

FUN & PHILOSOPHY

Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood – the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

– *Theodore Roosevelt*

If she [America] forgets where she came from, if the people lose sight of what brought them along, if she listens to the deniers and mockers, then will begin the rot and dissolution.

– *Carl Sandburg*

The only freedom which deserves the name, is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it.

– *John Stuart Mill*

Those of us who shout the loudest about Americanism in making character assassinations are all too frequently those who, by our own words and acts, ignore some of the basic principles of Americanism –

- The right to criticize.
- The right to hold unpopular beliefs.
- The right to protest.
- The right of independent thought.

– *Margaret Chase Smith*

Let's face it. Let's talk sense to the American people. Let's tell them the truth, that there are no gains without pains, that we are now on the eve of great decisions, not easy decisions, like resistance when you're attacked, but a long, patient, costly struggle which alone can assure triumph over the great enemies of man – war, poverty and tyranny – and the assaults upon human dignity which are the most grievous consequences of each.

– *Adlai Ewing Stevenson*

Yet we can maintain a free society only if we recognize that in a free society no one can win all the time. No one can have his own way all the time, and no one is right all the time.

– *Richard Milhous Nixon*

We defend and we build a way of life, not for America alone, but for all mankind.

– *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

The more minimal the art, the more maximum the explanation.

– *Hilton Kramer*

For the American people are a very generous people and will forgive almost any weakness, with the possible exception of stupidity.

– *Will Rogers*

A man's worst difficulties begin when he is able to do as he likes.

– *Thomas Henry Huxley*

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.

– *Thomas Paine*

For the great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie – deliberate, contrived, and dishonest – but the myth – persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic. Too often we hold fast to the clichés of our forebears. We subject all facts to a prefabricated set of interpretations. We enjoy the comfort of opinions without the discomfort of thought.

– *John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.

– *Samuel Johnson*



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