
Being an American starts by —

Recognizing and respecting the **nine “tap roots”** from which America’s Tree of Liberty grew.



— **America's Promise** —

*"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.**"*

(DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE)

- 1) **The teachings of Jesus Christ** as presented in Thomas Jefferson’s American Bible and referenced in the Declaration of Independence.
- 2) **The Treaty of Charters** (1100AD), The Magna Carta Libertatum (1215AD), et al., formed the cornerstone for America’s Concept of Contracts legal system.
- 3) **The U.S. Constitution** – a totally original legal/political **CONTRACT** that organized Americans into the only nation on earth built with the “consent of the governed” whose obligation was to provide all citizens with access to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
- 4) **New Americans** came-to and are coming-to the USA seeking “change” and a life of options and opportunities. Their culture and its traditions failed — THEM.
- 5) **American Business** which, when unfettered from the protocols and traditions of an “establishment”, built the most prosperous Nation on earth whose citizens enjoyed the highest standard of living in the history of Man. (1950–2000)
- 6) **American Business** created inexpensive Financial “Capital” through *incorporation* and success through *collaboration*.
- 7) **American Businesses** that built local markets for their products and services among their employees and the residents of their host communities. (Henry Ford, et al.)
- 8) **America was built by Americans** or residents who act/acted like Americans. Only Americans can sustain the only Nation on Earth with a government of the People, by the People, for the People built with the “consent of the governed” to provide the governed with Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness — *The American Dream*.
- 9) **The SOUL of America is Collaboration**. Collaboration built America. The ability to-collaborate is the Essence of God’s Grace.