

**ROY D. MERRITT FOR U. S. PRESIDENT**  
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- I'm Roy Merritt and I am running as a candidate for the presidency of the U. S. A. in 2024
- Thomas Jefferson, America's Third President and the founder of the Democratic Party stated that one man with courage is a majority." "In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current." Although I tend to like and appreciate few quotes of Jefferson, I stand resolute like a rock on the aforementioned ones
- And, it is certainly time that American presidential candidates and presidents be brutally frank and honest with the American people. I know that I have been thus with the people of New Mexico
- For example, I have already told you that I consider you poor citizens. Although many of you feel that you are special, you are the most "un-special" people on Planet Earth. You lack many of the characteristics of good citizens. You are lacking in faith, passion and "class." If you are the worth of our nation, then we are not worth much as a country
- Many, if not most of you, feel that you are "superior"—above others. You consider yourself better than your peers, when you are clearly not. You are too proud—"too good" to humble yourself. You have no humility and will not demean yourself for your country or before your fellow citizens. You will not get down on your knees for any reason—even to pray
- You are not sound—solid—citizens, and are characterized by poor fellowship. You are very uncivilized and unsociable, inhumane, discourteous and mean-spirited. You are immoral, corrupt, hateful, treacherous, and cruel. You are not law-abiding. You are "wild seed"—the most unruly of men. You are full of vices, guile, reproach and hypocrisy. Your behavior is antithetical to a peaceful national livelihood
- You are ingrates and are unconcerned with the common good. You over-emphasize your material and monetary welfare. You desire no pain but expect full gain. You're constantly asking, "Where's mine?" Instead of "all for one and one for all," it's "me for me and no one else." As American citizens, you need to be less selfish and more selfless. You should always take consideration of others

• You are generally satisfied and fulfilled wearing a blue collar. You typically have untrained minds and are not desirous of a good education. You are illiterate in the language of the land and are lacking in ambition and resolve. You are typically unable to pull your own weight. You are irresponsible and are incompetent throttlebottoms. You are unskilled, and your work and workmanship exhibit poor functional quality

• You are unpatriotic and have no love for your country. You display no civic duty and feel none of the obligations of citizenship. You are averse to the rights of other citizens and are unconcerned with the aggregate interests of society as a whole. You have no appreciation of the guaranteed rights, freedoms and protections afforded to you by the U. S. Constitution. You are bigoted and highly discriminatory. You seem to garner pleasure from irritating, harassing, aggravating and persecuting your fellowmen

• The American poet and philanthropist Emma Lazarus (1849-87) penned the most often quoted plea to the citizens of the world in her poem *The New Colossus: Inscription for the Statue of Liberty, New York Harbor*:

*“Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tossed to me:  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”*

• Today is a different day and age. I don’t know if this appeal was ever advised. It was certainly not a wise request, even in the time period in which it was made. You have certainly never heard a presidential candidate, or heaven forbid, a president of the U. S. A. make such a request and you never will. Neither our country, nor Planet Earth, can any longer afford such a stupid and ill-advised philosophical entreaty

• You will not hear such a supplication in this context ever again. No one will ask another country for their poor, inferior, and dumb. Instead, you will hear: “Give me your brilliant, literate, hard-working, skilled and competent, responsible, ambitious, and passionate. Give me your humble, selfless and faithful. Give me your patriotic, civil, courteous and sociable.”

• And, to make it even clearer, you might hear something like this: “Keep your uneducated, illiterate, unskilled, unambitious, incompetent, undutiful, irresponsible,

unfaithful, immoral, ungrateful, prideful, guileful, unappreciative, selfish, and treacherous. Retain your inhumane, uncivil, wild, unruly, corrupt, mean, nasty and cruel. Hang on to your bigoted, hateful, discourteous, inconsiderate, unsociable, and psychopathic.”

- America’s “Founding Fathers” did give us some guidance in the types of citizens that they endeavored to attract. George Washington, our First President and the “Father of Our Country” said: “Let us raise a standard for which the wise and honest can repair.” He went on to say that, “...the United States requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.” Washington added: “[May those...] who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.”

