

Declaration Of Independence 2011

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For the past two and a half years, America has suffered under the leadership of one of the most corrupt and dangerous Administrations in American history. Comparing America's revolutionary times with our own, we cannot help but conclude that "We, the People" are today facing even more oppression than the colonial generation! For this reason, we have revisited what is considered to be the most important single document in American history, the Declaration of Independence of 1776, and have recast it to describe the perilous times in which we live.

Every now and then, as things develop, it's necessary to consider reordering political connections between one group and another, and, for good cause, establish new guidelines for operations according to the laws of Nature and Nature's God. Good manners require the initiating party to explain the reasons for declaring independence of thought and purpose.

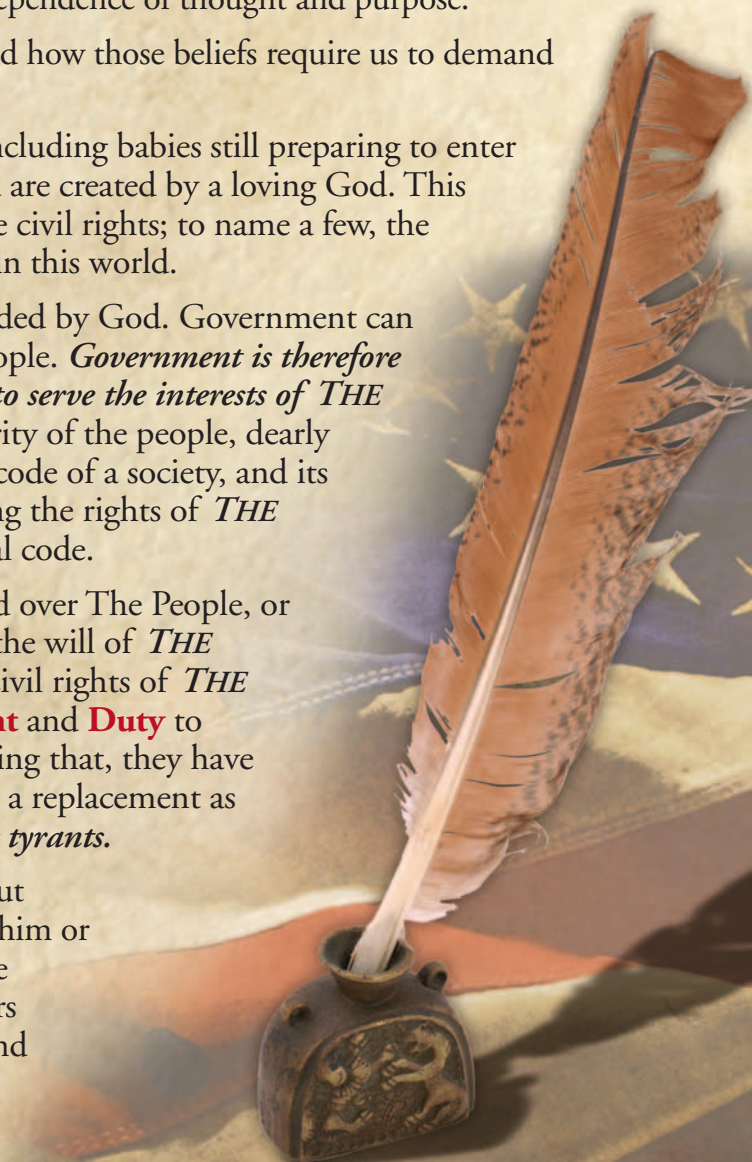
First, some background about what we believe and how those beliefs require us to demand changes in the established order...

It is obvious that every person is created equal, including babies still preparing to enter the world. All human beings are precious, sacred, and are created by a loving God. This God endows each one of us with ironclad, inseparable civil rights; to name a few, the right to **Life, Liberty**, and the pursuit of **Happiness** in this world.

Government exists to secure all civil rights provided by God. Government can only do its job if it first gets permission from The People. *Government is therefore placed under the control of THE PEOPLE and exists to serve the interests of THE PEOPLE.* The traditional moral precepts of the majority of the people, dearly held for millennia, make up the foundational moral code of a society, and its government, and if a government is intent on securing the rights of *THE PEOPLE*, it will display a respect for that foundational code.

When any government begins to run rough shod over The People, or when government behaves in a way that contradicts the will of *THE PEOPLE*, or when government actually destroys the civil rights of *THE PEOPLE*, then *THE PEOPLE* have an overriding **Right** and **Duty** to change their government and make it behave, or, failing that, they have a **Right** to abolish that abusive government and craft a replacement as they see fit. Simply put: *In America, we do not suffer tyrants.*

Obviously, the wise and prudent will not run about recklessly demanding government be abolished on a whim or for shallow, temporal reasons. Historically, most people would rather endure government abuse, hoping matters will change, as opposed to engaging the very painful and dangerous work of revolution.



