

# A THANKSGIVING QUESTION FOR AMERICANS IN 2015

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## POSING THE QUESTION

In 2015, that which should be most on Americans' minds and in their hearts is:

To be (thankful), or not to be (thankful), that is the question:  
Whether 'tis Nobler in the mind to suffer  
The Slings and Arrows of outrageous (Obama) (ill)Fortune,  
Or to take Arms against a Sea of (Obama) troubles,  
And by opposing, end them: to die, to sleep  
No more; and by a sleep, to say we end  
The (Obama-caused) Heart-ache, and the thousand (Obama) shocks  
That (American Patriotic) Flesh is heir to?<sup>1</sup>

Yes! To be thankful or not to be thankful? This is indeed the question! What is the answer? The obvious answer is ... both: *Be Thankful* and *Don't Be Thankful!* However, let us discuss the negative aspect first and end this essay with the positive approach.

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## PART ONE

### I. INTRODUCTION

When the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches each year, the mass media tells Americans that they should be thankful for the achievements of politicians, and being able to live in a democratic country.<sup>2</sup> However, there are arguments that one should not be thankful for being American under the putative presidency of Barack Hussein

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from William Shakespeare's (1564-1616) *The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark* (1599-1602), Act 3, Scene 1.

<sup>2</sup> The United States of America is not a democracy! It is a democratic republic! The word *democracy* is not in the *Constitution for the United States of America* and its meaning is not inferred.

Obama. Indeed, some social and economic trends are worrying, and analysts say the economic growth of the nation cannot be sustained any longer. From apocalyptic visions to logical reasoning by economists and political scientists, the conclusion is that the current course of Barack Hussein Obama's actions will destroy the country. That which follows is a review of various arguments and concise evaluations of their validity. Some of the arguments are based on political traits of the Obama Regime, while other arguments will cover the economic trends within the United States of America that make the country's development unsustainable.

## **2 Analysis of Arguments**

### **2.1 Obama does not qualify as a *natural born citizen***

To every person who understands the *Constitution for the United States of America*, it is obvious that Barack Hussein Obama does not pass the natural-born citizenship test. That stated, he should never have been elected as the leader of the United States of America under the laws of the *Constitution*. At the time when Barack Hussein Obama was born, both of his parents were not United States citizens. Therefore, Barack Hussein Obama cannot be classified as a natural-born citizen. On his supposed, official certificate of live birth<sup>3</sup> and in both of his books, *Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance* (1996) and *The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream* (2006), Barack Hussein Obama writes that his father was Kenyan.

*The British Nationality Act of 1772* says that

"... all Persons born, or who hereafter shall be born, ... are hereby declared and enacted to be, natural-born Subjects of the Crown of Great Britain, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, as if he and they had been and were born in this Kingdom."

Furthermore, *The British Nationality Act of 1948* re-confirmed *The British Nationality Act of 1772* and unequivocally governed the status of Barack Hussein Obama, in Part II, Section 5 with a special gift:

"Subject to the provisions of this section, a person born after the commencement of this Act shall be a citizen of the United Kingdom and

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss\\_viewer/birth-certificate-long-form.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/birth-certificate-long-form.pdf).

Colonies by descent if his father is a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies at the time of the birth..."<sup>4</sup>

This is a legal, British-government-established birthright that Barack Hussein Obama received from the United Kingdom.

That stated, the legality of the current putative President is more than questionable. Barack Hussein Obama holds office illegally! Whatever laws, agreements, and treaties Barack Hussein Obama has signed are not legal and do not have to be observed by the next President of the United States of America, or those who are party to the laws, agreements, and treaties. Further, the natural-born citizen requirement governs the legality of the President. It does not judge Barack Hussein Obama's leadership qualities, which are reflected not in the person's origin, but in the person's political actions. Barack Hussein Obama's political actions have made the United States of America a worse place to live in than the country was before Barack Hussein Obama usurped the Oval Office. It is important to look further for reasons why Americans should not be thankful for the Barack Hussein Obama Regime.

### **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR OBAMA'S ILLEGALITY!**

#### **2.2 Disregard for the Oath of Office**

Barack Hussein Obama violated his oath of office and should be removed from his position. Barack Hussein Obama lied about important issues that affected the citizens of the United States, such as the Benghazi terrorist attack on September 10-11, 2012. However, it is indeed problematic to prove that Barack Hussein Obama had knowledge about the issues surrounding the Benghazi terrorist attack before making a statement that a YouTube video that insulted Islam was the reason for the terrorist attack on the United States office in Benghazi, Libya. This means that there is no possibility of legally removing Barack Hussein Obama from office without legal

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.uniset.ca/naty/BNA1948.htm>. For a more comprehensive examination of Barack Hussein Obama and the fact that he does not meet the requirements of the natural-born citizen clause of the *Constitution*, consult Richard Skidmore, *Does Obama Really Meet The Constitutional Definition Of A 'Natural Born Citizen?'* in *Freedom Outposts* located at <http://freedomoutpost.com/2012/12/does-obama-really-meet-the-constitutional-definition-of-a-natural-born-citizen/#UI6WFjAirEX0MgYI.99>.

proof of his involvement. Although it is likely that Barack Hussein Obama knowingly told untrue stories to calm the American public, without recordings and documents confirming Barack Hussein Obama's knowledge, it is impossible to charge him with treason or a high crime.

The presidential Oath of the Office is one of the most important securities of the United States that allows the citizens to maintain a democratic republic according to the laws of the *Constitution*. When an elected president does not take that oath seriously – and there are indications that Barack Hussein Obama does not respect the oath of office – it can be argued that he or she is not worthy of the people's trust.<sup>5</sup> Furthermore, we have argued above that Barack Hussein Obama was illegally elected. Therefore, Barack Hussein Obama can be legally removed from office, should the higher court – the Senate – find proof that he acted unlawfully, and breached his oath. The public and Congress will have only a one-year-plus opportunity to impeach him, convict him, and sentence him accordingly, should there be convincing evidence that Barack Hussein Obama's actions are not in agreement with the Presidential Oath.<sup>6</sup>

## **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR OBAMA NOT UPHOLDING HIS**

### **OATH OF OFFICE!**

#### **2.3 Constitutional issues**

In 2013, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia found that Barack Hussein Obama's appointments to federal cabinet-level positions violated the law of the *Constitution*. Therefore, he should be removed from office. While there were other claims related to Barack Hussein Obama's unconstitutional

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<sup>5</sup> It is common knowledge that Barack Hussein Obama is a Muslim by his birth and the Islamic heritage of his father. That Muslims do not take oaths seriously is a subject discussed on pages 30-32 at

<http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/impeachconvictsentence2.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> Allen West, *Obama Has Violated His Oath and Should Be Impeached*. at <http://conservativetribune.com/allen-west-obama-impeached/>.

decisions, this one was confirmed by a Court of the United States that protects and oversees the *Constitution*.

Also in 2013, *Forbes Magazine* created a list of the top ten of Barack Hussein Obama's constitutional violations.<sup>7</sup> They were:

1. Delay of ObamaCare's out-of-pocket caps.
2. Delay of ObamaCare's employer mandate.
3. Delay of ObamaCare's insurance requirements.
4. Exemption of Congress from ObamaCare.
5. Expansion of the employer mandate penalty through Internal Revenue Service regulation.
6. Political profiling by the Internal Revenue Service.
7. Outlandish Supreme Court arguments.
8. Recess appointments.
9. Assault on free speech and due process on college campuses.
10. The Mini-DREAM Act.

