

WHAT THE FOUNDERS TOLD US

The Founders of our country never believed words on paper could keep America free. Our system of Constitutional government relies wholly on the virtue, or moral courage, of We the People.

James Madison:

“Is there no virtue among us? If there be not, we are in a wretched situation. No theoretical checks – no form of government – can render us secure. To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness, without any virtue in the people, is a chimerical idea.”

George Washington:

“Virtue and morality is a necessary spring of popular government.”

Benjamin Franklin:

“Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”

Thomas Jefferson:

“No government can continue good but under the control of the people; and... their minds are to be informed by education what is right and what wrong; to be encouraged in habits of virtue and to be deterred from those of vice.... These are the inculcations necessary to render the people a sure basis for the structure and order of government.”

Richard Henry Lee:

“It is certainly true that a popular government cannot flourish without virtue in the people.”

George Mason:

“No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people, but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue, and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.”

JOIN THE VIRTUE SOLUTION

The Virtue Solution Project is an effort to restore the foundation of American civilization so that we can again be strong and free. Will you side with us in this project to rebuild our country from the ground up, for our families and future?

1. Become a Community Coordinator

We are looking for leaders across the United States who will contact others within their counties and precincts to weave the fabric of Jefferson’s Hundreds.

2. Volunteer Your Skills

We need pioneers to step forward who have experience and knowledge in one of five main areas we are focusing on: Spiritual Leadership, Self-Defense, Engineering, Preparedness, and Medicine.

3. Promote the Virtue Solution Project

We need journalists, video producers, graphic and web designers, presenters, artists, and editors, who can make this urgent plan “go viral!”

4. Give Financial Support

Please consider contributing toward our ongoing publication and media costs as we endeavor to provide hope through the Founding principles.

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“Virtue is to liberty what the soul is to the body.”

- John Adams



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Did the Founders Give Us a Plan to Save America?

Is our nation headed for collapse – or worse, for tyranny? Many people agree that we’re on the wrong track. It’s obvious that the Federal government is amassing power, borrowing and spending without restraint, and trampling the Constitution.

But the Federal government is not the source of the crisis. The same kind of errors we see at the Federal level can be seen at most state, county, and local levels.

There’s a problem in America. But it’s not one political party or another, or one media source or another, or one overreaching law or another. The problem is that We the People have lost our character. We have failed to practice what is right. No political process will truly cure this disease. The only answer is a remedy our Founders called “virtue.”

What is Virtue?

Virtue is the moral courage to do what is right and refuse what is evil. It is the character to properly act on what we believe. In a civic sense, Aristotle said that virtue is justice exercised among neighbors. It is expressed in loyalty to one's community, in which one cares for and defends others in his locale.

The Biblical command puts virtue's purpose simply, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

Is virtue missing in America?

An honest assessment will tell us that "virtue" – the bravery to stand against unrighteous actions which harm others – does not describe our nation today.

The failure of the nation to stand up to outrages like those of Planned Parenthood and lawless decisions like *Obergefell* legalizing "gay marriage" is enough proof that our moral character is gone. But the pattern strikes far deeper than these examples. They merely come as an afterthought on the heels of decades of family and church breakdown.

The problem doesn't start with the liberal Left. For instance, "conservative" states like Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina, rather than acting as beacons of care for the needy and of love for one another, are among the most dependent in the U.S. on Federal cash. Any success at ending profligate and unconstitutional Federal spending would actually harm a large percentage of the population in these states, as the situation currently stands.

The American people will be eager to return to the limited Constitutional paradigm when they see it as the most beneficial way. Unfortunately, a return to small government today may not be beneficial. The harsh reality is that too few American Christians truly care about the needs of those around us.

How can we change course?

Our bias toward inaction must reverse. Then, we must rebuild our nation's community spirit. We

must create new local economies, new means of educating people, new ways to provide healthcare, and more. We must rediscover the power of innovation as it comes to local responsibilities. As people learn and practice their responsibilities within a community, virtue is cultivated among them, which enables their dependency to cease.

Virtue is borne out through love for one's neighbors, motivated by a love for the Creator. The Bible emphasizes this principle when it tells us that all just laws can be summed up in it (see Romans 13:9-10 and Galatians 5:14).

Five Tools to Rebuild America

We believe the Founders wrote the Bill of Rights in such a way that if it was exercised during a time of crisis, virtue would be reignited and liberty could be restored. The Bill of Rights contains five major elements that can provide hope to America.

1. Spiritual Awakening – 1st Amendment. The Founders intended our Constitution only for a moral and religious people. The first step to restoring virtue is to freely exercise religion in accordance with Biblical truth and the work of the Creator within us. There must be a "revolution in the hearts and minds of the people," as John Adams stated.

2. Education and Advocacy – 1st Amendment. Thomas Jefferson told us that as long as the press is free "all is safe." This idea presupposes that "We the People" will turn from apathy and utilize the free press to hold government accountable. The next step in restoring virtue is to speak and publish truth in American culture at all levels and in every area. People cannot be both ignorant and free.

3. Local Associations – 1st through 4th Amendments. The right of assembly should be practiced to organize home-based community associations in which people are trained to care for one another. These associations of good neighbors will form the structure on which America can build a

fresh, principled approach to civic issues as well as together stop incursions of evil. The Founders called this time-tested concept a "militia."

4. Renewed Jury System – 5th through 8th Amendments. The common law grand jury must be restored so that those who violate the law face appropriate legal consequences. The petit jury must again practice its historic right and duty to render a not-guilty verdict where the law in question is itself unjust. This right is indeed a major reason for juries.

5. State Nullification – 9th and 10th Amendments. James Madison and Thomas Jefferson agreed that state-level resistance must be the first line of defense against Federal overreach. There are boundaries to every jurisdiction that may not lawfully be crossed. Each individual, each local official (e.g. sheriff), and each state must be willing to refuse to comply with edicts that violate God's Law or the U.S. Constitution. "Just say no!"

Jefferson's Hundreds

Thomas Jefferson in particular foresaw a day when the safeguards of the U.S. Constitution would fail, leading to rising oppression. He recommended that in such a situation, the nation should divide ourselves into communities of one hundred households each, which would form new "ward republics" not dependent on outside controls.

These small agrarian-based communities could restore the strength of the people as they became increasingly self-sufficient, built relationships, and learned to defend one another.

Jefferson envisioned that these communities would not so much overthrow a tyranny as render the faraway governing system irrelevant, and replace it.

If you are interested in **reigniting virtue** by joining and cultivating such a community, **please sign up at:**

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