

Historic, Tested Mounds of Sins

In the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. reside our most important fundamental documents, Our Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution. These two documents are the origin of all government activity.

Recorded precisely in the Declaration of Independence, we are able to quickly grasp our ancestors' plight:

"But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government."

"The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world."

Although the Declaration of Independence listed many more complaints against the King, the following directly pinpoint our government's current abuse of power:

"He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance."

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury: ..."

HUMAN SOCIETY

Slavery

*"Oh! how shall I speak of my proud country's shame?
Of the stains on her glory, how give them their name?
How say that her banner in mockery waves—
Her "star spangled banner"—o'er millions of slaves?"*

Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911),
U.S. poet, novelist, and reformer.
Poems on Miscellaneous Subjects "Eliza Harris" (1854).¹

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Patriotism

“It comes as a great shock around the age of five, six or seven to discover that the flag to which you have pledged allegiance, along with everybody else, has not pledged allegiance to you. It comes as a great shock to see Gary Cooper killing off the Indians, and, although you are rooting for Gary Cooper, that the Indians are you.”

James Baldwin (1924-1987),
U.S. writer and civil rights activist, February 1965.
The Price of the Ticket Speech at Cambridge Union Society
(1985)²

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