Barack Hussein Obama is supposed to be the overseer of lawful legislation. This does not mean that Barack Hussein Obama does not have to adhere to the laws set by the Obama Regime. By delaying some important features to ObamaCare, Barack Hussein Obama violated the rules of this specific legislation. Considering that the American public expects Barack Hussein Obama to know and respect the *Constitution*, these are serious enough violations to question Barack Hussein Obama's legality. Americans should certainly not be thankful for illegally electing a president who considers himself to be above the law of the land and executes the responsibilities of his office by violating the laws of the *Constitution*. Added to this is the fact that Barack Hussein Obama has committed numerable felonies while occupying the Oval Office. They range from intent to defraud the United States of America, committing a false personation of a United States Citizen and/or officer of the United States of America, false statement in application and use

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<sup>7</sup> Ilya Shhapiro, *President Obama's Top 10 Constitutional Violations Of 2013*.  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2013/12/23/president-obamas-top-10-constitutional-violations-of-2013/>.

of a passport, perjury, to detrimental activities affecting the functioning of America's armed forces during war, as well as the high crime of treason.<sup>8</sup>

## **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR THIS UNCONVICTED FELON!**

### **2.4 Not Embracing American Values**

In an interview with DailyCaller.com Dinesh D'Souza has said that Barack Hussein Obama believes in a certain kind of American exceptionalism:

"I believe America's exceptionally good and he believes America's exceptionally bad."<sup>9</sup>

Indeed, Barack Hussein Obama has a different, almost revolutionary view of American people, traditions, and values. Although all cultures and societies are open to interpretation, not agreeing with the myriad meanings of historical traditions and culture of said society and propagandizing to the world what Barack Hussein Obama claims are America's weaknesses is paramount to executing the society that Barack Hussein Obama is supposed to lead in the present and into the future. Barack Hussein Obama emphasizes what he considers to be America's weaknesses, thus placing the United States of America in a negative role in relationships with other countries. Of course, the *Constitution* provides the citizens of the United States of America with the freedom of speech, and although it would be unreasonable to expect Barack Hussein Obama to say what everyone wants to hear. It is also unforgiveable for Barack Hussein Obama to place the history, traditions, and culture of the United States of America on a scaffold of his own creation for the purpose of portraying himself as the savior who will solve America's plight, a plight that Barack Hussein Obama claims to exist, but in reality is not existent. Barack Hussein Obama is constantly criticizing the United States of America with lies of his own creation and false choices to remedy a non-existing situation. Such actions make Barack Hussein

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<sup>8</sup> <http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/impeachconvictsentence2.pdf> has a listing of the most important and early violations on pages 15-19ff.

<sup>9</sup> Ginni Thomas, *Dinesh D'Souza: Obama Mobilizes Resentment Toward America To Grow His Power* at <http://dailycaller.com/2014/06/15/dinesh-dsouza-obama-mobilizes-resentment-towards-america-to-grow-his-power/#ixzz3lvtgl7gm>.

Obama a progressive icon, but not a forward-thinking one. There is room for disagreement whether or not exceptionalism is an American value or something that holds development back from developing positively. Barack Hussein Obama has clearly stated that he does not agree with the *Constitution* by violating all of the amendments stated in the Bill of Rights.<sup>10</sup>

Probably the most reported attack on the Bill of Rights is the attack on the Second Amendment that states that all Americans have the right to own firearms. One of the main reasons why some claim that Americans should not be thankful for living in this country under the Barack Hussein Obama Regime is because Barack Hussein Obama has openly attacked this constitutional right stated in the Second Amendment. The conflict between political parties, triggered by gun law and legislation, has gained huge media attention. Luke O'Dell, the vice president of political affairs at the National Association for Gun Rights, has made this explicit statement.

“It’s clear President Obama is beginning his final assault on our Second Amendment rights by forcing his anti-gun agenda on honest law-abiding citizens through executive force.”<sup>11</sup>

The defenders of the Bill of Rights claim that the actions and executive orders initiated by the Barack Hussein Obama Regime are open attacks against the political system of the United States.

## **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR OBAMA'S VIOLATIONS AND ATTACKS!**

### **2.5 Political Scandals**

A political scandal is a political action or set of political circumstances that offends or brings disgrace to the social community. They are often unconfirmed connections between the actions of the leadership of a country that result in illegal outcomes. In 2014, Matt Schuck of The Daily Surge listed several scandals

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<sup>10</sup> <http://rare.us/story/has-obama-violated-all-10-amendments-in-the-bill-of-rights/>.

<sup>11</sup> <http://thehill.com/regulation/243520-administration-preps-new-gun-regulations>.

beginning with the letters of the alphabet.<sup>12</sup> This author's most important selections are presented herewith.

**2.5.1 Drone Strikes** Although employed at the ending of the presidency of George W. Bush, the use of drones to kill America's enemies has vanguarded to become Barack Hussein Obama's most used military weapon. This is Barack Hussein Obama's most favorite method of killing, at which he has become an expert, using it on the average of every four days. In an interview with NBC News, Jeremy Scahill, National Security correspondent for *The Nation Magazine* and the author of *Dirty Wars: The World Is a Battlefield* stated that Barack Hussein Obama will

“go down in history as the president who legitimized and systematized a process by which the United States asserts the right to conduct assassination operations around the world.”<sup>13</sup>

**2.5.2 Monsanto** "Is the world's leading producer of genetically modified foods, which means that they're the company that reportedly put [toxins, allergens, and diseases in our food](#), which is super gross, and why I prefer to eat organic foods In 2007, Barack Hussein Obama had tough words for companies that sell genetically modified food, which seemed reasonable at the time. But there is a big difference between the Obama pre/post-election. Even [Mother Jones](#) is pissed because Barack Hussein Obama ended up appointing the head of Monsanto to advise the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) shortly after his first election."<sup>14</sup>

Yes, two-faced Barack Hussein Obama during his presidential campaign stood up against Monsanto for pollution and introducing genetically modified organisms (GMOs.) Yet, once in the Oval Office, Barack Hussein Obama selected the head of Monsanto, Michael Taylor, to become the senior advisor to the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Margaret A. Hamburg, who was succeeded by Stephen Ostroff in 2015. Not many people know that Michael Taylor "may be responsible for more food-related illness and deaths than anyone in

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12 Matt Schuck, *From A-Z: The Complete Guide To Obama's Scandals, Lies, And Blunders* at <http://dailysurge.com/2014/07/obamas-scandals-lies-blunders-z/#>.

13 <http://www.nbcnews.com/id/52100170/t/jsoc-shadow-war-terror/>.

14 <http://dailysurge.com/2014/07/obamas-scandals-lies-blunders-z/>.



history."<sup>15</sup> This step can easily be interpreted as a two-faced action because it breaks with values and promises. Albeit, values and promises have never had important meaning to Barack Hussein Obama.

