

The 12 Values

- ✪ Honesty
- ✪ Reverence
- ✪ Hope
- ✪ Thrift
- ✪ Humility
- ✪ Charity
- ✪ Sincerity
- ✪ Moderation
- ✪ Hard Work
- ✪ Courage
- ✪ Personal Responsibility
- ✪ Gratitude

The 9.12 Project is designed to bring us all back to the place we were on September, 12, 2001. The day after America was attacked we were not obsessed with Red States, Blue States, or political parties. We were united as Americans, standing together as Americans to protect the greatest nation ever created.

That same feeling – that commitment to country is what we are hoping to foster with *The 9.12 Project*. We want to get everyone thinking like it is September 12th, 2001 again.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do you watch the direction that America is being taken in and feel powerless to stop it?
- Do you believe that your voice isn't loud enough to be heard above the noise anymore?
- Do you read the headlines everyday and feel an empty pit in your stomach...as if you're completely alone?

Well, you are NOT alone.

While the voices you hear in the distance may sound intimidating, as if they surround us from all sides—the reality is very different. Pull back the curtain, and you'll realize that there are only a few people pressing the buttons, and their voices are weak. The truth is that they don't surround us at all.

WE surround THEM.

America's famous *freedom formula* was based upon the framework of individual liberty under "People's Law" and an economy based on the free market principles of "prosperity economics". Thomas Jefferson described our governing system as one that governs from the bottom up and starts with "We the People."

"Problem solving", explained Jefferson, "rests first of all with the individual, then the family, then the community, then the region (county and state), and finally, the nation." The founders intended the federal government as the last resort to solving society's problems.

Jefferson also warned that "A government big enough to supply everything you need is big enough to take everything you have...The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases...when all government, domestic and foreign, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated."

The 9 Principles

1. **America Is Good.**
2. **I believe in God and He is the Center of my Life.** (and "God" need not be a religion, but any guiding force in your life) "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained." *from George Washington's first Inaugural address.*
3. **I must always try to be a more honest person than I was yesterday.**
"I hope that I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider to be the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." *George Washington*
4. **The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.**
"It is in the love of one's family only that heartfelt happiness is known. By a law of our nature, we cannot be happy without the endearing connections of a family." *Thomas Jefferson*
5. **If you break the law you pay the penalty. Justice is blind and no one is above it.**
"I deem one of the essential principles of our government... equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political." *Thomas Jefferson*
6. **I have a right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but there is no guarantee of equal results.**
"Everyone has a natural right to choose that vocation in life which he thinks most likely to give him comfortable subsistence." *Thomas Jefferson*
7. **I work hard for what I have and I will share it with who I want to. Government cannot force me to be charitable.**
"It is not everyone who asketh that deserveth charity; all however, are worth of the inquiry or the deserving may suffer." *George Washington*
8. **It is not un-American for me to disagree with authority or to share my personal opinion.**
"In a free and republican government, you cannot restrain the voice of the multitude; every man will speak as he thinks, or more properly without thinking." *George Washington*
9. **The government works for me. I do not answer to them, they answer to me.**
Who works for whom? "I consider the people who constitute a society or a nation as the source of all authority in that nation." *Thomas Jefferson*