

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve (or transform) the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all humans are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. - That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Such has been the patient sufferance of the 99%; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to use their rights (of free speech and assembly) in an effort to alter their Systems of Government. The history of the present 1% is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these 99%. To prove this, let the Facts be submitted to a candid world.

- Whereas the top 1% of Americans receive 25% of the total annual income.
- Whereas the 400 richest Americans have a greater combined net worth than the bottom 150 million Americans.
- Whereas the United States has the highest degree of inequality in family income of any industrialized country. The United States is more unequal than Russia, China, Egypt, Ghana, and dozens of other countries we think of as *underdeveloped*.
- Whereas the United States has the most unequal executive compensation system of any industrialized country. American CEOs earn 475 times the pay of an entry-level worker.
- Whereas the top 1% of Americans own 40% of the total wealth (property, cash, stocks, bonds).
- Whereas the bottom 80% of Americans own only 15% of total wealth.
- Whereas the top 1% percent have seen their income rise 18% in the last decade while unemployment sinks further and further to all time lows.
- Whereas the 99% pays twice that of the top 1% in taxes, (income, federal, Medicare, social security, unemployment insurance taxes, sales tax, etc.).
- Whereas Corporations are not people, (i.e. citizens)
- Whereas Corporations export jobs, and therefore do not pay taxes in relation to said exported work.

- Whereas Corporations have denied low level and mid level employees growth in wages, yet the bank accounts of their CEOs continue to grow.
- Whereas Banks are not people, (i.e. citizens)
- Whereas the financial sphere has instituted policies that are unsustainable, and untrustworthy.
- Whereas there is an over all imbalance of wealth, and use of resources in the United States of America.
- Whereas Congress spent billions of dollars on an “Economic” bailout, and I haven’t seen a penny.

I hereby declare my state of dissatisfaction with this Government’s ability/competence to support my ability/capacity to make a fair wage, to pay fair taxes, to work a fair amount of hours per week and have a fair amount of leisure. I declare that my Government’s interest in the Financial Sphere has clouded its ability to remember its responsibility to me, a citizen of the United States of America. I declare that the current imbalance of effort given for wages earned has moved me to make a declaration of *Non-Dependence*. I understand that I vote with every dollar I spend. To show my dissatisfaction this Holiday Season I refuse to continue to vote with my hard earned yet meager dollars for the “Powers that Be”. All the gifts that I give will be made by me; or purchased and made locally. I have chosen to send this message in the form of a LOVE Bomb. **L.O.V.E.**, an acronym for **L**iberation from **O**ppression and **V**iolence **E**verywhere. The Bomb, a message in a package that destroys walls (of hatred), shakes foundations (of imaginary separation) and can be heard (I hope) loud and clear. I will continue to aggressively choose that which is best for the greater good. I will continue to choose the path of *Non-Dependence* against this addiction to consumption and greed. As for paying my taxes this year, I won’t decide until Congress, the people who I have voted for to “represent” me, remembers their duty, and finally makes some good choices for me and all the rest of us.

Yours truly,

a concerned citizen of the United States of America

Signed

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