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# **AMERICAN PATRIOTISM**

Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel and the first place for a loyal citizen.<sup>1</sup>

- The Author

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## **ETYMOLOGICAL INTRODUCTION**

The behavior referred to as *patriotism* has not changed in its description since the appearance of the kin word *patriot* in the English language in Ben Jonson's *Valpone; or, The Fox* in 1605-1606, wherein the meaning is *the act of loyally supporting one's country*. Ben Jonson uses the related, plural word **patriots** twice. The first mention is in the introduction where Ben Jonson refers to **patriots** in adverse connection to writers (poets) who "utter their own virulent malice," and "make themselves a name with the multitude or, to draw their rude and beastly claps, care not whose living faces they intrench (sic: entrench) with their petulant styles, ......<sup>2</sup> The second use of **patriots** is accompanied by the definition.

"SIR P (SIR POLITICK WOULD-BE, a Knight.):

Go to, then. I therefore Advertise to the state, how fit it were, That none but such as were known patriots, Sound lovers of their country, .....<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel" is from James Boswell, *Life of Samuel Johnson*, entry for April 7, 1775, at <u>http://www.gutenberg.org/files/1564/1564-h/1564-h/1564-h.htm</u>. The second portion "the first place for a loyal citizen" is the present author's addition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Introduction to *Valpone; or, The Fox* at <u>http://www.gutenberg.org/files/4039/4039-h/4039-h.htm</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., Act 4, Scene 4.1. lines 116-119.

Ben Jonson utilized the word as it came from the French *patriote*, from the Latin *patriota*, which in turn comes from the Old Greek πατριώτης (*patriótes*), who were really non-Greeks (barbarians) who were related to each other by means of a common ancestry (πατριά (*patriá*), to πατήρ (*patér*), meaning *father*, thus forming an ancestral bond organization like a clan or tribe. The term πατριώτης (*patriótes*) is formed from *patria* (fatherland), from *patér*, the genitive of *patrós* (father with the ending *ótes*, which expresses a condition of a person's origin patriotism). The etymological root form is definitely sourced as coming from the Indo-European word stem **patér**, meaning *father* 

#### FUNDAMENTAL, AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

As it is used in this essay, American Patriotism refers to a concept of life amongst the citizens of the United States of America in their loyal support for the United States of America. This concept consists of pride for the country, its history, and its unique culture. American Patriotism had its birth pangs during the American Revolutionary War that began in 1775 when the British Colonists in the Thirteen Colonies in British North America with their desire for independence broke away from Great Britain and founded their own nation. The American Colonials were led by General George Washington (1732-1799, President 1789-1797). The bloody war lasted for eight years. The "total American battle casualties in the Revolutionary War: 6,824 (estimates range between this figure and 4,435; some 90% of them came from the Continental Army). The ratio of American deaths to the free white male population (aged sixteen to 45) who served in the war: 1 in 20 (this would be the equivalent of about 3 million people today)."<sup>5</sup> The Revolutionary War ended when General Charles Marquis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Julius Pokorny, *Indogermanisches Etymologisches Wörterbuch*, Band I, A. Francke Verlag, Tübingen und Basel: 2005, p. 829.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>http://www.shmoop.com/american-revolution/statistics.html</u>. See also Howard H. Peckham, ed., *The Toll of Independence: Engagements and Battle Casualties of the American Revolution*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago: 1974, passim, and Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty*! *An American History*, W. W. Norton, New York: 2006, p. 160.

Cornwallis (1738-1805) and the Kingdom of Great Britain finally surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia on October 19, 1781.

The aftermath of the Revolutionary War led to the official acceptance of the *Constitution for the United States of America* on September 17, 1787. It was ratified on September 13, 1788. The *Constitution for the United States of America* established the freedoms and the civil liberties for the new American nation and the American people who had won their independence from Great Britain.<sup>6</sup>

Unfortunately, even in the newly-established nation of the United States of America, slavery was still an issue. The freedoms and civil liberties that the *Constitution* governed did not apply to people of African heritage. The African people (negro slaves) living in America, nowadays referred to as African Americans, would not officially win their freedom from slavery until seventy-plus years later. African Americans were not viewed by Caucasians as human beings, but rather as disposable laborers that they could control, own, trade, abuse, and enslave for the white man's own undertakings. It was common for many African American slaves to be owned by a Caucasian. Slave owners would sell and trade slaves. This was one of the darkest and most horrific times in American history. It does not at all represent any aspects of American Patriotism. The concept of slavery in America during this time contradicted everything for which the fight for American independence and freedom stood.

