

## **FOURTEEN REMARKS BY NOTABLE AMERICANS THAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT NOW**

**"The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance." Benjamin Franklin**

**"However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government . . . which have lifted them to unjust dominion. . . The common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it. (My italics) It serves always to distract the public councils, and enfeeble the public administration." George Washington**

**"I am conscious that an equal division of property is impracticable. But the consequences of this enormous inequality producing so much misery to the bulk of mankind, legislators cannot invent too many devices for subdividing property. . . . The earth is given as a common stock for man to labour and live on . It is not too soon to provide by every possible means that as few as possible shall be without a little portion of land. The small land holders are the most precious part of a state." Thomas Jefferson**

**"Of all the enemies of public liberty, war is perhaps the most to be dreaded, because . . . the means of defense against foreign danger historically have become the instruments of tyranny at home. . . . No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare. War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes [which are] known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few. James Madison**

**"The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe with blood for centuries. . . . In no instance have... the churches been guardians of the liberties of the people. . . Religion and government will both exist in greater purity, the less they are**

**mixed together.” James Madison**

**“In view of the Constitution, in the eye of the law, there is in this country no superior, dominant, ruling class of citizens. There is no caste here. Our Constitution is colorblind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens. . . . The humblest is the peer of the most powerful.” John Marshall**

**“He mocks the people who proposes that the government shall protect the rich and that they in turn will care for the laboring poor.” Grover Cleveland**

**Theodore Roosevelt wrote to his son, “This country will not be a permanently good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a reasonably good place for all of us to live in.”**

**“To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we thought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed. . . I hate a man who skins the land.” Theodore Roosevelt**

**“The work, my friend, is peace. More than an end of this war – an end to the beginnings of all wars.” Franklin D. Roosevelt**

**“If this nation is to be wise as well as strong. . . .then we. . . . must know all the facts and hear all the alternatives and listen to all the criticisms.” John F. Kennedy**

**“Our language is the reflection of ourselves. A language is an exact reflection of the character and growth of its speakers.” Caesar Chavez**

**“We are tied together in the single garment of destiny. . . I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be.” Martin Luther King**

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