

# Happy Independence Day

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We must know where we come from to know who we are. The 4th of July is our national holiday of greatest significance, though its meaning seems to be getting lost, and its importance downplayed. For me, the day is a solemn reminder that freedom isn't free.

*“God forbid we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion. The people cannot be all, and always, well informed. The part which is wrong will be discontented, in proportion to the importance of the facts they misconceive. If they remain quiet under such misconceptions, it is lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty. ...*

*And what country can preserve its liberties, if it's rulers are not warned from time to time, that this people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to the facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.”*

*Thomas Jefferson*

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