The pivotal point in American history regarding the enslavement of African Americans took place at the dawn of the American Civil War in 1861. The Civil War started for various controversial reasons such as the conflict between the Southern States and the federal government primarily over succession and secondarily over slavery. The rebel Southern States broke away from the United States federal government out of a desire for their own independence. These Southern States would be referred to as the Confederate States. The South wanted to continue slavery while the North, the Union, wanted to keep the country together without slavery. When the war ended on May 9, 1865, the Union was victorious over the Confederacy. Already on January 1, 1863 with the *Emancipation Proclamation*, President Abraham Lincoln

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For the true title of the *Constitution for the United States of America*, refer to the following essay: <u>http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/theconstitutionfortheunitedstatesofa</u> <u>merica.pdf</u>.

(1809-1865, President 1861-1865) established the abolishment of slavery in the United States. On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was assassinated. Although slavery had been abolished in the country, African Americans still endured hardships of racism and unequal treatment.

The continued unequal treatment of African Americans eventually led one hundred years later to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, during which the African-American people, along with other Caucasian freedom activists who believed in the same rights and equality, fought for their equal rights by undertaking freedom walks, boycotts, protests, and even violent riots. Racial segregation was common before and during the Civil Rights Movement. It existed in schools, work environments, and even the United States Military. African Americans were still discriminated, treated unfavorably, and even murdered in what are nowadays called hate crimes. African Americans would no longer stand for such treatment. This was an ambitious time that represented an important part of American Patriotism. The core Civil Rights Movement lasted until 1968. The conclusion of the Civil Rights Movement resulted in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair housing Act of 1968.

Regarding American Patriotism outside of unequal treatment of Americans were other events that helped the nation to persevere and stand together as patriots. One of these major events was the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This military ambush attack occurred on December 7, 1941. The Japanese military attacked the United States Naval base in an attempt to prevent the United States military from interfering with Japanese operations planned against the Netherlands and the United Kingdom in Asia and the Pacific region. This event led to casualties in the thousands, including American civilians working and living on the island. Although this was another dark moment in American history, the American people did not let the unfortunate event keep them down. President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945, President 1933-1945) continued to give the country hope in his speech the day after the attack stating "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."<sup>7</sup> American

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> <u>http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fdrpearlharbor.htm</u>.

Patriotism was ignited across the country as the United States citizens defended their nation by entering World War II shortly after the attack.

World War II occurred from 1939 through 1945. The result of the war led to a victory for the United States and its major allies Great Britain, France, and the Soviet Union, as well as the formation of the United Nations. The victory of these powers stopped Adolf Hitler's Final Solution to the existence of the Jewish people in Europe and some Arab countries. For Americans this is a prime example of how the power of American Patriotism would be spread to other nations for the human rights and freedom of all people.

Another ambush attack similar to that of the Japanese on Pearl Harbor occurred on September 11, 2001. This day is referred to simply as 9/11 and is regarded as the most violent terrorist attack on American soil in American history. While the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor primarily targeted United States military forces, the 9/11 attacks specifically targeted United States civilians. The Islamic terror organization al-Qaeda, under the leadership of Osama Bin Laden (1957/58-2011), conducted attacks on primary targets: the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the White House; the latter being unsuccessful. These terrorist attacks resulted in thousands of deaths and forced the entire country into temporary shut-downs in fear of other terrorist strikes. Shortly after the terrorist attacks, President George W. Bush (1946-, President 2001-2009) and his administration declared the war on terrorism, although it is really a war against Islam and its drive to control the world because Islam has declared war against non-believers and their countries. This declaration of war by Islam has been in continued existence since the epileptic and psychopath Muhammad initiated the call for war and terror against anyone and any people who do not accept his hallucinations as he claimed came from the Archangel Gabriel in the first half of the seventh century.

The war on terrorism is an ongoing war for the United States and the Western democracies and has led to both casualties and victories. American Patriotism however, has never been stronger. Osama Bin Laden was liquidated in May of 2011 when his compound in Pakistan was infiltrated by a United States Navy Special Forces team, the Navy Seals. Yet, killing the head of the satanic snake has allowed other evil snake heads to take its place. Despite Bin Laden's death, the war on terrorism continues against the Islamic State in Syria where the United States hopes to neutralize all militant war extremists that stand against human rights. This is a hope that cannot be achieved as long as the putative president Barack Hussein Obama is more intent on playing golf than taking action for freedom. This thug is not leading from behind! The non-patriotic, political gang-leader hoodlum does not lead at all, unless one considers reverse a positive leading direction in American politics and patriotism.

