

Foundationalist No. 1

Introduction

The American Manifesto: An Introduction to Foundationalism: A Common Sense Approach to Good Government and Social Well-Being is a book with many layers. It introduces a new political philosophy called Foundationalism. Foundationalism is explained by presenting the problem and establishing a specific measurable solution to that problem. In the numeration of these solutions, *The American Manifesto* demonstrates that the political paralysis gripping today's United States is the manifestation of an artificial aristocracy that has invaded Washington, D.C. and taken our government away from We, the People. Lastly, it tries to motivate We, the People to action by demonstrating how far we have digressed from the intent of our Founding Fathers and our nations foundations, more specifically the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of The United States.

In writing *The American Manifesto* and explaining Foundationalism, the necessity to provide detail on specific issues not addressed in the book became obvious. The *Foundationalist Papers* are the forum we have chosen to present these details and to explain the principles and positions on other issues and topics.

The *Foundationalist Papers* will be presented in order to further explain our belief that there are solutions to today's problems. Just as Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay wrote the *Federalist Papers* to explain and gather support for the Constitution, we will be presenting new ideas about the problems facing our nation, and submitting real and workable solutions to those problems.

Reading *The American Manifesto* can be done in a relatively short amount of time. It is a short book, in that there are not many pages; having said that, each word on those few pages is of weighty importance. Each position, policy or solution builds on the principles and solutions already introduced in the book. For example, the campaign finance reform presented cannot occur without the voters being completely empowered in the voting process. It is therefore, recommended that the book be initially read in the chapter order it was written.

The reader may also want to pace themselves during the read. As we said before, each word carries with it a specific meaning vital to a complete understanding of Foundationalism. *The American Manifesto* was not written to be skimmed. Achieving an in-depth understanding of Foundationalism is best accomplished by reading one or two chapters per week. This pace allows the reader time to think about and reflect upon the concepts introduced in those chapters before carrying on to the next chapters.

It will do the reader well to understand that we are placing the burden to make these solutions work on each and every American citizen. The time has arrived for the silent majority to stand up and act. We, as Americans must realize and accept the fact that with ultimate freedom comes enormous responsibility. We have all heard the phrase, "freedom isn't free." This phrase is most commonly used to garner support for our military men and women. We submit there is a far deeper meaning in these three words: Every American has a responsibility to posterity to act responsibly and participate in their government. Being uninformed and apathetic toward our government is completely unacceptable. With every American becoming involved in the process, the quantity of new and innovative ideas dictates that many of those ideas will be outstanding. The authors revel in the potential changes that the American people can enact. The opportunity is ours to determine the direction and future of our nation and the world.

As enlightened patriots, we must send a message to our elected representatives and other government officials that the political status-quo is about to change. The days of the career politician are coming to an end. The time has come and the time is right for all Americans to come together to make the entire world a better place for individuals to pursue their own happiness.

We must begin a new period in our nation's history. Men and women of vision need to be found to guide us into the future. There are many bright and qualified Americans with the vision necessary to create these changes, and if given a level playing field, can lead our nation and the world. It's time for the American people to develop that level playing field for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

The United States is in desperate need of a philosophy that restores faith and optimism for the future. Foundationalism provides the vision to continue America's greatness and to make the whole world a better place.

Americans must eliminate from our lives the tendency to define our fellow citizens as right, left, moderate, liberal, or any other term that tends to polarize our acceptance of one another. We must not be right, center or left. We must be correct.

We encourage each and every American to become part of the process; and in becoming part of the process, you become part of the solution. Never allow yourself to believe your vote doesn't count or one person cannot make a difference. If you believe you have an idea that solves a problem or improves an aspect of life, you have an obligation to let people know your thoughts and ideas. Get involved and be willing to stand up and be counted. It's up to you!

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