**2.5.3 ObamaCare** One of the most debated legislative bills that Barack Hussein Obama initiated was ObamaCare. According to critics, the set-up of the system cost the American taxpayers billions of dollars. Still the newly created website, Healthcare.gov failed to function properly, even though the government spent over 2 billion dollars in establishing it.<sup>16</sup>

**2.5.4 The Veterans Administration Scandal** One of the most upsetting scandals related to the Obama administration was the Veterans Administration scandal, when investigative journalists revealed how injured veterans were dying while waiting for treatment.<sup>17</sup>

**2.5.5 Fast and Furious** Operation Fast and Furious was a gun-walking scheme concocted by the Obama Regime to gin up support for gun control legislation.<sup>18</sup>

**2.5.6 National Security Agency Scandal** Lest we forget the domestic spying of the National Security Agency Scandal<sup>19</sup> and that the

**2.5.7 Internal Revenue Service Scandal**<sup>20</sup> has clearly left a large proportion of the American public outraged.

It might be true that all of the above scandals were the results of so-called, scapegoat reason that all of these were *honest mistakes*. However, this is open to interpretation. Some argue that if a government makes that many mistakes and lets so

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15 <http://thetoryoflibertyblog.com/2012/01/12/obama-appoints-monsantos-vice-president-as-senior-advisor-to-the-commissioner-at-the-fda/>.

16 Read <http://thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/impeachconvictsentence2.pdf> pages 39-45 for more detailed information. Consult also <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2014-09-24/obamacare-website-costs-exceed-2-billion-study-finds>.

17 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans\\_Health\\_Administration\\_scandal\\_of\\_2014](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterans_Health_Administration_scandal_of_2014)

18 [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Fast\\_and\\_Furious](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Fast_and_Furious).

19 <http://thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/impeachconvictsentence2.pdf>, p. 29; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global\\_surveillance\\_disclosures\\_%282013%E2%80%93present%29](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_surveillance_disclosures_%282013%E2%80%93present%29).

20 <http://thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/impeachconvictsentence2.pdf>, pp. 46-47.

many problems escalate in a short period of time, they are not worthy of occupying their positions of power. While the above argument can be viewed as valid, it is also important to note that scandals are hard to prove in a court of law, particularly when the Barack Hussein Obama Regime controls the Department of Justice that allows the Barack Hussein Obama Regime to *get away* with making mistakes or turning their backs to their promises made before they got elected. It is the corrupt Barack Hussein Obama political cloaca system that allows the DemocRAT and the RINO (Republican in Name Only) politicians to abuse their power and use it to carry out their plans without following the rule of law.

Such a situation leads us to another important question: Because this is possible under the control of political parties who disregard the law of the *Constitution*, is the United States of America a less law-abiding country than many pundits and political scientists, as well as people in general, have imagined? That stated, it might be fair to say that Americans do not have much to be thankful for under the Barack Hussein Obama Regime.

**2.5.8 Racism Within the Police Scandal** Don Fredrick in the September 2015 Issue of *The Complete Obama Timeline* reports that according to DailyCaller.com,

“Law enforcement agencies are on high alert ... due to violent threats coming from the Black Lives Matter movement. According to several Be On Look Out (BOLO) alerts sent from several law enforcement agencies and exclusively obtained by The Daily Caller, some members of the ‘#blacklivesmatter and #fyf911 [‘fuck you flag 911’] are calling for the murder of more police officers on a site called blog radio.’ One caller on the show says, ‘When those mother f\*\*kers are by themselves, that’s when we should start f\*\*\*ing them up. Like they do us, when a bunch of them ni\*\*ers takin’ one of us out, that’s how we should roll up.’ That caller goes on, ‘Cause we already roll up in gangs anyway. There should be six or seven black mother f\*\*ckers, see that white person, and then lynch their ass. Let’s turn the tables. [sic]”<sup>21</sup>

Don Fredrick continues his reporting.

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21 Refer to: <http://dailycaller.com/2015/09/09/exclusive-law-enforcement-agencies-on-alert-for-black-lives-matter-attacks-on-911/> and <http://www.bizpacreview.com/2015/09/10/cops-on-high-alert-for-black-lives-matter-violence-targeting-911-events-249967>.

"While the Republican candidates debate, Obama's closest advisor, Valerie Jarrett, meets with Black Lives Matter activists, including Brittney Packnett and DeRay McKesson. According to Breitbart.com, 'Packnett has six recorded entries of visiting the [White House] long before the protests in Ferguson [Missouri]. She also was among the select group of Ferguson activists that met with Obama in December 2014.' Packnett helped 'turn the Ferguson protests into a nationwide movement, after launching a newsletter of information relevant to the protests, spreading the #black-livesmatter hashtag and helping the movement draft op-eds and documents."

Furthermore,

"*Black Lives Matter* activist Carlos Anthony Hollins, age 20, is arrested in LaPlata, Maryland and charged with making threats of mass violence for his Twitter message: IM NOT GONNA STAND FOR THIS NO. MORE. TONIGHT WE PURGE! KILL ALL THE WHITE PEOPLE IN THE TOWN OF LA PLATA [sic]."<sup>22</sup>

Normally, it is impossible to make the country's leadership responsible for mistakes of individuals and police forces. While racism is definitely an issue in the United States of America, and it is becoming more prevalent than it was in the 1990s, the trend can be partially blamed on the government, as Don Fredrick indicates. It is not very likely that the processes that led to institutional racism within the police, and racial profiling, resulting in the death of innocent suspects started exactly at the same time as the Obama Regime took power. While Americans cannot be thankful for living in a country where the police using racial profiling and prejudice is a common theme within institutions, this social problem can be partially blamed on the Obama Regime and its race-baiting approach to the black and white communities.

The question is whether or not a government and a legal system have the power to stop individuals from having prejudice against minorities, or is it a personal choice? Would the police officers have acted the same way if there had been active police rules against the same behavior? It is likely that they would have, as their actions were motivated by personal judgment. The fact that one particular police officer can get away with showing racist traits until that officer kills an innocent person, however, is alarming. Blaming it on the system would possibly be right, and making the

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22 <http://www.bizpacreview.com/2015/09/03/black-lives-matter-activist-behind-bars-for-threat-to-kill-all-the-white-ppl-247155> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black\\_Lives\\_Matter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Lives_Matter).

government responsible for failing to deal with the issues leading up to the incident is a proper development, but removing the government would not be the right approach. In this particular situation, individuals, as well as human rights groups and government agencies all have a role to negotiate policies, protect human rights, and help policymakers create legislation that would prevent the same unfortunate events from happening. They do not have the right or responsibility to be race-baiters and follow the Regime's lead.

## **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR THE BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA REGIME** **SCANDALS!**

### **2.6 Deficit Expansion Coupled With Globalization**

To place an exact starting date on the expansion of the deficit would be difficult. However, the expansion of the deficit is certainly something for which Americans should not be grateful.<sup>23</sup> The reason for the expansion of government deficit is not easily explained because there are many social, economic, and political factors involved. As the population of the United States is aging, healthcare is becoming more expensive, and there are not enough people at work to pay into the federal budget. While budgeting issues have previously been identified, and it is possible to drive down deficits, some groups will certainly suffer more than others. The only way to eliminate deficit expansion is to either raise taxes or reduce benefits. Undertaking the latter will cause some social groups to suffer. The government policies will decide which ones will suffer. In today's America, it is extremely difficult to increase the income of the government without the government borrowing money. It is even more difficult because the export competitiveness of the United States of America has been decreasing for some years. This means that the country has started increasing its imports while exports have decreased. This puts every government in a difficult situation, and makes sustainable economic growth almost impossible. War, of course, costs the government a lot of money. However, without military and

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<sup>23</sup> Consult:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States\\_public\\_debt#/media/File:Federal\\_Debt\\_Held\\_by\\_the\\_Public\\_1790-2013.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_United_States_public_debt#/media/File:Federal_Debt_Held_by_the_Public_1790-2013.png) gives one an idea of the history of the American national debt throughout American history. The situation of national debt expansion under Barack Hussein Obama started when Obama became the occupant of the Oval Office in 2009.

defense systems in place, the safety of the United States cannot be guaranteed. Because one of the main roles of the government is to provide safety for the citizens, military and defense are absolutely necessary.

