by declaring themselves independent of us, and of all our Interests. He has endeavored to bring the Colonies into Subjection to a separate Government, by declaring us separate Kingdoms, and by declaring themselves independent of us, and of all our Interests.

We therefore the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the said Kingdom, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of Right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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## The Flags Have Changed – The Words Have Not Declaration of Independence

(Wikipedia)<sup>1</sup>

*“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,<sup>[71]</sup> 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, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.”*

### **It is not the government that has failed the American People.**

*It is those individuals within the government that have failed;  
It is certain corporations that have put greed before the government and the people.  
Is failure due to ignorance or that of greed?  
That judgment should be left to the parties and their creator.*

### **“Right of the People to alter or to abolish it”**

**Alter it: with one’s own pen at the polls.**

Abolish it: “Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes”

*“But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security”*

*Let the TRUTH be known and allow time for the leaders of the American People to pledge their allegiance to Truth, Justice and America, only after failure to act by our leaders does one need to consider Abolishment.*

***Vote Greed Out – Vote Trust In***

*The Author Believes (In God We Trust)*

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<sup>1</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Declaration\\_of\\_Independence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence)