



Goals of Founding Fathers

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Our forefathers had many important goals for the founding of our Nation. This essay will tell about a few of these men, what they stood for, and my ideas about their goals.

A very important goal of our founding fathers was freedom to worship God as your conscience tells you without being afraid of or harassed by people or government. Godliness was a very important trait of many of our fore fathers and most believed strongly that our country could survive only if the people continued in the godliness.

Our forefathers wanted us to be free of oppressive and unjust laws and government which they called tyranny. They wanted to give people a say in their government through representatives they knew and elected. The founding fathers wanted the People, us, to make the laws – not the Government. The purpose of government was to enforce the laws the people made and to protect the people.

One of our forefathers was Patrick Henry. He was angered at the British Crown taxing the colonists and not allowing them to have a say in the matter, and the people of America who were crying “peace, peace” because they didn’t want a conflict with Great Britain. He believed it was time to break ties with England and for Americans to govern themselves. His famous speech, “..Give me liberty or give me death...” inspired many early Americans to stand for liberty. Patrick really wanted everyone in America to be free of governmental tyranny. He thought everyone was equal and opposed slavery. He said slavery was “inconsistent with the Bible and destructive of liberty.” He thought it was not right to be fighting for liberty when others were still slaves.

Henry was truly a courageous and godly man. In his last will and testament, Henry wrote something that showed his godly character, “This is all the inheritance I give my dear family. The religion of Christ will give them one which will make them rich indeed.”

James Madison, another founding father, was born in 1751 and died in 1836. At nineteen he went to the College of New Jersey (Princeton). Because of Madison, we have the “Bill of Rights” and the “Constitution”. He said, “We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

In conclusion the goals of our forefathers and the way our leaders and people behave today are in conflict. Leaders offer “things” they should not and people are willing to give up freedom in order to get the “things” from the government: Healthcare, Welfare, Social Security, Financial Bailouts, etc.

Today, most of America’s elected officials are standing for and passing laws that our forefathers would not approve of: illegal immigrants allowed to receive driver’s licenses and able to vote, government having more and more control over people, “big government”, public school teaching inappropriate and unnecessary subjects instead of teach the Bible as they always used to.

If the American people returned to honoring to God, and treasured their freedom and were concerned about our fore fathers goals, our country would be a better place.



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