Globalization has certainly hit American companies hard, and their productivity does not measure up to the standards of some of the international competitors. This has reduced the government's tax income, and therefore, created a greater budget deficit. At the same time, it can be argued that the American government did not do enough to help American companies become more efficient and competitive, and create more jobs within the country.

The long-range outcome has been that Barack Hussein Obama demands that he be able to spend more money. To achieve this goal, Barack Hussein Obama's co-criminals in the House of Representatives and the Senate have passed a budget that will increase spending under Barack Hussein Obama by 85 billion dollars. This budget is the result of the Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell, the DemocRAT Minority leader of the Senate Harry Reid, the Speaker of the House, John Boehner, and the DemocRAT Minority Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi conducting behind-the-scenes, secret negotiations to give Barack Hussein Obama everything that he wants. The legislation means that by the year 2025, the national deficit will reach 25 trillion dollars. Even if every American's taxes were doubled, the deficit could not be paid off in two, perhaps not in three generations.<sup>24</sup>

**AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR BUDGET AND GLOBALIZATION PROBLEMS**  
**UNDER OBAMA!**

### **2.7 Lack of Political Success in Syria and Libya**

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<sup>24</sup> <http://thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/impeachconvictsentence2.pdf>, pp. 45, 46:

<http://dailysignal.com/2015/10/30/cruz-attacks-gop-senate-leadership-mcconnell-very-effective-democratic-leader/>?

<http://townhall.com/tipsheet/cortneyobrien/2015/10/30/cruz-slams-debt-deal-n2073530?>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/30/senate-passes-debt-and-spending-hike-dead-night/>.

<http://dailycaller.com/2015/10/30/rand-pauls-filibuster-runs-short/>.

[http://hotair.com/archives/2015/10/30/senate-passes-budget-deal-6435/?utm\\_source=hadaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=n](http://hotair.com/archives/2015/10/30/senate-passes-budget-deal-6435/?utm_source=hadaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=n).

The foreign policy of the United States under Barack Hussein Obama is an example of ineptitude. Many political analysts clearly state that the Barack Hussein Obama Regime has failed to stop the spread of terrorism, and simply stirred up the conflict by actively supporting the Muslim Brotherhood. The practices of the military rules of engaging the enemy and the human lives lost are constantly in the attention of the public. From the perspective of war and peace, it can be claimed that too many American soldiers have died on foreign soil without achieving the military goal. This is not due to the lack of support from other countries, nor the inability of the American military leaders to plan the attacks and identify risks, but due to backboneless foreign policy that Barack Hussein Obama has undertaken. Americans can certainly not be thankful to live in a country that does not have a war on its territory, but loses soldiers abroad, without being able to achieve any degree of success. When examining the American defense budget, it is certain that most Americans would have the right to expect more results from military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq/Syria. Living in a country that is at war is not something for Americans to be thankful. If that war costs billions of dollars and thousands of lives, it is even less the case. The foreign policy of the current regime has failed to address security threats, and show progress on the Libyan front and Syrian front. The war in Syria is often labeled as one without an end and one that cannot be won, even though it costs taxpayers a significant amount of money. Yet, the intervention of Russia in Syria at the direction of Vladimir Putin shows that winning may be possible.<sup>25</sup> The participation of the United States in the military actions in the region can be definitely criticized as being only half-hearted.

**AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR THE POLITICAL CHAOS CAUSED BY THE  
OBAMA REGIME IN LIBYA AND SYRIA!**

**2.8 The Islamization of the United States of America and not protecting  
United States values**

American values are starting to disappear while the country is becoming more tolerant towards Islam. Indeed, the country has been built upon the foundation of

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<sup>25</sup> <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2015-10-17/fall-unipower-russia-defeating-more-isis-syria>

tolerance, and many Jewish, Irish, and other ethnic refugees have settled in America, integrating into the society. Islam immigration is a result of the Barack Hussein Obama Regime's policies. Conservative authors and citizens believe that the values and traditions of America should be protected from outside influence.

While America is at war with Islamic countries and has declared military flight bombardment missions against ISIS in Syria and Iraq, Progressives are of the opinion that banning Islamic migrants from the country would certainly send out the wrong message. America would appear to be racist and intolerant. Progressives think there is place for everyone in the United States of America, provided they are ready to obey the social norms already accepted by the majority of the population, and obey the law, even the Sharia law which is spreading in the United States.<sup>26</sup> Thus, there is a reason for caution. There are signs the media is rapidly becoming Islam sympathizers and that American culture is being shaped by the number of influential Muslim organizations in the United States of America. Of course, the politically and Islamic-oriented naïve interpret the Islamization of the United States to mean that the country is remaining a tolerant place and that Americans are ready to accept diversity. On the other hand, the immigration policy of the Obama Regime can be criticized for not providing enough protection for people already living in the country by excluding radical Islamists from entering the United States.

**AMERICANS CANNOT BE PROUD OF THE DEGRADATION OF AMERICAN VALUES AND THE ISLAMIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!**

**2.9 Immigration policies and their economic consequences**

Related to the above highlighted issue, the immigration policy of the Obama Regime is often criticized. By Barack Hussein Obama proposing to legalize a large number of undocumented immigrants (including himself?), many citizens feel as if the rule of law has no significance in the United States any more. From the social point of view, it can be argued that the United States of America needs young, qualified immigrants in order to provide for the needs of the elderly population. Latin

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<sup>26</sup> <http://www.billionbibles.org/sharia/america-sharia-law.html>

American nurses and doctors are needed in the health care system, as there is a great shortage of staff that causes hospitals to operate ineffectively. The social and demographic changes of recent decades have brought forward some important challenges, which can be either tackled or worsened by immigration. The liberalization of immigration brings forward more challenges than benefits, such as increased levels of crime, and greater use of resources in schools and social services.

## **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR OBAMA'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES!**

### **2.10 Lies and promises not kept**

Barack Hussein Obama has lied to the public in order to convince people about the feasibility of his program, like he did in 2011 when he claimed that 80 percent of Americans wanted higher taxes, while research showed the number being only 34 percent.<sup>27</sup> Likewise, he falsely claimed that his mother was denied health insurance, and used the statement to gain support from the public for his Affordable Care Act. Related to the same legislation, Barack Hussein Obama allegedly stated that Americans would be able to keep their doctors and their health plans, even though this is not possible under ObamaCare. Whether or not this is something that people feel strongly about, they can certainly not be thankful for the above controversies of the Obama Regime. Indeed Barack Hussein Obama has lied since he began his candidature for the office of the presidency.<sup>28</sup>

## **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR LYING BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA!**

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27 <http://humanevents.com/2011/07/23/top-10-obama-lies/>.

28 Consult: <http://www.youngcons.com/the-ultimate-list-of-barack-obamas-big-fat-lies/>.  
<http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/obamaberlinspeechcritique.pdf>.  
<http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/obamadncconventionspeech.pdf>.  
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<http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/obamasliestothebritishparliament.pdf>.  
<http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/thelyingaddress.pdf>.  
<http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/acritiqueofobamasberlinspeech.pdf>.



## **2.11 Poverty**

One issue that affects the entire American society is poverty, and it is certainly not being tackled successfully by the Obama Regime. Indeed, there are today more Americans relying on food stamps than any other time. Unemployment is also a great issue, and this has a negative impact on recovery. One of the main achievements of America was its ability to grow through people. However, many companies have now decided to outsource their operations to countries where labor is cheaper, or simply move out completely. This can or cannot be blamed on the economic policies of the current Barack Hussein Obama Regime. Yet, increased poverty is likely to lead to budget cuts, increased levels of crime, and more budget deficits.

**AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE INCREASE OF  
POVERTY!**

## **2.12 Public debt issues**

A most worrying issue is the increasing public debt. The country is in an international debt burden, and the majority of households are still not saving enough money while they get into debt at an increasing rate. The lack of government planning for finances shows in household debt and this means that the country's development is no longer sustainable. With less employment for families, increased immigration creating a huge burden for the budget, increased need for public services, and the number of unproductive people living in the United States of America (students, retired people, and illegal immigrants) the income of the government will never be voluminous enough to cover the costs to pay for *free stuff*, and it cannot be increased unless unemployment is reduced through focused policies. Getting people back to work, however, is not easy. First of all, there are many companies that no longer hire domestic workers due to the expenses related to health care that needs to be provided for them and their families based on the new legislation. At the same time, many families are now facing a higher-than-ever-health

insurance cost, despite the claims of the creators of ObamaCare to make health care more affordable for all citizens of the United States.

Likewise, the provisions that are included in the Affordable Care Act are intended to provide so-called free and low-cost access to millions of Americans without insurance.<sup>29</sup> The only problem is that the price of these services is paid by the ever-decreasing number of employed, low-paid workers, who can currently barely afford to take on health insurance. Employers are penalized for not providing health insurance. Small and medium-sized American businesses have already been forced to let people go, because they could not make up for the increased cost of health insurance for workers. Other employers simply decided to move their operations abroad, or outsource some processes, and this has further increased unemployment rates. That sated, the United States economy is in a downward spiral, and it does not seem that there is a way out without public policy consolidation and expert review of economic revival policies. If America stays on the route it has taken (arguably after the Obama Regime took office), it is doomed to lose its foundations, and the economy will further lose its competitiveness on a global scale. The present state of the economy is already a lie and Americans clearly cannot look forward to the future.

"There were a few different stories coming out over the last few days that reveal the true nature of government and the apparatchiks who use disinformation, devious machinations, fraudulent accounting, and taxpayer money to cover up their criminality, lies, and the true state of the American economy. The use of government accounting tricks to obscure the truth about our dire financial straits is designed to keep the masses sedated and confused. A few weeks ago, to great fanfare from the fawning faux journalists who never question any Washington D.C. propaganda, they announced the lowest annual deficit [\$439 billion] of Obama's reign of error. ... Jack Lew, the Treasury Secretary, and Obama were ecstatic as they boasted about this tremendous accomplishment. I find it disgusting that our leaders hail a \$439 billion deficit as a feather in their cap, when until the mid-2000's the country had never had an annual deficit above \$300 billion. After 183 years as a country, the entire national debt was only \$427 billion in 1972. Now our beloved leaders cheer annual deficits above that figure. What a warped, deformed, dysfunctional nation we've become." The claim of a \$439 billion deficit is, however, inconsistent with

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<sup>29</sup> It is so-called *free*. But somewhere, somehow, somebody is paying. In this case the politically unintelligent American taxpayers.

the increase in the national debt reported by the government. ... A critical thinking person might wonder why the National Debt went up by 26% more than the deficit officially reported by our trustworthy leaders. This is where the hocus pocus of government accounting enters the picture. You just don't count things that would make the deficit bigger. You pretend the 16 SSI (Social Security Index) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Index) entitlement programs aren't running deficits. You pretend you are being paid back by Fannie and Freddie, when it is just meaningless accounting entries. Meanwhile, the government continues to borrow money at low rates to finance the deficits and the national debt, but those rates are for short-term borrowing. The average maturity of our existing debt is about 5 years. Instead of locking our debt in at 30 year rates below 3%, our government has decided to play Russian Roulette with interest rates. A 1% increase in interest rates will drive interest on the debt from \$400 billion per year to \$600 billion per year, a 50% increase. A normalization of rates to 2007 levels would drive the annual interest on the debt to almost \$1 trillion and blow an enormous hole in the budget. Now you know why Madam Yellen [Federal Reserve Board chairwoman Janet Yellen] can't bring herself to increasing rates by even a paltry .25%."<sup>30</sup>

## **AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR THE OBAMA REGIME'S PUBLIC DEBT**

### **2.13 Unsustainable Social, Economic, and Political Development**

One of the most comprehensive reviews that highlights the issues the United States is facing today has been written by Thomas Heffner, who argues that America no longer produces enough goods and energy to sustain the country's population. This leads to higher need for import, and eventually a huge export deficit that would hurt the economy, the companies operating in the United States, as well as the entire population. Explicitly, "while we persist in our superpower mentality, we have

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30 <http://www.theburningplatform.com/2015/11/04/the-most-devilish-liars-in-the-room/>. Don Fredrick in the November 2015 issue of *The Complete Obama Timeline* notes that "Social Security has been running a deficit since 2010. That is, it has been paying out in benefits more than it has been collecting in taxes. But the government 'conveniently' does not count that in the federal deficit. It simply pretends it is an irrelevant separate entity. In other words, the government is saving money in the short-term by borrowing at low interest rates, but when those rates go up it will be a fiscal disaster. It would have been more prudent to borrow at a higher rate over a longer term. A new home buyer might pay a lower initial rate on a variable mortgage than with a 30-year mortgage at a fixed 4 percent rate, but that lower rate will not remain low forever. The federal government has been playing with fire by routinely engaging in short-term borrowing."

<http://www.thecompleteobamatimeline.com/uploads/3/5/7/4/3574872/november2015.pdf>.

quietly become a second-class country in many respects".<sup>31</sup> Another important issue is that the foreign currency practices of countries are designed to hurt the United States economy and make it less competitive. In particular, the undervaluing of the Chinese and Japanese currencies can result in the loss of millions of American jobs, and international companies completely moving their operations overseas. Trade deficits need to be reversed by a comprehensive currency and trade policy, the introduction of new international agreements, and taxation changes. Just one billion dollars in trade deficit can translate into the loss of 9000 jobs. Further, Thomas Heffner calls for the revision of policies that are related to providing access to American markets.

Already in 1985, in *The Economic Crisis and American Society*, Manuel Castells highlighted some economic and social challenges that America is still facing today. He summarized them in this statement: "We are living in an economic crisis caused by a general process of social disruption in most advanced capitalist societies which has called into question the structure of social relationships underlying the pattern of capital accumulation."<sup>32</sup> The statement confirms that social, economic, and political changes are needed to address the problems America is facing, and the reason why citizens of the country cannot be grateful to the Obama Regime.

Additionally, the demographic challenges need to be addressed: Two core questions must be answered:

How will the country's increasing budget deficits provide for the increasing elderly population?

How will the policies help unproductive citizens become taxpayers and look after their families, instead of relying on government help?

Once these two important questions are answered and the issues are addressed, there might be something for which to be thankful. However, now

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<sup>31</sup>Thomas Heffner, *Economic Problems Facing the U.S. in Economy in Crisis*. at <http://economyincrisis.org/content/major-economic-problems-facing-united-states>.

<sup>32</sup> Manuel Castells, *Economic Crisis and American Society*, Manuel Castells Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey: 1985, p. 5.

**AMERICANS CANNOT BE THANKFUL FOR OBAMA'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC,  
AND POLITICAL POLICIES!**

**3. Conclusion to Part One**

The above review focusing on the issues of the American society, economy, and politics has highlighted some fundamental problems that have not been successfully tackled by the Barack Hussein Obama Regime. Although it is impossible to blame the entire social and economic problem on one government, it is clear that the Barack Hussein Obama Regime has undertaken anti-American change and has given American citizens no hope. Barack Hussein Obama has not been successful in making people's lives better. The main problems identified are related to budget deficits, the lack of economic sustainability, and the high rate of unemployment. The policies initiated by the mis-government, such as ObamaCare have failed to serve their purpose: social justice. The health insurance industry was better off before Barack Hussein Obama dictated the institutionalization of socialized medicine.

America is losing its values because it is being infiltrated by an evil cult. Barack Hussein Obama's international policies of the current government have been unsuccessful. Unnecessary loss of life was caused by the wrong strategies applied in Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Libya, and Syria, countries that were not a threat to the existence of the United States of America. No real results (such as peace) have been achieved. The existence of Barack Hussein Obama is posing a threat to the foundations of the United States of America and the fundamental laws of the *Constitution*. If stopgap measures are not taken by the next President, America will soon be known as a former economic and military power that lost its leadership position on the international scale because of the ineptitude of the illegally-elected-golf-player Barack Hussein Obama and his puppets in the DemocRAT Party.

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**PART TWO**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Having been celebrated by Americans for hundreds of years, Thanksgiving is a holiday of togetherness as a nation, community, and family. Thanksgiving is a part of the American culture and traditions that is related to overcoming difficulties on an individual and community level. Thanksgiving is a representation of faith and belief. Therefore, Thanksgiving has a personal and national meaning.

The first *Thanksgiving*, a feast organized following a long drought and famine, was held by the Pilgrims in 1621. In 1775, President George Washington declared Thanksgiving a national holiday.<sup>33</sup> Thus, for many Americans Thanksgiving is not particularly a religious holiday, but a national holiday, sometimes with local, religious meaning. Over the years it has slowly transformed into celebrations of love, togetherness, family, friendship, and community. On that level, some Americans have more to celebrate than others. Marking the beginning of the *holiday season*, Thanksgiving is also known as a day when people would start spending their money saved up for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. Thanksgiving today is a commercialized holiday and as such, has lost connection with its original meaning and values. The argument is that Thanksgiving is competing with Christmas as a candidate holiday. Just like Christmas, it is losing its philosophical significance and meaning, and is more about traditions, rituals, and spending money than family and community values.<sup>34</sup> In many sections of the United States of America Thanksgiving is still a holiday for people to come together and be grateful for good things that happened to them in the past year.

### **AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A NATION AMERICANS STILL HAVE REASONS TO BE THANKFUL!**

## 2. THE IDEA OF BEING THANKFUL

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33 Perry Ground, *The "First Thanksgiving"...or was it?* at <http://www.nynpa.com/docs/nie/ReThinkThanksgiving.pdf>.

34 John M. Grondelski, J., *The Commercialization of Thanksgiving—and So Much Else* in *Crisis Magazine* at <http://www.crisismagazine.com/2014/commercialization-thanksgiving-much-else>.

According to the history of the holiday, there is certainly a religious aspect to Thanksgiving. Progressives argue that this is not separation of church and state and have brainwashed many citizens to not see Thanksgiving as a holiday portraying a religious relationship. This is the reason many Americans have lost connection with the idea of giving thanks. Although over 70 percent of Americans consider themselves Christian, the proportion of people who attend church regularly is declining.<sup>35</sup> Just like religion, Thanksgiving is also losing its ties with the society. Thanksgiving is a distinctively Christian-culture holiday. Do Thanksgiving parameters mean that Thanksgiving cannot be celebrated by people who have a different faith? Should one religion simply make one holiday their own, or should they democratize the meaning of it in order to engage in building communities instead of building walls and excluding people?<sup>36</sup> These are questions that are not of volcanic importance. Thanksgiving is what its name states: a celebration of feelings and happening for which one is grateful. It is not and should not be restricted to groups of people, and it is and should also be a holiday that helps all people focus on positive matters.

In the midst of a commercialized world, the buzz and stress of the world, every person needs to reconnect with their lives, loved ones, and communities. Indeed, Buddhists, Jewish people, and even, yes even the cult of Muslims have texts that refer to being thankful for the gifts of life. However, regarding Muslims, it is only Muslim life for which one should be thankful. Even a yoga teacher would tell one's students to be thankful for the air they breathe, their bodies, and the health they enjoy. Thanksgiving must not be simply about saying thanks to whatever superior being one believes in, and being grateful for our lives. On an individual level, every person has something for which to be grateful. Even persons living alone on the streets, with no family looking after them, have something for which they can be grateful: their lives, the coins and dollar bills they receive from a stranger, and good words received from passers-by are spontaneous examples. Therefore, when looking at the general meaning of Thanksgiving, one can not only treat it as a

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<sup>35</sup> <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/09/13/what-surveys-say-about-worship-attendance-and-why-some-stay-home/>

<sup>36</sup> *Enjoy this distinctly Christian holiday we call Thanksgiving* at <http://coldcasechristianity.com/2013/enjoy-this-distinctly-christian-holiday-we-call-thanksgiving/>.

religious holiday, one can reconnect with not only American history, but also with one's community, fellow humans, and family.

**AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL THAT THANKSGIVING AS A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY  
SUPPORTS THEIR SPIRITS AND ASSISTS THEM IN BECOMING STEADFAST IN THEIR  
RELIGION!**

### 3. **WHY AMERICANS CAN BE GRATEFUL**

Americans take Thanksgiving more personally than the original tradition would suggest.<sup>37</sup> In 2014, the list of items people showed gratitude for during Thanksgiving were: You (one's partner), Life, People, Family, Everything, Love, Friends, Everyone, Today, **and** God. While this shows that people of America are embracing the holiday on a personal level, it also means that they might not think about gratitude very deeply. The list appears to be too general and superficial. For example, being grateful for friends is wonderful, but if we do not think beyond their existence, it is just a meaningless phrase thrown in during Thanksgiving dinner. Hopefully, many families today expand on their gratitude, and speak about matters that have helped them survive a crisis like poverty, unemployment, and grief just like the Pilgrims overcame their difficulties with their reliance on religion.

The rule of law is something for which every American should be grateful. The subordination of power to the legal system is the solid foundation of the American society and the democratic republic. It is one of the greatest achievement of the Founding Fathers. While several movements had to occur until complete equality in the legal system was achieved, it is important that Americans say thanks to the Forefathers on not giving up this dream. In particular, the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution for the United States of America* that guarantee the self-government of the country is an achievement that formed the society and political system of today's America. The freedom of speech and freedom of religion are also important achievements for which Americans should be grateful. Without

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<sup>37</sup>Janice Somosot, *Thanksgiving 2014: Top 10 Things Americans Are Most Thankful For* at <http://www.ibtimes.com.au/thanksgiving-2014-top-10-things-americans-are-most-thankful-1386983>.



these achievements, people would still be living in fear, just like in some parts of the world, where Christians are still prosecuted, and journalists mysteriously disappear after uncovering political conspiracies.

