

### VoD #3

Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision? From what we Americans experienced, it is and isn't. Their vision was for us to be a free country and for everyone in it to be treated equally. Our Forefathers planned for our nation to establish liberty and justice for all of us. That's why the Preamble, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence were all written, to create a free country for all. But how do these apply and not apply to today's America? Through the years, it seems things have changed due to new technology, in which it has affected lots of people, tools, information and politics. It's more advanced than before, and it's how we get the things we need to know for what is going on in the country.

Political figures are talked about for what they're gonna do for the country every day it seems, and people with different opinions criticize them. Presidents lead and control our country, yet many people talk about them and explain why they're a good or bad president. Governors are talked about, too. If they talk about making a new law for your country, it is definitely going to be criticized. Senators can stop laws from being passed, and people may think it was a good idea, or if it was a horrible idea. Even if you like talking about it or you are annoyed by it, our Founding Fathers wanted criticism to be allowed in this country.

People in America are allowed the use of weapons. Police officers use a gun when in a situation where it's necessary. Although, you can also use one at your house for home defense if someone is trying to trespass. And in an emergency situation, it's also important to have a weapon if you're in a deadly place or position. Some places don't even allow weapons inside, but our Founding Fathers intended for them to be used in this country.

Our Forefathers' planned a lot more of these things in the country, but there are some things they wouldn't like to see now. In protests, there are fights happening because of what people believe in, like religions. People keep talking about what the real religion is for America,

and although it's okay to believe in different things, they fight about it wanting their religion to be respected. Same thing for Political parties, they want a certain party to be respected more than the other, and there are lots of advertisements for each of them wanting you to vote for them. Another thing people fight over are different countries. Like the Hamas war that's going on today, people protest on why a certain country should be free or respected because of what they believe about it, and it's causing a lot of destruction when people who disagree come along. Protesting is what our Forefathers' intended, but fighting over it is not what they wanted at all, and they would be surprised at how people treated their rights.

Though many of us fight over what we believe in, we can always find ways to make peace for everyone. If we as a nation would just come together, talk about it and respect our differences, we can stop the fighting and find the solutions we need to keep our nation in good shape. It's important that we have these rights to criticize politicians and use weapons, we just can't abuse our rights unlike what some people do today because it could almost lead to deaths. I am thankful to be living in this free country and to have these rights to live a life that our Founding Fathers wanted us to have for everyone, for our safety and happiness.