

VoD #04

According to the Declaration of Independence our Forefathers envisioned a nation of equality and freedom. The Declaration of Independence states the principles on which our government and our identity as Americans are based. The United States also utilizes the first 10 Amendments - or Bill of Rights - today to protect American citizens' rights.

How do you feel about life in this country? While life in this country can be distinguished, it can also be depressing for the middle-lower class due to many of the highly priced goods. Life is also rewarding due to Freedom, Liberty, and the ten amendments that protect citizens' rights. Life in the United States is characterized by its art scene, culinary variety, and strong sporting culture which can also make it very entertaining. The U.S. is also known for its entrepreneurship which is the activity of setting up your own business or businesses. Entrepreneurship is also an act of freedom which is one of the key characteristics of America. Although life in the U.S. can be challenging it can also be astounding.

Liberty in America is an important concept established by the Founding Fathers to show freedom from England. The Statue of Liberty was constructed in 1865-1886 by a French political, intellectual, and anti-slavery activist named Edouard de Laboulaye to represent Liberty for the United States and also the friendship between it and France. Lady Liberty is still a very symbolic statue in New York City today. Another example of the idea of Liberty is freedom of speech which is the first of many important Amendments. This amendment protects citizens speech and allows people to express their opinions, point of views, and ideas without government interference. John Adams said, "The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending against all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks." This emphasizes the importance of defending the liberties and freedoms of

the nation. He argues that these rights are worth any effort or sacrifice to protect. In conclusion, Liberty is still an important concept used in everyday life in the U.S.

The Pursuit of Happiness is also a key principle to citizens' well-being. The pursuit of happiness is an individual's right and freedom to seek personal fulfillment. Happiness in this country is extremely important because, if citizens aren't happy it may cause job strikes, more chaos, and violent protests. "Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected." This quote by George Washington suggests that genuine happiness cannot be achieved in separation from our responsibilities to others and society at large. This idea reflects the belief that fulfilling our moral duties creates a sense of purpose and fulfillment that boosts our well-being.

Although the United States has strayed away from some of the forefathers' visions, I believe that in many ways the U.S. hasn't because our Forefathers wanted a country of Liberty, Freedom, and Equality which in most ways the U.S. has lived up to.

If our Forefathers were somehow able to return I think in most ways they would be proud because of the many accomplishments that the United States has accomplished like its strong and courageous military. I also feel like the Founding Fathers would be very confused with the fact that we are now allies with England and other nations rather than enemies. In conclusion I believe that the Founding Fathers would be extremely proud of the strong nation we created.