One of the first thankful thoughts Americans should have on Thanksgiving Day 2015 is that they live in a democratic republic. Considering some devastating wars, such as is presently transpiring in Syria, Americans should be happy that their homeland is not yet a place of military action, and that they do not have to face death every time they go out on the street, unless one lives in one of the murder capitals of America. Despite calls to kill the police and kill the crackers (white people) because of the hate speech sewn by race-baiters from the leadership on down to the dumb followers, Americans should be grateful for the relative peace that their country enjoys.<sup>38</sup>

**AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL FOR AMERICA'S STILL STRONG POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, ITS MILITARY POWER THAT STILL DETERS WAR, AT LEAST WAR IN AMERICA, AND THE ALLIANCES THAT HAVE BEEN FORGED TO CREATE SAFETY FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS!**

### 3.1 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICANISM

38 America's murder capitals are: 30 [Baton Rouge, LA](#); 29 [Youngstown, OH](#); 28 [San Bernardino, CA](#); 27 [Oakland, CA](#); 26 [Barberton, OH](#); 25 [Poughkeepsie, NY](#); 24 [Cincinnati, OH](#); 23 [Petersburg, VA](#); 22 [Wilmington, DE](#); 21 [York, PA](#); 20 [East Palo Alto, CA](#); 19 [Jackson, MS](#); 18 [Wilkes-Barre, PA](#); 17 [Birmingham, AL](#); 16 [East Point, GA](#); 15 [East Chicago, IN](#); 14 [Compton, CA](#); 13 [Baltimore, MD](#); 12 [St. Louis, MO](#); 11 [Harvey, IL](#); 10 [Newark, NJ](#); 9 [New Orleans, LA](#); 8 [Trenton, NJ](#); 7 [Detroit, MI](#); 6 [Flint, MI](#); 5 [Saginaw, MI](#); 4 [Chester, PA](#); 3 [Gary, IN](#); 2 [Camden, NJ](#); 1 [East St. Louis, IL](#)

Source: <http://www.neighborhoodscout.com/top-lists/highest-murder-rate-cities/> Well-known American race-baiters are: Barack Hussein Obama, John Conyers, Harry Belafonte, Maxine Waters, Kweisi Mfume, Al Sharpton, The NAACP, Sheila Jackson Lee, Louis Farrakhan, Ray Nagin, Kanye West, Julian Bond, Charles Rangel, Jesse Jackson, Donna Brazille. Go to <http://www.joeclarke.net/2005/09/top-ten-racists-race-baiters-no-bill.html>, <http://www.hardhatters.com/2013/11/top-ten-biggest-race-baiters-2013/> for information concerning these race-baiters of the past and the present. Furthermore, race-baiters do not publicize these facts, this showing their hypocrisy:

1. America's first black military officers served the Confederacy.
2. The first legally recognized slave owner in American history was black.
3. Free blacks commonly owned black slaves in the antebellum South.
4. In 1860 the largest slave owner in South Carolina was William Ellison, a black plantation owner.
5. Without black African slave owners there would have been no slavery in America.
6. Blacks, including slaves, were allowed to own property in the antebellum South.

Source: <http://clashdaily.com/2015/04/you-dont-say-black-history-they-dont-want-you-to-know-pt-1/>

Americans should also be grateful for their self-earned democratic republic. Unlike other countries in the world, there is freedom of speech, and the United States of America ever focuses on laws guaranteeing creating equal rights for all citizens. Instead of being told what to think and how to behave, Americans enjoy a great level of freedom, free from convictions and prejudice. Democratic republicanism is one of the greatest achievements of humanity. It allows people to make plans for their future, receive an education, obtain employment, and be free from prejudice and social restrictions. Although there is no perfect democratic republic, Americans enjoy freedom on a level that is not common in any other country.

### **AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENT!**

#### **3.2 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

Americans should also say gratitude for the educational opportunity that is constantly improving. This is not present in every country, and it is also inaccessible for some groups and social classes in some countries. Girls, in particular, should be grateful for being able to learn in school, instead of being restricted to staying at home and getting married early to become a homemaker or be forced-married to their husbands so that they can become slaves and baby-producing machines like the young women in Islamic countries. Education empowers people. It helps them achieve their goals through self-development. Funded by the various tax structures, schools focus on helping children realize their true potential and pursue their dreams. This, itself, is something that all Americans should be thankful for this Thanksgiving. In spite of the DemocRAT-Party-sponsored Common Core education programs that dumb down pupils and students, America does have exceptional educators who realize that a student has a particular interest in a topic or talent for one subject. Without such educational inspiration and encouragement, many children would not have graduated from high school, studied at a college or university, and received well-paid employment. The lack of social class restrictions and the fact that basic educational opportunity to receive an advanced education is provided for each American citizen make it possible to become more educated, and

better paid than one's parents. However, Americans must not forget that there is no such reality that education is free or that studying at a university or college costs nothing. Somewhere, and at some time, someone pays. Therefore, be wary of the free university education politics of out-of-touch-of-reality Socialist/Communist Bernie Sanders and his ilk. Nothing is free!

### **AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!**

#### **3.3 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

*The United States of America is a country where the principles of equality in the legal system, in the educational system, and in the employment market are taken extremely seriously. While no policies are perfect, and systems fail, the fact that there are rules and legislation in place to provide equal treatment for all American citizens, even illegal immigrants, means that the country does everything possible to provide equal opportunities for people from all backgrounds. Today, thanks to the democratic-republican movements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in the legal system minorities and women have the same rights as the majorities and the males. While some argue that there is still a wage gap, the reality is that the “gender pay gap” is one of the most persistent myths<sup>39</sup> put about by feminists and social justice warriors. It has been comprehensively debunked.<sup>40</sup> In the United Kingdom and in the United States of America, women in their 30s are actually paid more than men for the same work<sup>41</sup>.*

**AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL FOR ALL OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES THEY  
HAVE!**

#### **3.4 TOLERANCE**

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39 <http://time.com/3222543/5-feminist-myths-that-will-not-die/>

40 [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christina-hoff-sommers/wage-gap\\_b\\_2073804.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christina-hoff-sommers/wage-gap_b_2073804.html).

41 <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2841740/Now-women-30s-earning-men-time-female-workers-staving-gender-pay-gap-having-family-later-life.html>. See also [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christina-hoff-sommers/wage-gap\\_b\\_2073804.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/christina-hoff-sommers/wage-gap_b_2073804.html).

One of the main characteristics of the American nation is that it is a blend of ethnicities, and indeed – apart from Native Americans – all other legal citizens are considered to be non-native. The ethnic diversity of the nation provides the country with great advantages. By welcoming people from all over the world, America has managed to embrace a culture of tolerance and community-building. Americans should be thankful for this achievement, as well. The fact that America was/is the number one destination of European and Asian immigrants suggests that it is a country where diversity is accepted, and people can achieve their full potential, provided they are willing to work hard. However, the trait is changing. People are coming to the United States because they want the *free stuff* the DemocrATS and the progressives have promised them.