However, when an abusive government refuses to change, refuses to listen to *THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE*, and indeed, when such a government insists on escalating its abuses against *THE PEOPLE*, demonstrating a clear intention of moving toward central control, even Despotism, then it is not only the **Right** of *THE PEOPLE*, but their **Duty**, to throw off such a government and appoint others devoted to serve as protectors of **Liberty, Life**, and the pursuit of **Happiness**.

For decades, and especially since 2006, the American people have suffered patiently under the near-dictatorial rule of government officials and bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., officials who have abused their authority, trampling upon the rights and liberties of *THE PEOPLE*. So grievous have these abuses become, especially in the last two years, *THE PEOPLE* have concluded the usurpations of the federal government exceed those of the King of Great Britain during the 18th century, abuses and deprivations causing the issuance of the first American *Declaration of Independence*, thus sparking the American Revolution.

The injuries inflicted upon *THE PEOPLE* of these United States by elitist politicians in Washington, and by the current occupant of the White House, *are so numerous and so outrageous as to warrant a recounting of their history, demonstrating the clear intention of this government to exert control over most aspects of American life, to the destruction of our Constitution, our freedoms, and our God-given civil rights.*

Let the facts speak for themselves. This President and his allies have:

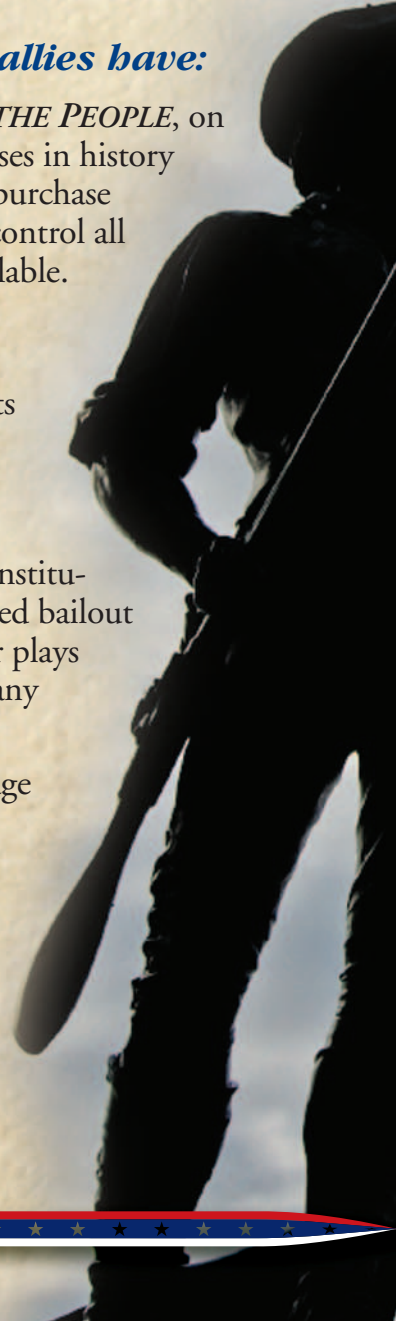
Fraudulently installed a national healthcare system against *THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE*, on its face an example of illegal wealth redistribution, exacting the largest tax increases in history without the consent of those being taxed, going so far as to force individuals to purchase insurance, a clear violation of the Constitution, and even insisting government control all medical decisions from cradle to grave, regardless of the best medical advice available.

Squandered the nation's resources creating insurmountable debt and bankrupting the country, leaving our posterity with little hope of economic recovery, for decades, and perhaps forever. Making matters worse, in their efforts to "fundamentally transform America," public officials in the Senate and the White House have refused to enact the most basic common sense measures to avoid economic catastrophe.

Installed so-called "finance reform" that effectively concentrated more unconstitutional power in the federal government, giving that government virtually unlimited bailout authority and control over financial institutions. This, in addition to other power plays allowing the government to take over private industries in other sectors without any authority to do so whatsoever.

Mismanaged government control of roughly half of the residential mortgage industry, control that is in itself unconstitutional, causing the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression, all in the name of redistributing wealth and providing homeownership to those otherwise unqualified to secure a loan to purchase a home.

Failed to adequately provide for the national defense by releasing secret documents from the Justice Department advising the CIA on issues of terrorism and intelligence gathering, acting against the combined advice of several former CIA directors, and in so doing, hurting the ability of the



United States to provide for the common defense, effectively helping our enemies in their efforts to attack us at home.

Enacted an administrative measure allowing American tax payer funds to be spent overseas in the provisioning of abortions, completely contrary to the *WILL OF THE PEOPLE*. Pushing abortion on demand contrary to the *WILL OF THE PEOPLE*, even endorsing the murderous and heinous practice of partial birth abortion, the killing of full-term babies, and the cruel and heartless practice of isolating babies who survive abortion, allowing them to die alone, in the dark, without mercy.

Promoted the idea of detentions based only on suspicion of future, potential criminal violations, contrary to the rule of law, due process, and the presumption of innocence.

Created a two-tiered justice system insisting the federal government can decide to try suspects in civilian or military court depending on the most likely place to achieve convictions. They have exercised gross interference with due process and right to a fair trial, another example of the federal executive branch usurping power.