American Patriotism is strong across the country and has spread throughout the entire world. American Patriotism has helped the American people get through the darkest times in history and keeps the country united and strong. It is because of patriotism that America had persevered through every war and unfavorable events. Patriotism serves as a life-giver for the country in the context of spiritual strength. The American people continue to demonstrate their patriotism in many ways across the country.

The American flag is a symbol of the United States of America and represents the patriotism for which the country stands and continues to fight. Many Americans participate in the demonstration of patriotism by displaying the American flag in their homes, at their work, in schools, on vehicles, and clothing attire. Such presentations of the American flag come in many forms where the red and white stripes and the white stars on a blue background are either shown or worn with pride. Even business establishments show their patriotism through displaying the American flag at their business establishments, as well as in their advertisements. At just about every type of academic, sporting, and business event, the American flag is displayed to remind everybody of the patriotism that stands behind the freedom which allows for such events. In every city, town, and neighborhood, there is surely an American flag posted somewhere, demonstrating patriotism and reminding everybody of the historical times that gave birth to that patriotism.

American Patriotism is commonly shown by appreciating the members of the United States Armed Forces. The patriotic military troops are the reason that the United States can appreciate and practice the freedoms they have. It is because of the sacrifices made by the United States military and their families that the American people have such freedoms, rights, and personal liberties. The American people are protected

by the United States military and the show of patriotism demonstrates support for the troops in many ways. It is common for businesses to show their appreciation by granting the troops favorable treatment such as military discounts on products and services. Many American civilians show their patriotism by thanking military troops in uniform for their service and sacrifices made for the country. The United States military troops are heroes, and their patriotism is extended and reciprocated by the American people for whom they are willing to fight and give their lives.

Freedom is the most valuable part of American Patriotism. Many countries throughout the world, even to this day, do not have any of the freedoms that American citizens – and even illegal immigrants – possess and experience. There are still countries in the world where slavery exists because of race, religion, gender, and sexual orientation. Freedom in America is such an important part of patriotism because it is what makes the country unique and is the reason that the country is often referred to as the "land of the free and the home of the brave".<sup>8</sup> Freedom in America allows people of all races, religions, genders, and sexual preferences the same rights and opportunities. No other country in the world has freedom amongst their people they way that it exists in the United States of America. This valued concept of life is all attributed to the patriotism which all Americans have stood for since the birth of the country.

This valued American freedom is both enforced and protected by the *Constitution for the United States of America*. The *Constitution*, established by the Founding Fathers of America following the American Revolutionary War is what legally gives all Americans the rights, freedoms, and civil liberties that are still practiced to this day, despite the attempts by the present dictator Barack Hussein Obama and his regime to limit or destroy them. There are various other federal documents that grant the American people the freedoms and rights they practice, but the *Constitution* is the basis of all subsequent documents because it is the supreme law of the entire nation. The American *Constitution* is the result of the establishment of the United States of America

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> "O'er the land of the free / and the home of the brave?" is the last line of each of the four stanzas of the American national anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*, composed by Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) on 12-13 September, 1814. The poem was published by William Pechin in the *American and Commercial Daily Advertiser* under the title *Defence of Fort M'Henry* on September 21, 1814. For complete information consult *Star-Spangled Banner Sesquicentennial* at <a href="http://archives.ubalt.edu/gbc/pdf/13-6-18.pdf">http://archives.ubalt.edu/gbc/pdf/13-6-18.pdf</a>.

representing patriotism while at the same time protecting that very same patriotism. There is no other document in the world like the American *Constitution* that relays patriotism across its nation of people, granting them the basic human rights to which everyone in the world should be entitled, regardless of differences in race, religion, or gender.

This *Constitution* is enforced by the republican system of government. The United States Government has a system of law that grants everybody equal opportunities and rights. Although every individual state has varying state laws, the federal government is the primary source of the system of law which the country follows. One of the most important parts of the American legal system is the notion of "innocent until proven guilty". This is an important part of freedom from a criminal aspect because there are other countries' governments that do not concern themselves with proof or a due process, but rather just throw around accusations and wrongfully punish people for crimes they may not have committed. The republican government form and its capitalist economic system are the reasons that the American economy can operate in a stable manner consisting of all of the freedoms and rights established by the *Constitution for the United States of America*.

Patriotism is practiced and appreciated through music, film, sports, clothing, food outlets, and social media. Sporting events enjoy demonstrating their show of American Patriotism to the American troops by acknowledging them to everyone and thanking them for their services. There are countless pop culture films that are dedicated to extending their show of patriotism to the American people, as well as other parts of the world. A prime example of a patriotic film in pop culture is the 2001 motion picture titled *The Patriot* which presents a history of the American Revolutionary War and the patriotism, such as Bruce Springsteen's song *Born in the USA*. Various clothing lines show their patriotism with designer clothing consisting of variations of the American flag and colors. Food outlets often show their patriotism by treating American military troops at their establishments with extra services and appreciation. Patriotism is wide spread across multiple social media platforms with photos and videos that stand for patriotism,

spreading the message of America's freedoms and loyalty to one's country to millions of people.

American Patriotism leads to pride. Pride can have both a positive and negative side, depending on the situation. Pride in American Patriotism supported the United States of America and its citizens through many rough times. As a whole, the country has many accomplishments of which Americans can be proud. American Patriotism is often worn and presented with the necessary pride that comes with it. Too much or excessive pride however, can make a nation vulnerable. A nation may refuse assistance or help from another nation due to having too much pride. While the act may appear to be patriotic, it can be a weakness. The United States of America, however, is aware that too much pride can serve as a weakness in the patriotic practice of the individual citizen. Because America is aware of this, the citizens know better than to carry too much pride. This makes the nation strong as it accepts assistance from other countries in attempts to form alliances, as well. This makes the respective nations stronger as they stand together.

## PATRIOTIC FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Patriotism in America is greatly demonstrated by the United States federal holidays that occur every year in recognition of American Patriotism.

| January 19, 2015  | Martin Luther King Day | Monday    |
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| February 16, 2015 | Presidents' Day        | Monday    |
| May 25, 2015      | Memorial Day           | Monday    |
| July 4, 2015      | Independence Day       | Saturday  |
| September 7, 2015 | Labor Day              | Monday    |
| October 12, 2015  | <u>Columbus Day</u>    | Monday    |
| November 11, 2015 | Veterans Day           | Wednesday |
| November 26, 2015 | Thanksgiving Day       | Thursday  |

They celebrate and honor this history of every patriotic aspect of America. American federal holidays that are at the same time patriotic holidays are listed as follows. Clicking the links will provide the reader with background information concerning that respective patriotic holiday.

Martin Luther King Day in some states is called Civil Rights Day or Human Rights Day. The patriotic observance celebrates this American's birthday, life, achievements, and legacy.

Presidents' Day was formerly known as Washington's Birthday. The patriotic celebration is a federal holiday that takes place every third Monday in the month of February. Although this holiday was based on President George Washington's Birthday, it is intended to be a patriotic celebration in honor of all of the presidents throughout American history. This holiday helps the country to celebrate their American Patriotism by honoring and remembering all of the liberties which the country of America was built upon through the leadership of the United States presidents, some more so than others.

Memorial Day is the last Monday in May. It is a patriotic observance of all Americans who served in the military and who gave their lives in service to the United States of America.

Independence Day, often referred to as The Fourth of July, is a patriotic holiday that celebrates and commemorates the official publication of the *Declaration of Independence* from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. It is the *national day* of the United States of America. A positive, patriotic celebration on this day will include patriotic speeches, political gatherings, patriotic parties, and always a display of fireworks at night.

An important, patriotic federal holiday is Labor Day, established in 1887 by President Grover Cleveland (1837-1908, President 1885-1889) in recognition and celebration of the American Labor movement. This holiday is mostly dedicated to both the economic and social accomplishments of the American workers throughout history. This recognition can be traced back as far as 1882 when a machinist named Matthew Maguire first proposed it. However, it is unclear if he was the first person to propose the holiday as some historians also believe that it was a man named Peter McGuire that same year. It is common for Labor Day celebrations to consist of street parades in many towns across the country.<sup>9</sup>

Another patriotic holiday is the American Veterans Day that takes place every year on November 11. This unique holiday is one of the most patriotic holidays of the year because it was specifically established to honor those who served in the American military forces. A veteran in this context refers to anybody who served in any part of the military; thus the title of the holiday. The first Veterans Day was celebrated in 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson enacted it and proclaimed it as a holiday. The American military troops are the reason that America is still a free country. By enacting a holiday that is dedicated to their sacrifices, the American people are showing their appreciation for the patriotism that was carried by the military troops. Along with Memorial Day, this is probably the most patriotic holiday of the year.

A very controversial federal holiday is Columbus Day, which commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the New World (the Americas) in 1492. This happening led to many catastrophic impacts of European settlements on Native American. Consequently, some states commemorate the day under the title and emphasis of Native American Day or Indigenous People's Day.

There is an historical holiday that dates back as far as the foundation of America. This holiday is known as Thanksgiving Day. Although Thanksgiving is also celebrated throughout other parts of the world, it is historically known in the United States to represent the initial friendly relationships that the original Pilgrims from England formed with the Native Americans. This is a patriotic holiday because it celebrates the foundations of America by giving thanks to God.

## **CULTURAL ASPECTS**

Religion can often be a controversial subject as there are multiple religious groups in the United States. Everybody has a private opinion and interpretation of religion, or lets one's opinions be controlled by the massive, lamestream media. What makes religion remarkable in the United States, however, is that every individual has

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> <u>http://www.dol.gov/laborday/history-maguire.htm</u>.

the freedom to practice and express one's own religious views without having to be penalized for it. The most popular religious figure among Americans is God. Americans throughout history have practiced and believed in religions based on God. Currency units are inscribed with the phrase *In God we trust*. This phrase correlates religion with patriotism because almost every American believes in some form of God, and this religious belief helped to drive Americans forward in the darkest and roughest times. Although most Americans do believe in God, there is no legal requirement or obligation for any American to share the same religious views. Unfortunately, this is not true with other countries where a people might be penalized or even executed for not following a specific religion. The separation of church and state is an important part of what grants Americans freedom, making even the aspects of religious freedom in the United States a sublime patriotic concept.



Source: http://d2rg8jfniu44sp.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/obamaracist.gif.

J. Christian Adams quit his position at Obama's Department of Justice because the laws of the United States were being enforced based on the race of the people involved in the legal case against the New Black Panther Party.<sup>10</sup>

America is the most racially diverse country in the world. This is mostly because people from nations throughout the entire world have desires of making a legal living in the United States. It should stay that way.

Even though race was a factor in the times of slavery in American history, the country has overcome those dark times and established equality among all races, making only one race for the country which is the American race, at least this was the case until the arrival of Barack Hussein Obama and race baiters like Al Sharpton. Race in America is an important part of patriotism because it represents the unity that the country shares from races deriving from all parts of the world; all of which make up the American people. Every American has ancestry stretching back to another nation. It is this diversity that gives the United States the unique racial make-up that helps to drive the patriotism of individual citizens who agree with the principles of the *Declaration of Independence*.

Anybody can become an American legally, and live as an American regardless of race or ethical background. America does not need a race-inciting Barack Hussein Obama. If one reads the many statements of Barack Hussein Obama, such as those above, one will immediately be aware that the problem in America is not racism. The problem is the racist Barack Hussein Obama.

Innovations in technology are another part of patriotism. It is argued that American Patriotism drove innovators to further advance technology in the United States. Innovation continues to improve the standards of living in America to this very day. It is because American history has had such great scientists and inventors that the country is as strong as it is today. This innovation was all attributed to the patriotism of producing what is referred to as the American dream. Innovation has been occurring throughout the entire spectrum of American history. Guns were continuously innovated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> <u>http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/06/30/justice-dept-lawyer-accuses-holder-dropping-new-black-panther-case-political/</u>.

to make the American military forces stronger when defending their patriotism and freedom from foreign and domestic enemies.

Communication technology is another important part of American innovation. This was primarily done through the discoveries and research in computer science. Microsoft and Apple, the largest computer companies in the world, were both founded in America and both contribute to American Patriotism.

#### HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES

There are many historical figures in American history and even in present-day America that are driven by patriotism. Historical examples are the American Founding Fathers,<sup>11</sup> war heroes, sports heroes, and exemplary politicians, and authors.

A very important American Patriot from recent history is Joe Louis (1914-1981), an African American professional boxer. He boxed during the Great Depression (1929-1941). Between 1937 through 1949, Louis was the heavy weight boxing champion of the world. One of Louis's most patriotic fights in history was his second fight with the German Max Schmeling (1905-2005). Schmeling became a national hero in Germany during World War II. Even though America still had issues of racism against African Americans, Joe Louis became the American hero because the American people sided with him against the German hero. Schmeling won the first fight in Yankee Stadium on June 19, 1936. Louis won the second match against Schmeling on June 22, 1938 in Yankee Stadium, and became a patriotic hero for the American people because he had defeated a boxer which Adolf Hitler had believed was an example of Aryan superiority. At this moment, race was not a factor. Even though Joe Louis was an African American during the times of racism, the American people cheered for him. This was one of the most patriotic moments not only in sports but also in American history. What makes Louis even more patriotic is that he actually served with the United States military troops during the Second World War while he was still the world heavyweight champion. Louis enlisted as a private in the United States Army, serving from 1942 through 1945. He was honorably discharged from active duty with the rank of technical sergeant. Lewis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Go to <u>http://www.biography.com/people/groups/founding-fathers</u> for portraits and short biographies of America's Founding Fathers.

was a recipient of the Legion of Merit award for his service. Joe Louis is a true American Patriot and is a perfect example of how patriotism can influence multiple walks of life. Joe Louis gave the American people hope during the Great Depression and World War II. Joe Lewis overcame racist obstacles and left his mark in history as an American Patriot and hero.

Some modern, living examples of American Patriotism are BigFurHat, a pseudonym for a political blogger on the web site <u>http://iotwreport.com/</u>. BigFurHat writes many articles regarding American politics and economic issues. It is very important that American patriots such as the BigFurHat are able to relay truthful, political and economic information to the American people through journalism.<sup>12</sup> Other present-day, top American Patriots are Mr. Beckwith of the internet site <u>http://www.theobamafile.com/</u>; Jim O'Neill, a former Navy Seal and presently a political commentator and essayist who writes for a number of patriotic internet sites; Debbie Hamilton, the patriotic American with <u>http://righttruth.typepad.com/</u>; award winning Joan Swirsky who writes political essays for a number of American patriotic internet blogs, such as <u>http://www.renewamerica.com/columns/swirsky</u>, as well as the essayists and authors Susan North, Tabitha Korol, Sher Zieve.

Furthermore, the list must include the American patriotic women whom the anti-American and non-patriotic Mark Potok and Janet Smith of the far left Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) have included in their *hit list* of 12 high-profile American women who the SPLC dislikes for their opposition to jihad and Shari'ah law.<sup>13</sup>

- 1. Ann Coulter says 'It's an honor just to be nominated for the SPLC's list of conservative women who speak out against radical Islam!'"<sup>14</sup>
- 2. Brigitte Gabriel, known for her recent statement "It's time to throw political correctness in the garbage where it belongs."<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup><u>http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/threeamericanfurhatfightersforfree</u> <u>dom.pdf</u> has more information on BigFurHat and his patriotism.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> <u>https://medium.com/@splcenter/women-against-islam-a9f42563e1c2</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> <u>http://www.wnd.com/2015/06/top-women-in-u-s-media-scourged-in-hit-list/</u>.

- 3. Ann Barnhardt, who believes "Islam is mentally and physically devolving."<sup>16</sup>
- 4. Cathy Hinners, a blogger at <u>http://www.blogtalkradio.com</u>.
- 5. Cathy Adams, president of Texas Eagle Forum.
- Pamela Geller, president of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, of <u>http://pamelageller.com/</u>, with her admonition against Islamic barbarism: *In any war between the civilized man and the savage, support the civilized man*.
- 7. Clare Lopez, former career operations officer with the CIA and current vice president for research and analysis at the Center for Security Policy
- 8. Laura Ingraham, author and radio talk show host.
- 9. Judge Jeanine Pirro of Fox News Channel.
- 10. Sandy Rios, governmental affairs director of the American Family Association, president of the political action group Culture Campaign, contributor to Fox News Channel, and talk radio host.
- 11. Debbie Schlussel, attorney, film critic, political commentator, and blogger at <a href="http://www.debbieschlussel.com/">http://www.debbieschlussel.com/</a>.
- 12. Diana West, nationally syndicated American columnist, blogger and author of American Betrayal: The Secret Assault on Our Nation's Character and The Death of the Grownup: How America's Arrested Development Is Bringing Down Western Civilization.

