

# Hope for the World

MEET JOHN DOE

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You may have never seen this movie from back in the 40's? I recommend you watch it to see if you don't realize what I've realized. The message still rings true today.

From the script;

*"I protest against collapse of decency in the world."*

*"I protest against corruption in local politics."*

*"I protest against civic heads being in league with crime."*

*"I protest against state relief being used as political football."*

*"I protest against County Hospitals shutting out the needy."*

*"I protest against all the brutality and slaughter in the world."*

And good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is Kenneth Frye, speaking for the New Bulletin . Tonight we give you something entirely new and different. Standing beside me is the young man who has declared publicly that on Christmas Eve he intends to commit suicide, giving as his reason—quote: "I protest against the state of civilization." End quote. Ladies and gentlemen, the New Bulletin takes pleasure in presenting the man who is fast becoming the most talked-of person in the whole country, JOHN DOE!

Ladies and gentlemen: I am the man you all know as John Doe.

I took that name because it seems to describe—because it seems to describe the average man, and that's me. And that's me.

Well, it was me—before I said I was gonna jump off the City Hall roof at midnight on Christmas Eve. Now, I guess I'm not average any more. Now, I'm getting all sorts of attention, from big shots, too.

The Mayor and the Governor, for instance. They don't like those articles I've been writing.

Well, people like the Governor, people like the Governor and that fella there can—can stop worrying. I'm not gonna talk about them.

I'm gonna talk about us, the average guys, the John Does. If anybody should ask you what the average John Doe is like, you couldn't tell him because he's a million and one things. He's Mr. Big and Mr. Small. He's simple and he's wise. He's inherently honest, but he's got a streak of larceny in his heart. He seldom walks up to a public telephone without shoving his finger into the slot to see if somebody left a nickel there.

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He's the man the ads are written for. He's the fella everybody sells things to. He's [Joe Doakes](#), the world's greatest stooge and the world's greatest strength. Yes, sir. Yessir, we're a great family, the John Does. We're the meek who are, er, supposed to inherit the earth. You'll find us everywhere. We raise the crops, we dig the mines, work the factories, keep the books, fly the planes and drive the busses! And when a cop yells: "Stand back there, you!" He means us, the John Does!

We've existed since time began. We built the pyramids, we saw Christ crucified, pulled the oars for Roman emperors, sailed the boats for Columbus, retreated from Moscow with Napoleon and froze with Washington at Valley Forge!

Yes, sir. We've been in there dodging left hooks since before history began to walk! In our struggle for freedom we've hit the canvas many a time, but we always bounced back!

Because we're the people —and we're tough!

They've started a lot of talk about free people going soft—that we can't take it. That's a lot of hooey! . . . A free people can beat the world at anything, from war to tiddle-de-winks, if we all pull in the same direction!

I know a lot of you are saying "What can I do? I'm just a little punk. I don't count." Well, you're dead wrong! The little punks have always counted because in the long run the character of a country is the sum total of the character of its little punks.

But we've all got to get in there and pitch! We can't win the old ball game unless we have team work. And that's where every John Doe comes in! It's up to him to get together with his teammate!

And your teammates, my friends, is the guy next door to you. Your neighbor! He's a terribly important guy, that guy next door! You're gonna need him and he's gonna need you . . . so look him up! If he's sick, call on him! If he's hungry, feed him! If he's out of a job, find him one! To most of you, your neighbor is a stranger, a guy with a barking dog, and a high fence around him.

Now, you can't be a stranger to any guy that's on your own team. So tear down the fence that separates you, tear down the fence and you'll tear down a lot of hates and prejudices! Tear down all the fences in the country and you'll really have teamwork!

I know a lot of you are saying to yourselves: "He's asking for a miracle to happen. He's expecting people to change all of a sudden." Well, you're wrong. It's no miracle. It's no miracle because I see it happen once every year. And so do you. At Christmas time! There's something swell about the spirit of Christmas, to see what it does to people, all kinds of people . .

Now, why can't that spirit, that same warm Christmas spirit last the whole year round? Gosh, if it ever did, if each and every John Doe would make that spirit last three hundred and sixty-five days out of the year, we'd develop such a strength, we'd create such a tidal wave of good will, that no human force could stand against it.

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Yes, sir, my friends, the meek can only inherit the earth when the John Does start loving their neighbors. You'd better start right now. Don't wait till the game is called on account of darkness!

Wake up, John Doe! You're the hope of the world!



Let your heart determine the future. Not just in America, but in the world. And let not the smooth talking or devised hearsay from those whom tell not the truth make your decisions for you. Should you choose those by the sweetness of their lips and craftiness of their words, you may have overlooked the fruits of their labors.

History provides that it has always been the fruitful avenue of evil-doers to create unrest and distraction or to utilize the craftiness of their words to divert John Doe with decision making from their hearts, but from the ideas of others. As a man once told me; *“Just because others are doing it, does not mean it is right.”* Although he is no longer with me, I am thankful to him for that advice.

Making a decision to place anew into a powerful position is sometimes unwise, as the fate of our world is at stake. Historically, “crisis” after election is a mainstay in the United States. Choose wisely as to whom has the best interest in the “John Doe’s” for your future.

*“Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:*

*- I shall not fear anyone on Earth.*

*- I shall fear only God.*

*- I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.*

*- I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.*

*- I shall conquer untruth by truth. And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.”*

— Mahatma Gandhi

*“For as long as man continues to be the ruthless destroyer of lower living beings, he will never know health or peace. For as long as men massacre animals, they will kill each other. Indeed, he who sows the seeds of murder and pain cannot reap joy and love.”*

— Pythagoras

Peace be with you, always