

# Independence Day: How Independent Are We?

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Back on July 4, 1962, President John F. Kennedy gave a speech in Philadelphia on the 186<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. After paying tribute, or lip-service, to the great document that defines the nature of our government, he said:

“But I will say here and now on this day of independence that the United States will be ready for a Declaration of Interdependence--that we will be prepared to discuss with a United Europe the ways and means of forming a concrete Atlantic Partnership--a mutually beneficial partnership between the new nation now emerging in Europe and the old American Union founded here 175 years ago....Today Americans must learn to think inter-continently.”

That was said almost a half-century ago, and yet we still maintain our sovereignty as an independent nation. Yes, our national sovereignty has been compromised and eroded by alliances and economic treaties, but we have yet to sign that Declaration of Interdependence. Why? Because, in opposition to Kennedy's liberal policies, a Conservative Republican movement began to form around the candidacy of Senator Barry Goldwater. By 1963 it became a clarion call to Americans affirming our nation's God-given blessings of liberty and national independence.

Conservative Republicans at the famous national convention in San Francisco booed Nelson Rockefeller and his liberal, world government policies. It was a momentous occasion for Conservatives, but it also meant that the entire liberal press would come down hard on Goldwater's candidacy and crush Conservative hopes of gaining the White House.

Despite the defeat, it was clear that 26 million Americans were not brainwashed by the liberal media and decided to actively promote conservative causes. That activity kept the One Worlders from their devoutly desired goal of getting rid of America's national sovereignty. They were relegated to using a more gradual approach and concealing their true objectives. In fact, there has remained right up the present time an articulate, well-informed, and very loud conservative voice on talk radio, the Internet, and in think tanks, a patriotic fervor in favor of maintaining America's founding values and ideals.

But we must admit that during this same period of time, the left has managed to seize federal power, and is now hell bent on using that power to impose socialism on America. Yet, even photogenic, charismatic Barack Obama, the most left-leaning President in American history, must constantly retract statements made during his campaign in order to dampen Conservative outcries.

But what the election of 2008 demonstrated is that liberal control of our education system will continue to feed the socialist beast by producing young Democratic voters. But much of that leftist influence is being countered by the growth of a conservative home school movement. Maintaining that freedom of parents to home school their children is the continued task of the conservative movement. As long as that freedom is secured, the left is limited in what they can do to transform America in their image.

Also, the Second Amendment movement has made it very difficult for the left to simply get rid of our Constitution. Educational freedom and the Right to Bear Arms are the two main pillars that support the conservative movement, and that is why the left will continue to advocate gun control and maintain the public schools.

And so, to truly celebrate Independence Day, conservatives must convince their fellow Americans of the need to maintain the Second Amendment and support home schooling. They must also defend freedom of speech from being throttled by the left. Without a dictatorship, the left will never be able to reach its final goals.

Obama presides – legitimately or illegitimately – over a nation founded on the ideals of "independence" and "national sovereignty." Yet, in a speech given in Prague, what was his prescription for making the world a better place? "All nations must come together to build a stronger, global regime," he said.