Don Fredrick of *The Complete Obama Timeline* comments that "Some might assume the SPLC's goal is to inspire a crazed jihadist to kill one or all the women on their list."<sup>17</sup>

Continuing the list we include Alan Keyes, a former candidate for President, Lt. Col. Allen West, as well as Lt. Col. Terry Lakin, who was willing to sacrifice his military career and go to military prison rather than obey an unlawful deployment order from the putative President Barack Hussein Obama, and Lt. Col. Matthew Dooley, whose military classes on the dangers of Islam cut short his military career. Present-day American

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> <u>http://viral.stkittsthegreat.com/brigitte-gabriel-gives-fantastic-answer-muslim-woman-claiming-muslims-portrayed-badly-t/</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> <u>http://crisconner.com/?p=20819</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> http://thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/june2015.pdf.

military generals of all services, including the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey, are not considered as being patriotic because they have not upheld their constitutional oaths to "... support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, ... (and) bear true faith and allegiance to the same;"<sup>18</sup> because Barack Hussein Obama does not meet the qualifications of Article 2, Section 1, Clause 5 of the *Constitution for the United States of America* to be President of the United States of America. Such officers would rather keep their status as peacock generals. They are all show and no courage. Neither are soldiers like Chelsea (Bradley) Manning and Bowe Bergdahl American patriots because they made secret and top secret military information available to the public and America's enemies. Neither is the civilian Edward Snowden a patriotic American agents. All three have placed American lives in jeopardy!

We should not forget Dr. Orly Taitz who has been relentless in legally charging Barack Hussein Obama for his breaches of the American *Constitution* to include treason. Finally, Robert Spencer of <u>http://www.jihadwatch.org/</u>, and author, essayist, political researcher Don Fredrick and his investigative, internet reporting site <u>http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com</u> complete this non-exhaustive listing of American patriots.

This form of American Patriotism through use of media and communications is a prime example of how American innovations – which were developed out of patriotic necessity and capitalist endeavors – have influenced patriotism. It is patriots like the political journalists above that drive American Patriotism forward and keep the American people filled with ambition. This kind of ambition plays a significant factor in the concept of American Patriotism.

## EXAMPLES OF PRESENT-DAY POLITICIANS

Voting is another example of the freedoms that Americans have and it is because of patriotism that the United States can practice such a unique and fair concept. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> <u>http://www.army.mil/values/officers.html.</u>

most important voting process is the elections for candidates for the Presidency of the United States of America. An American Patriot with a strong patriotic influence on the country is a Republican Party politician named Carla Fiorina. She is a former business executive at American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T) and chief executive officer of Hewlett-Packard. She made her mark in American history when she became the first woman to head one of the top 20 companies in the United States. She just recently announced that she would be running for the presidential election in 2016 for the Republican Party. She is a true symbol of patriotism and has shown that women can be just as successful in America as their male counterparts. This is important for American Patriotism because if she should win the presidential election in 2016, she will have become the first woman to hold the title of President of the United States of America.

It will be an interesting race between the two political parties and their candidates, and it will be left up to the American voters to decide who will be selected to be candidates in the presidential election. A listing of the candidates from both the DemocRAT Party and Republican Party for the office of the presidency is at <a href="http://www.politics1.com/p2016.htm">http://www.politics1.com/p2016.htm</a>.

The Founding Fathers inserted Article 2, Section 1, Clause 5 into the Constitution in order to ensure that a foreign candidate could not become President. A candidate for the Presidency must be a natural born citizen who is an individual born on United States soil to two United States citizen parents. By that internationally accepted legal definition, Bobby Jindal (R-LA) is ineligible to serve as president. Also ineligible are Barack Hussein Obama, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), former Senator Rick Santorum, and Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX).

## THE FUTURE OF PATRIOTISM

Patriotism can come in all forms and touch all walks of life. Anything that people do can become patriotic given the right intentions. It has shown throughout American history that patriotism is the driving force for such a young country as the United States of America. Despite being so young, America is the strongest country in the entire world and this is all attributed to American exceptionalism, an aspect of which is American patriotism. Without patriotism, the United States would not have innovated to what it is today, there would be no heroes to look up to, and the country would still be stuck in dark times. No matter what the United States is experiencing, it is always important for the American people to remember that with loyal support of their country, they can get through anything.

Americans should think about Patriotism not only on Independence Day, but in some form on every day. This is important for the United States of America because Patriots place emphasis on individualism – a loyalty to a very particular way of life and a patriotic place. The United States of America is the best place for American Patriots. This is the reason American Patriots are willing and ready to defend the country against rogue regimes and political scoundrels. Anti-Americans and anti-patriots will hate America and its patriotic citizens because such haters are collectivists and internationalists.

The American Patriot in the Revolutionary War fought as thirteen individual colonies (later states) against the nationalism of Great Britain because they believed in the natural rights written down in the *Declaration of Independence* and later codified into law by the *Constitution for the United States of America*.

