

America; Where Do We Go From Here?

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America stands at the crossroads of an era; an indefinite future of which is beared by previous generations who must choose between sovereignty and subjugation. When we envision America, we think of a culturally-unified and diverse population with an emphasis on iconic ideas such as self-governance, freedom, prosperity, and individuality. With this thought, we picture economic prosperity and personal fiscal responsibility as being the cornerstone of our Republic. Within the American nation, we oftentimes take for granted the rights endowed and garnered by the constitution and the bill of rights and perceive it as simple legality over the populace.

However, the negative aftermath and adverse effects of 2020 as a whole on our nation's history brought forth a level of mutual appreciation for these fundamental rights, and drew awareness to the importance of unity.

In 2020, we saw the emergence of varying political and social movements that not only culminated with the presidential election, but with the claims and accusations of police brutality in varying instances like the arrest and death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the no-knock police raid of Breonna Taylor. With the turmoil of our nation's people boiling hot and the ancestral birthright of our identity on the decline, we saw widespread class division, racial tension, ideological violence on behalf of the left and right wing, and an ever-so emerging immigration crisis coupled with the US's progressive withdrawal from Afghanistan.

As early as late 2019, we saw a massive increase in the unemployment rate nationally as well as a surging trend in crime statistics as a whole. This, of course, was a result of the novel Coronavirus, and the legislative action taken by varying local governmental institutions like state representatives, state senates, governors, and more. With numerous key issues on the horizon and at-stake, some may ask, what makes America bounce back in the current state of the globe?

We must, at the forefront, observe the complexity of our situation. People of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, in retrospect, have seen the effects of a broken people. Be that as it may, we can also see these clear indications of division within our families, jobs, hobbies, and other things we associate with ourselves. At it's best, the common theme of 'bouncing back' rounds out to a collective people unifying around a common goal. That goal, in lieu, is to unite behind a single national identity and appeal to the welfare of our dominion by disregarding what divides our people, and understanding our commonalities.

America is at the technological, economic, and social forefront of global posterity; our people of differing nationalities and cultures unite us to promote country-wide growth and expansion. While these aspects of American eccentricity still prove to make us a unique and unparalleled people, the American nation is not one of flawless strife. But, nonetheless, every instance of strife which has shaken the moral foundation of our people has been remedied by this unity.

Be it the September 11th attacks, the attack on Pearl Harbour, the 2009 recession or the great depression, the birthright of self-determination burns in the heart of our nation to promote our inalienable cause of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The resolve of the American people, unique among all others, will serve as the accreditation to which we rebuild the stature of our people as a collective. It will serve to rebuild our economy, our culture, our innovation, and above all, our unity. It will intrinsically motivate our youth to bear the inheritance of the nation previous generations built. It will be, and is already, the sole incentive which our people use to lay the mightful strength of our rebuilding.

To be an American is to be a descendant of pioneers, conquerors, visionaries, and altruists. This nationalistic identity was awarded by bloodshed, and this spirit is rooted in the hearts of American patriots as our nation faces strife unlike any other. The question is, will modern visionaries take the mantle of leadership and burn the future of our nation brightly?

Our answer is, as our forefathers have said, absolutely.