Showing tolerance is a positive action. However, Americans should learn when to show tolerance and whom to tolerate. Americans cannot tolerate any belief or organization that has as its goal the extinction of the *Constitution for the United States of America* and its replacement with Islamic Sharia law. This would be an act of collective suicide.

**AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL FOR BEING TOLERANTLY RESPONSIBLE WITH A  
BACKBONE OF COURAGE TO SEE THROUGH THE RUSES OF THEIR ENEMIES!**

**4. CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING ON AN INDIVIDUAL OR COMMUNITY LEVEL**

Gratitude is a positive feeling. It helps people focus on the good things instead of the imperfections of their lives. Gratitude is a personality trait.<sup>42</sup> That stated, it leads to more positive relations with the environment, country, and the self. Gratitude is also considered to be a virtue, therefore, being able to say thanks is a behavior that should be encouraged. Thanksgiving is for encouraging this positive behavior pattern on a personal level. It is a celebration that should be kept alive, and its values, roots, and philosophical foundations should be communicated by the media and public officials.

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<sup>42</sup> Robert C. Roberts, *The Normative and the Empirical in the Study of Gratitude*, <http://www.baylor.edu/philosophy/doc.php/207932.pdf>, passim.

Gratitude on the individual level also helps people realize the positive conditions provided by the environment that allowed them to achieve something. Going back to the first Thanksgiving, it is clear that the rain was not the only happening that made it possible for the Pilgrims to hold a feast. They also had to have a community spirit, and they had to organize their groups to successfully complete the harvest, share the crops, and plan the celebrations. There had to be a leader who came up with the idea of the celebration in order to improve group cohesion, and revive the community spirit after the misfortunes the Pilgrims suffered in the preceding year.

On a community level, there are plenty of reasons for Americans to celebrate, such as the building of a new community center in the neighborhood, a new pastor who supports the less fortunate, or an educator who takes time to sit down with under-achieving pupils and students to help them learn. Likewise, communities can also celebrate the achievements of the American democratic republic, such as their influence on the local government for allowing the construction of a supermarket-shopping center nearby, or not allowing the building of a mosque, or not allowing a company to erect a polluting plant in the neighborhood. When people look at their lives, and their community, they can certainly list dozens of items for which they never thought about being grateful.

One of the main issues with American society is that people tend to take much for granted, without considering the sacrifices that led to achieving them. “There are countries where people are not likely to have access to the things we take for granted every day: toothpaste and toothbrushes, makeup, curling irons, soap, not to mention food and clothing”.<sup>43</sup> Americans simply throw away 140 million cell phones a year; cell phones that people in other countries would treasure. Thanksgiving should not be the only day when we are showing gratitude, just like Christmas should not be the only time when we show love and give people gifts. All Americans as a part of the nation, as a part of a community, indeed, as individuals should establish a daily

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43 Molly Larkin, *Do We Take For Granted The American Lifestyle? If So, Here Are 10 Things To Help Us Mend Our Ways*. Blog. at <http://www.mollylarkin.com/do-we-take-for-granted-the-american-lifestyle-if-so-here-are-10-things-to-help-us-mend-our-ways>. Consult also <http://www.debbieschlussel.com/75961/thanksgiving-14-thankful-for-freedom-g-d-and-that-obamas-gone-in-2/> <http://www.debbieschlussel.com/67598/thanksgiving-2013-thankful-we-are-still-free-worried-about-americas-future-thankful-obama-is-gone-in-3/>

practice of gratitude which is easier said than done. Americans today are too busy working, making a living, and looking after their families, or living off welfare and searching for as much *free stuff* as they can get from the state and national governments. Thus, they hardly have any time to take the seldom opportunity of a step back and reflect on what they have. Even those who are living in poverty in America can say that they have more than a slum-dweller in India. They certainly get more help from social services, government organizations, and charities than those people left in Third World Countries to fend for themselves.

On an individual level, Americans need not dig deep to discover for what they should be grateful. Students should certainly be grateful for the opportunity that is denied millions of adolescents worldwide. Those who have work should be grateful for the opportunity they were given by the employer. Those who have friends that support them should not only say that they show gratitude for them, but also state the reasons. Americans value the possession of things, but individual actions and events define our world more than abstract phrases and the possession of things. Friends who help out when one is in crisis are worth more than money. Children make us proud not simply because they exist, but because of their ambitions.

Every person who can celebrate Thanksgiving surrounded by the family should show gratitude for being close to their loved ones. It might be useful this Thanksgiving for many Americans to reflect on the Syrian refugee crisis, considering how it would feel being separated from family members in camps around Europe. Those with a home should be grateful for the shelter; something that many Americans again take for granted.

**AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL FOR THEIR FREEDOMS THAT ALLOW FOR THE  
MAKING OF ONE'S OWN DECISIONS CONCERNING ONE'S OWN LIFE!**

**5. REFLECTION ON PERSONAL AND NATIONAL GRATITUDE**

Robert C. Roberts in *The Normative and the Empirical in the Study of Gratitude* referenced above, provides an interesting review of the feeling gratitude that highlights some important aspects of giving thanks. Thanksgiving is an active expression of gratitude. Thanksgiving is an action on an emotional level, based on reflecting on one's life. As such, Thanksgiving should give Americans a chance to take reflective time and see their gifts of life as they are. Gratitude and giving thanks can often be described by other phrases, such as appreciation of people, or valuing achievements. However, the main argument is that Thanksgiving is a state of mind and an attitude. Attitudes can be strengthened by practice, which means that the more seriously Americans take the giving of thanks, the more benefits they can get from the celebration of Thanksgiving.

### **AMERICANS CAN BE THANKFUL FOR THANKSGIVING!**

#### **6. CONCLUSION TO PART TWO**

The American traditions related to Thanksgiving, as well as the historical achievements of the nation have revealed that people of the Republic the United States of America have plenty for which to be joyful and grateful. Saying thanks for the democratic republic, tolerance, and freedom should be the first on everyone's list this Thanksgiving. One does not necessarily need to know every detail of American history to appreciate the great achievements in America's development. One does not even need to be religious and pray before enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner, although prayer never hurt anyone, including atheists. Indeed, expressing gratitude has a positive impact on one's state of mind. The holiday of Thanksgiving 2015 should not be about endless shopping at the closest mall, but about the appreciation of the gifts provided on a community, national, and personal level. Thanksgiving should be based on people's willingness to take a step back from their lives, reflect upon their achievements, and show their appreciation for the security, opportunity, and order provided by their government, the support of their community, and the love of their family members. Americans certainly need to stop taking matters for granted and appreciate them. Reflecting on lives of less fortunate people living in poverty-struck or war-hit countries would be a good start of Thanksgiving 2015.

**There is one exceedingly important matter for which Americans can be thankful for on Thanksgiving 2015: there will be only 422 more days left until Barack Hussein Obama leaves office!**

### **BE THANKFUL**

Be thankful!  
It is Noble in the mind to suffer  
The Slings and Arrows of outrageous Obama ill fortune,  
And to take Arms against a Sea of Obama troubles,  
And by opposing, end them.  
No more of them we say; we end  
The Obama-caused Heart-ache, and the thousand Obama shocks.  
That American Patriotic Flesh is heir to.



**I wish all patriotic Americans a meaningful Thanksgiving 2015!**

Frederick William Dame  
Patriotic, Steadfast, and True  
November 21, 2015