

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

[We Hold These Truths](#) is a groundbreaking, nationwide effort to promote freedom, equality, and democracy by providing Americans with clear, reliable, and accessible facts about the protections provided under the U.S. Constitution for all people and the work required to safeguard our freedoms and nation's ideals.

The initiative launched on July 4, 2025, with [full-page ads](#) running in The New York Times, Arizona Republic, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dallas Morning News, and San Francisco Chronicle, which reached millions of Americans on Independence Day. And on Constitution Day 2025, ads also ran in the Wall Street Journal and Financial Times.

The initiative promotes civic education and information to encourage engagement by all Americans committed to our democracy and shared future. The effort urges all Americans to join by reading, sharing, and committing to defending these values. Since its launch, **more than 22,000 supporters of varying ideological backgrounds** have signed the pledge to support our shared values.



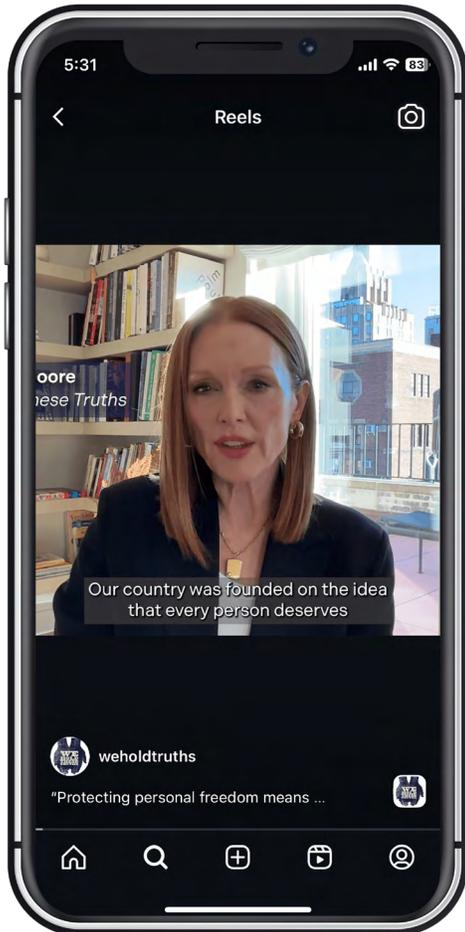
As our nation marked the fifth anniversary of the January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, we launched the **250 Pledge**. The pledge's goal is to capture hundreds of thousands of new signers in 2026, as the nation marks 250 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

"We Hold These Truths" highlights enduring principles, including:

- **Personal Freedoms:** Upholding free speech, fair criminal justice, and personal autonomy.
- **Equality:** Guaranteeing equal rights and opportunities for every American, recognizing that freedom depends on equality for all.
- **Democracy and Elections:** Supporting accessible voting, honoring election results, and protecting the peaceful transfer of power.
- **The Rule of Law:** Limiting government power through equality before the law, due process, judicial independence, and accountability.
- **Separation of Powers:** Ensuring no branch of government exceeds its constitutional authority, preserving checks and balances.



Since its launch, We Hold These Truths has partnered with public leaders, actors, authors, and activists on a **multimedia campaign** in support of principles and civic values that are increasingly under threat today. Videos to date include: [Stacey Abrams](#), [Reshma Saujani](#), and [Julianne Moore](#). The campaign shared videos across the initiative's [X](#), [Bluesky](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) channels.



During **Banned Books Week**, the initiative shared a video from [Jodi Picoult](#) that served as a reminder that when stories are silenced, so are the lessons they carry.

In a valuable show of **regulatory advocacy** and in response to the U.S. Department of Education's proposed Priority and Definitions on Promoting "Patriotic Education," We Hold These Truths engaged our community of supporters to [submit a letter](#) to the Federal Register with nearly 650 signatures urging the Department to withdraw the proposal on the basis that our public education system must not be grounded in prescriptive and revisionist ideology.

And in support of **peaceful protest and community building**, We Hold These Truths promoted the October 18, 2025, [No King Rallies](#) happening across the country, highlighting the importance of every person having freedom, equality, and a voice in our democracy.

Prominent supporters represent a distinguished and diverse coalition, including: former cabinet officials Deb Haaland, Christine Todd Whitman, and Pete Buttigieg; Gen. Wesley Clark (ret.), Martin Baron, Lynda Carter, Sharon McMahon, Brad Meltzer, Rep. Jamie Raskin, former Rep. Barbara Comstock, Stacey Abrams, Sophia Bush, Rachel Dratch, and Judge Thomas Griffith (ret.).

Co-chairs include: Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of U.C. Berkeley Law School; J. Michael Luttig, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (ret.); Skye Perryman, lawyer and President & CEO, Democracy Forward; and Lisa Tucker, Professor of Law, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law.



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