

# FROM ONE HILL TO ANOTHER

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## Are We Up To The Task?

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In 1776 thirteen bold British colonies stepped out of the safety guaranteed under the rule of the mother country to declare their independence. For years the colonies had been under the thumb of a monarch who forced them to give the fruits of their labors without any say in the transactions. The desire to breathe freely became greater than the uncertain outcome of an all-out revolution. The document declaring their independence began with the following preamble: *When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the*

*separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

Declaring the certain self-evident truths of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, guaranteed by God then followed, and so began the "unanimous Declaration of Independence of the thirteen United States of America." With it, the Revolutionary War against the British Empire began.

Today, we refer to George Washington as the "Father of our country." But, as important as he was, he could not win the Revolutionary War on his own. He had to have the clear thinking of other leaders who would be a part of the decision making process to nurture an infant nation in the hope it could survive a war against the most powerful nation at

that time. Even more daunting were the decisions that had to follow if, in fact, they would become a free and independent nation. Independence held no guarantees of success or even survival.

But beyond the capable and inspired decisions of the "founding fathers", George Washington had to have the support of the people. He had to rely on the willingness of the colonists to fight with him. With the support of the people and God's guiding hand, those thirteen colonies won the war. The birth of America defied all odds. In fact, many historians have said that it was only by Divine Providence that we won the Revolutionary War and took the necessary steps to become a sovereign nation. It has been described as a miracle and is still the greatest example of freedom and liberty the world has ever seen.

Since its inception, the United States has dealt

with many challenges that have threatened its very existence. From the Civil War, to the Great Depression and two World Wars, the United States has been threatened both internally and from outside sources. To date, every challenge has been met, not only by the nation's leaders, but by the grit and determination of the American spirit within each of its citizens. The patriotism and dedication to our country have sustained us during the events that could have broken our spirit, but did not. The American people have been willing to fight for, not only the geography of the United States, but the ideas that have made it unique among all other nations of the world.

Currently, we face a new challenge. One that is foreign to our understanding. This challenge comes from within and threatens the core of who we have been for over 200 years. It threatens the very idea of



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America, the concept that was God inspired, conceived by our founders, and secured by the blood, sweat and tears of the colonists.

For over two years, we have witnessed an internal domestic war conceived and conducted by leaders of our very own federal intelligence agencies, the Democrat Party, the mainstream media, the entertainment industry, and disgruntled political leaders including Hillary Clinton and former President, Barak Obama. This group has attempted every conceivable plot to bring down the current and duly elected President of the United States. It is not an overstatement to describe this behavior as a silent coup. This ongoing effort has consumed our country and ruined the lives of many who have been in the line of fire attempting to unseat and politically destroy the President.

Thankfully, the “worm has turned” with the release of the Mueller Report. Much to the chagrin of those promoting the coup, the Mueller Report debunks the charges of collusion and obstruction of justice. It confirms that there was no evidence to establish improper behavior perpetrated by President Trump or any member of his family or staff. After more than two years of constant attempts to hammer home the “Russian Collusion” scenario, it is a miracle that

this duly elected president has been vindicated by a special council headed by former FBI Director Robert Mueller.

So should the issue end there? No! The report can hardly be viewed as a victory. It is imperative that this kind of improper and un-American behavior promoted by the very agencies that are supposed to be the guardians of our way of life must never be allowed to happen again. No president from either political party should be blind-sided by such unethical and treasonous tactics.

But, President Trump should not fight this battle alone. Just as the colonist had to stand with their Commander-in-Chief to win American Independence, we must stand with President Trump to curtail this certain threat to our liberty. Our voices must be heard through the media and to our representatives at all levels. Justice must be done concerning those responsible for conceiving such a plot to unseat a duly elected president. If we do not help to see this issue through to a just conclusion, we could lose the very rights for which those first Americans fought. The peaceful transition of power has been a hallmark of our country for over 200 years. But it could be lost forever. We cannot let that happen! The task before all of us is to take whatever steps

necessary to prevent another such attack on a President and administration.

Should those intelligence and government officials responsible for this debacle be brought to justice before a Grand Jury? Yes, if justice means forming a Grand Jury or another special council, then, so be it. But any action should not be an act of revenge, retribution or for spite. Action should be taken because crimes have been committed and these individuals must be held accountable. The American people must insist upon getting answers to these questions, so that appropriate action can be taken. We should expect nothing less.

It is critical that legal action be taken as these past two plus years have been a major blight upon our nation. So let us hope that we have learned from this fiasco and the majority of us will be wiser in the future. But in 2019 do we have the same tenacity and determination to protect our liberties as did the colonist fighting for them in 1776? As were the colonists, with God’s help, let us also be up to the task? 🇺🇸

God bless,

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## FYI:

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