

To: We the People

Our country needs to return to the basics. There used to be a saying about education - the three R's are the foundation - Reading, wRiting, and aRithmetic. Those were the basics for education. We as a country need to return to our foundation. The NEW three Rs are Rediscover, Rejuvenate, and Restore. These basics resonate with me - maybe you have your own three R's! We need to Rediscover the foundation of our country. Go back and relearn history and get the real story. It has been distorted over the years, removing God from everything. Our ancestors came here originally for religious freedom, to worship God in their own way. They carved out a life from a dangerous wilderness and built communities that were free of interference from a tyrannical government - for the most part. They governed themselves for about 150 years before they once again felt the oppressive hand of a monarch. Educate yourselves on this beginning through books, podcasts, book studies, etc. I personally conduct two book studies - one on Monday at 9am EST at zoomtcdawn.com on the book Article the First of the Bill of Rights by Bryan Brickner, another on Thursday at 7pm EST at zoomtcdawn.com on the book Consent of the Governed by Jason W. Hoyt. I also collaborate with other patriots on an educational zoom show on Wednesday night at 8:30pm at www.educategrowglorify.com that covers different topics each week. We are all learning together about our history and how we can make a difference in our communities. The second R - Rejuvenate is how we must bring to life once again our vision for the future of our country. When our ancestors started the Revolution they were fighting for their own lives but also they were looking to the futures of their children and future generations. They believed in the promises of God and like the document says they envisioned "a more perfect union". They knew they were not perfect and what they were constructing was not perfect but they strived to give future generations a path to that "perfect union". We must ignite that feeling of new hope and expectation for a brighter and better future for the next generations. Finally the third R - Restore. How do we restore what our founders gave us? I believe the first step is returning to what our founding documents actually say. Look at the Declaration of Independence, read it, understand it, absorb what it means. Read the Constitution and you will learn just how far we have fallen away from it! We are no longer a functioning republic - what was given to us we have lost. The first words of the Declaration of Independence - We the People - written larger than the rest of the document on purpose to make sure everyone knows who this document was written by, for, and of. The main issue of our Revolution for Independence was all about REPRESENTATION! The cry was "No taxation without REPRESENTATION!" They of course objected to the taxes but that was not the main issue - they wanted to have a say in how they were governed. They had been self governing for 150 years and all of a sudden the Crown wanted to tell them what they could and could not do. Our founders knew the subject of REPRESENTATION must be a part of our government to make sure that We the People had a voice in how we governed. We do not have proper representation today - today the voice of the people has been reduced to the point of non existence. How can 435 representatives actually represent 340 million people? The true answer is THEY CAN'T! Our founders laid out what they thought was the best path to give We the People a voice in our government. In Article 1 Section 2 of the Constitution they instruct that the number of representatives "shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand". And in the articles sent for ratification to the states (what became our Bill of Rights) the very first article was on representation. They knew that our country would continue to grow in population and therefore there must be room for growth in the House (the PEOPLE'S House). That article was never ratified. There is a story behind that and it is explained on our website www.articlethefirstinitiative.com. I have joined with other citizens who care about the future of our country and want to return it to running as a republic - not the present form of oligarchy we are living with right now. If you want more information I encourage you to join us on a zoom or check out the website.

Sincerely,
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