Argued for more surveillance of private citizens without a warrant, insisting complete government immunity from prosecution.

Declared the EPA a lead agency to begin enacting provisions of Cap and Trade legislation without such legislation being passed by Congress, effectively using the EPA for executive action outside the provisions of the Constitution, including attendant taxation, without representation.

Ignored the 10th Amendment at every turn, seeking to punish states whenever they are perceived to be acting contrary to federal will, as in the case of Arizona's immigration law.

Promoted on every front the same-sex relationship agenda, again, against the *WILL OF THE MAJORITY*, advancing same-sex marriage, same-sex adoption, and the arbitrary policy shift to normalize same-sex relationships in the military, an obvious infringement upon military readiness, another weakening of our ability to provide for the common defense, and a violation of the Presidential Oath.

Refused to defend in court settled law in the Defense of Marriage Act, arbitrarily declaring DOMA unconstitutional, an act usurping the powers and responsibilities of the Supreme Court, another violation of the Constitution, and the Presidential Oath.

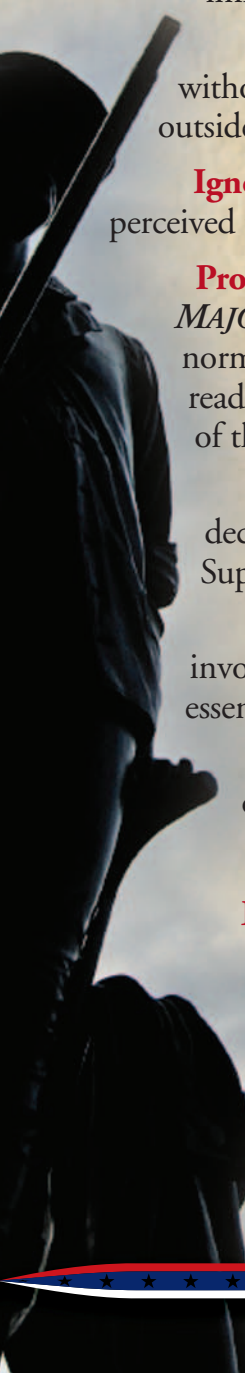
Vowed to override the Supreme Court on the matter of free speech and campaign finance involving unions and corporations, even going so far as to use the State of the Union Address to essentially intimidate and marginalize the Justices.

Accepted campaign contributions from foreign sources over the Internet in violation of the law, thus corrupting the American electoral process.

Ignored border security and reduced funding to secure the nation's southern border.

Engaged in several world tours to apologize for America, bowing to foreign tyrants, accommodating enemies of the United States, and denigrating friends and allies, rendering foreign relations and foreign policy impotent and in disarray.

Appointed any number of extra-constitutional executive czars working to effect substantial change in society without the consent of *THE PEOPLE*, the Congress, or the Courts, as in the case of appointing a same-sex activist to promote homosexuality in the public schools, going so far as to encourage normalization of



aberrant behavior even in the minds of young children, all to the exclusion of parental involvement and consent.

Aggravated racial tensions and promoted class warfare by pitting one group against another, or demonizing one group while praising another, throughout debates on numerous issues, especially those issues having to do with equal opportunity, taxation and federal expenditures, all to the detriment of civilized debate and orderly problem-solving, all for the sole purpose of promoting narrow ideological agendas, primarily the acquisition of more power.

Denied our Judeo-Christian heritage, proclaiming we are an emerging Muslim nation, working in various ways to deny Christians their civil rights.

Facilitated our participation in a Libyan military incursion without the consent of Congress, without any strategic purpose, with no perceivable national security interest, contrary to the U.S. Constitution, putting our military under the authority of foreign interests, and acting on behalf of the Arab League.

Neglected domestic energy development, negatively impacting everything to do with national security and economic recovery.

Infringed on 1st and 2nd Amendment rights in a systematic, subversive fashion.

Time and again *THE PEOPLE* have sought redress, through free and reasonable expression. Over and over through letters, emails, phone calls and petitions, *THE PEOPLE* have asked the federal government to balance the books, clear the debt, get out of the way so *THE PEOPLE* can accomplish economic revival, and desist from power grabs to centralize and concentrate power.

Time and again *THE PEOPLE* have been ignored. And when *THE PEOPLE* began protesting in the streets two years ago, government officials, including this President, denigrated those good citizens, calling them racists, hate mongers, tea baggers, tools of corporations, puppets of partisans. Even when those good people voted in November 2010, sending a clear “STOP” message to the President and Congress, those good people were either maligned or ignored.

The character of a President, an Administration, and a Congress is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, and, they are, therefore, unfit to be the rulers of a **Free People**.

We the People, therefore, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world, solemnly declare our full intention, by any lawful means available, to remove from office all those politicians and office holders who have been complicit in the above delineated offenses, and to break the bonds between us and them. We declare, by the Rights afforded us by our Creator, that we are Duty bound to expose and resist all unlawful decrees and policies, such as the extensive list presented above, as have been or may yet be issued by the present abusive and lawless regime in the Executive Branch and in the United States Senate.

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.