American Patriots will defend the United States of America not because they are defending nationalism and internationalism, but because by doing so, they are defending their own individual liberties.

An American Patriot will always hold high the concepts expressed by the Founding Fathers, that

"all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. – That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, – That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem

most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."<sup>19</sup>

This is freedom! This is liberty! This is the reason for Americans to become patriots.

It is the natural rights in the *Declaration of Independence* that make life in America worth living, that make America worth fighting for. Freedom is the basic natural right: freedom for our families, freedom for ourselves, and freedom for the future of the United States of America. Freedom is the American Patriot's richness. Freedom is the American Patriot's glory.

Whenever the government attempts to limit our freedoms or take them away, that government must be countered with American Patriotism, even if it means loss of life.

Under the Barack Hussein Obama regime, American Patriotism has received a negative connotation. The Obama regime leaves no doubt in American Patriots' minds that some freedoms guaranteed by *The Bill of Rights*, like the constitutional guarantee to possess firearms, must be limited or taken away. Neither does the Obama Regime leave doubt about executing the overtly unconstitutional ObamaCare, namely everything in it. Naturally, the lamestream media is always supportive of the Obama Regime's policies because they are suckers to the Obama Regime and leaders in its propaganda.

The politics of the Obama Regime and the DemocRAT Party and its successive politicians, as well as Republicans In Name Only (RINOs), from a continued reliance on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> <u>http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration\_transcript.html</u>. Excerpted from the *Declaration of Independence*.

the welfare state to the relinquishing of American sovereign rights to international organizations like the United Nations or the World Court, will lead to the downfall of the United States of America. The future of American Patriotism does not appear in a positive light. The greatest successes of a country come only when the society and the government respect individual liberties. American Patriots must not forget that the state does not own us. We the People own our state. We are patriotic because we still feel that our individual liberties are still present. The question is: For how long?

## THE SCOUNDREL

The term **scoundrel**, spelled *skowndrel* in approximately 1580, is of unknown origin. Linguists and etymologists suggest that it might possibly come from the Anglo-French word *escoundre*, in Old French *escondre* meaning *to hide*, *hide oneself*. This came from the Vulgar Latin *\*excondere*, from high Latin *condere* meaning *to hide*. The Indo-European word stem is **dhé<sup>-2</sup>** meaning *to vanish*.<sup>20</sup>

Of course, we must mention the putative President Barack Obama, who is the first African American to hold the title of President of the United States of America, albeit, illegally. Barack Hussein Obama won the presidential election in 2008 and reelection in 2012. His time in the Oval Office will last approximately two more years. Naturally, his supporters consider him to be a great American patriot for the nation. However, supporting the DemocRAT Barack Hussein Obama is nothing more than the worship of a jackal by jackasses.<sup>21</sup> Nevertheless, such supporters claim that Barack Hussein Obama will always be remembered for his valued service to the United States of America, its military, and its government as its Commander-in-Chief. Progressives, Obots, Liberals, Dumber-downers, Socialists-Communists (POLDS) will regard Barack Hussein Obama as a patriot to the American people of all generations, present and future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> <u>http://www.etymonline.com/index.php?allowed in frame=0&search=scoundrel&searchmode=none</u> and Julius Pokorny, *Indogermanisches Etymologisches Wörterbuch*, Band I, A. Francke Verlag, Tübingen und Basel: 2005, p. 239, number 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> H. L. Mencken said in *Sententiae*, 1920, "Democracy is a form of religion. It is the worship of jackals by jackasses." <u>http://politicalquotes.org/node/39985</u>.

However, the truth is the opposite. It is at this point that we come full circle regarding the initial quotation: *Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel and the first place for a loyal citizen.* 

We have presented some selected American patriotic, loyal citizens above.

The scoundrel is Barack Hussein Obama who has claimed to be a natural-born citizen of the United States of America without proving the constitutional qualification, although he asserts that his falsified birth certificate is proof enough. The true origin of the word scoundrel is not known. Neither do American citizens know the true origin of Barack Hussein Obama.

Barack Hussein Obama is anti-American, full of treachery and treason. He has no loyalty to the United States of America. What counts for him is to be able to play rounds of golf paid for by the taxpayers and the worship of his narcissistic self.<sup>22</sup>

Barack Hussein Obama should be properly and legally impeached, convicted, and sentenced. This procedure would be the ultimate patriotic act of the United States Congress.

That is the just fate of a villainous person, in short, a traitor and a scoundrel!

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