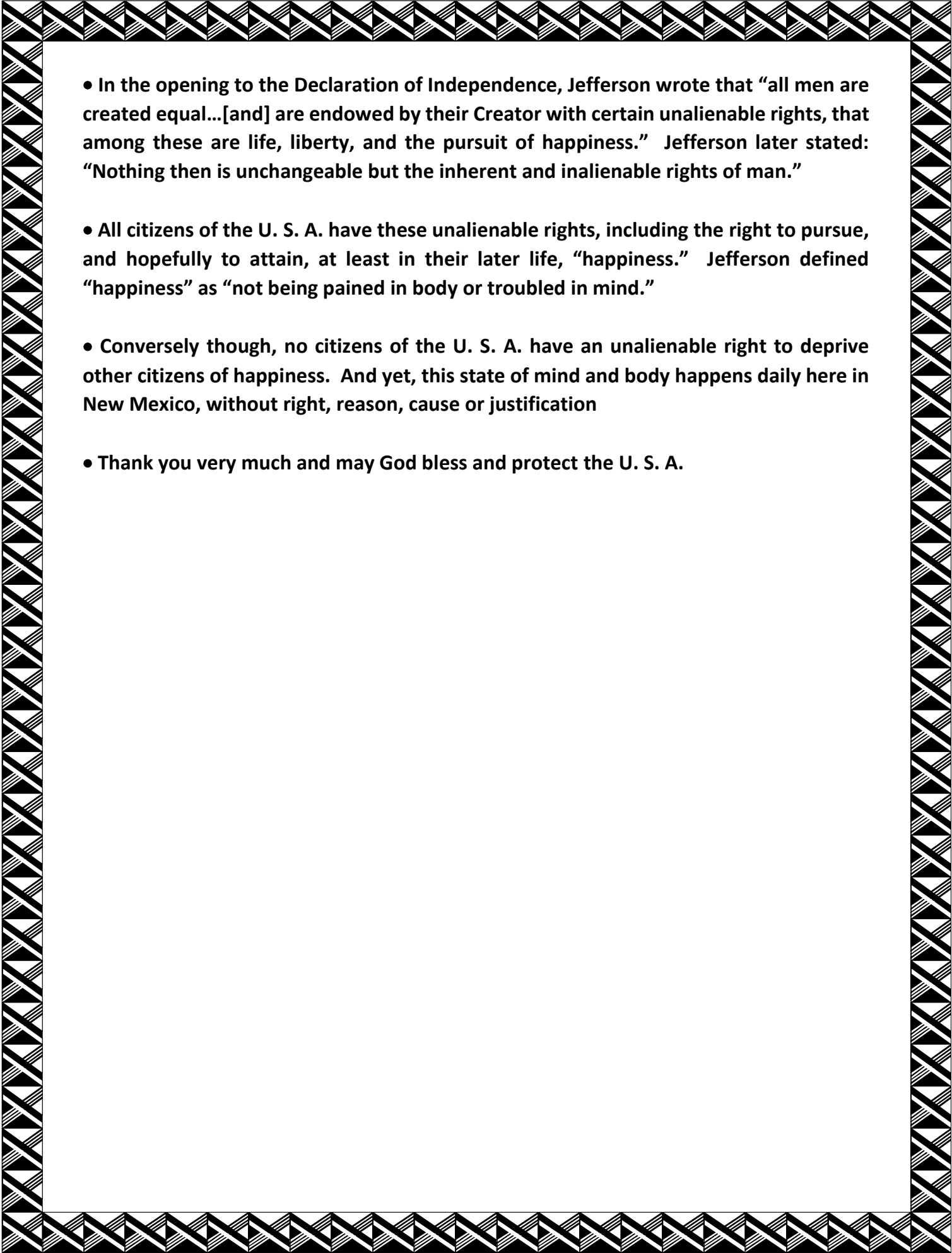
- From the very beginnings of our nation, the idea of individual property rights was of critical priority as a requisite of citizenship. Washington stated: “The time is now near at hand which must probably determine...whether [Americans] are to have property they can call their own; whether their Houses, and Farms, are to be pillaged and destroyed, and they consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will probably deliver them.”

- John Adams, America’s Second President stated it more succinctly: “The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God...anarchy and tyranny commence.”

- Washington further cautioned: “...let there be no change by usurpation: it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed.”

- Washington concluded that “the bosom of America is open to receive...the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions, when we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges, IF [and, parenthetically, this is a big “if”] by decency and propriety of conduct they appear to merit the enjoyment.”

- The American politician, diplomat and orator, Daniel Webster (1782-1852), in a speech at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on December 22, 1820, declared that “whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.”



- In the opening to the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson wrote that “all men are created equal...[and] are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Jefferson later stated: “Nothing then is unchangeable but the inherent and inalienable rights of man.”

- All citizens of the U. S. A. have these unalienable rights, including the right to pursue, and hopefully to attain, at least in their later life, “happiness.” Jefferson defined “happiness” as “not being pained in body or troubled in mind.”

- Conversely though, no citizens of the U. S. A. have an unalienable right to deprive other citizens of happiness. And yet, this state of mind and body happens daily here in New Mexico, without right, reason, cause or justification

- Thank you very much and may God bless and protect the U. S. A.