

## **4<sup>th</sup> of July speech to GNO Tea Party, Kenner, LA July 12, 2016**

As we celebrate our nation's birthday with a Tea Party organization that I know would make our founding fathers proud, I want to make a special point about those who laid the groundwork for what is the spirit that is embodied in our written Constitution. I want to make a significant point about the colonists involved in the American Revolution in hopes that it inspires each of you to do more to protect our Constitutional republic. The American Revolution was a revolution, but it was not one that came about in the traditional sense of the word. Traditional, in that **OF ALL** the peoples of that time, we were probably and actually, the LEAST oppressed. At least we weren't to the point, yet, of physical shackles from tyranny that usually results in a hasty, frustrated and violent uprising, with little foresight for the future.

NO we were not traditional. Our revolution was more calculated and planned using a vast knowledge of, defined principles on government and freedom and the rights of man. That knowledge made the colonists understand and see the signs of tyranny BEFORE it totally befell them.

In 1775, it was said that "because nations in general are NOT apt to think UNTIL they feel, they have in general lost their liberty," but it was observed that Americans were very different, "they were an 'enlightened people' who knew their rights and limits of power AND who, unlike any people before them, aimed to think BEFORE they felt." To me, this is THE foundation of "American Exceptional-ism." We derived this country from a historically unique and a cautious people WHO recognized the coming signs of tyranny BEFORE becoming fully entrenched in it and thus, they were able to use the little freedom they did have to ITS maximum advantage; to get back and to protect, [FOR the future] THAT with which EACH OF US IS "endowed by our creator" ...YES, THOSE UNALIENABLE, THOSE NON-TRANSFERABLE RIGHTS! ONLY SOME OF WHICH, WERE SPECIFICALLY LISTED IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE..."LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

To illustrate the rare qualities displayed in the totality of the circumstances surrounding the American Revolution and the colonists, I direct you to John Quincy Adams.

John Quincy Adams delivered a discourse to the NY Historical society on April 30, 1839 that was entitled, the Jubilee of the Constitution. He did this in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as president of the United States. In that lengthy but most eloquent discourse, Adams described the motive of the Declaration of Independence to be, on its face, an affirmation of **“the decent respect for the opinions of mankind”** and he described its purpose as **“a manifesto to the world of mankind to justify the violent and voluntary”** separation from the British nation, while in the same instance boldly and providentially declaring “their assumption of the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature’s God, entitle them among the powers of the earth.” Thus Adams explains that the first move by the fathers of the American Revolution was to “recognize and appeal to the laws of nature and to nature’s God for their right to assume the attributes of sovereign power as an independent nation. He further explains how in the history of the human race, a self-constituted sovereign had never been done before.

I DON’T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT...

WOW! Our forefathers never cease to amaze me! You talk about David versus Goliath...you talk about make something from nothing, making delicious lemonade from bitter lemons...that was their legacy to us all.

A Government founded on the natural rights of man as endowed by God, as avowed in the Declaration of Independence, and as executed for posterity by the ratification of our Constitution. This greatest gift is our inheritance ladies and gentlemen, as Americans. This is what we inherited, not through bloodlines like European nations with the real haves and have-nots that continue to be wrongly attributed to America and wrongly recognized as an American sin by Saul Alinsky or akin to the ridiculous claim of white skin privilege wrongfully resulting in white guilt. Alinsky was deceitfully wrong, as are his disciples in our highest public offices and overwhelmingly in academia today. Our form of government is the greatest of inheritances ONLY in America, not by birth but by by virtue of American citizenship because it is recognized and protected like no other government, through the supreme law of our land, the Constitution.

UNFORTUNATELY, however, ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN FORSAKEN in today’s America through deception, misinformation, and complacency; and that is why we see the increasing trend toward total government dependency, with very little resistance. We were **given so much through so much sacrifice**

**from our forefathers down the line through and beyond that greatest generation, and up to those in our military today, yet we fail to reciprocate in so many ways, not as Constitutional Conservative activists but as a nation.**

As a nation we are not there anymore, as a cautious people watching and preventing the signs of tyranny. We have lost sight of this as a nation!! We are now like all other nations, in that **we will have to feel the LOSS of ALL liberty; feel the PAIN of FULL tyranny**, BEFORE we take a real and consistent stand. And I don't even know if there would be a significant stand then, either. WHY? MAYBE it is because we fear revolution in the traditional sense, we fear failure or MAYBE it is because we are just plain apathetic. Regardless, I wanted to inform you of this non-traditional sense, from where our revolution came, to allay any fear and hopefully to spark that vigilant nature into action; because the time is certainly NOW, not later. We have to use the little freedom we have left now, like our forefathers did, to their maximum advantage, to help regain those freedoms that we blindly allowed to be taken from us, regardless of the outcome or fear because it is our duty.

At a minimum, YOU have to take action **to protect your freedom because that is your obligation in being an informed citizen. Always remember, the words of Thomas Jefferson, "An enlightened citizenry is indispensable for the proper functioning of a republic. Self-government is not possible unless the citizens are educated sufficiently to enable them to exercise oversight."** How do you protect your freedom, then? Well Vigilance is key. We all remember that quote... **"But you must remember, my fellow-citizens, that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and that you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government."** -- Andrew Jackson, Farewell Address, March 4, 1837.

Therefore, you must take action to protect your freedom as you would protect a loved one from harm or on a regular basis, you do so **by keeping the same attention you give in caring for an infant!!** I don't say child because as children grow, less guard is needed, as we are progressively enabling or teaching them to care for themselves, in preparation of adulthood. Our freedoms do not and cannot exist on the same progressive path as children. Freedoms don't grow to care for themselves or us! Freedoms remain in a

state of infancy, in the sense that they require **constant and full attention** and protection because, like an infant, they are constantly at risk of harm with a serious threat for total loss and that threat is ALWAYS in the form of government AND WITH OUR GOVERNMENT, THAT THREAT IS PURPOSELY HIDDEN BEHIND SOME SEEMINGLY HARMLESS ASSISTANCE. **With every action as an individual, as a business, as an elected or appointed official or agent, you should always remember that freedom and government exist on opposite ends of the spectrum and as you allow the increase of power for one, you decrease the power of the other, no matter which way you justify it.**

IT IS OUR DUTY AND OUR OBLIGATION, AS CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY, TO REMAIN VIGILANT in keeping our government limited AND TO HEED THE OBVIOUS AS WELL AS THE LESS OBVIOUS WARNINGS AND TO BE MORE THAN JUST SUPERFICIALLY INFORMED.

Do not turn away from the issues because you have an aversion to being political or taking sides or because the road is difficult. I have news for you, in a representative government, such as our democratic Republic everything is political, because we are each the people of the United States, who under the Constitution secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. It is the responsibility of each of us, as Americans.

In the words of Justice Jackson, "It is not the function of our Government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the Government from falling into error." -- Robert H. Jackson (1892-1954), U.S. Judge, in *American Communications Association v. Douds*, May 1950.

So we must each be the hope that we need and we must do what we each can, where we can to protect the future of our Constitutional Republic, regardless of the odds of success. For if we fail in our obligations, we will have personally betrayed that legacy so freely and generously bestowed upon us by those who bravely signed their death warrants 240 years ago, on July 4, 1776.

Thank you-----  
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