

What is Take Back Independence Day?

Take Back Independence Day is a nationwide, grassroots effort to restore the original message of Independence Day and reinvigorate the individualist spirit and skepticism of government which prevailed when the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4th, 1776. We are not part of any organization and are not paid for what we do.

Why are we doing this?

We as formerly free people are concerned by the creeping loss of freedoms and expansion of government over the past century. In particular we fear that the revolutionary, anti-authoritarian attitudes once associated with Independence Day have been replaced by the blind nationalism and complacency of "The Fourth of July." Consider the following examples of government depravity in America, and ask yourself if you can support this government:

- Roughly four in ten dollars spent in America in 2010 were spent by the government.
- In a time of high unemployment, Americans need government-issued licenses to work such jobs as manicurist, interior designer, florist, and hair stylist.
- The U.S. military has active operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, and Somalia, as well as bases in over a hundred countries.
- The Afghanistan war is the longest in U.S. history - longer than Vietnam, and longer than the Civil War, the First Gulf War, and both World Wars combined.
- Since its creation in 2003, the Department of Homeland "Security" has grown every year and now employs 216,000 people with an allotted 2011 budget of 98.8 billion dollars.
- The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world. With 5% of the world's population, the U.S. has 25% of the world's prisoners.
- Just 8% of federal prisoners are in for violent crimes, while most are drug offenders.

What should you do?

If you believe that federal agents represent you, if you think they work for you, if the crimes of this government remain unknown to you, then I would suggest that you allow this Fourth of July to pass as any other. But if you see what we see, if you feel as we feel, and if you would seek as we seek, then we ask you to join us. Arm yourself with knowledge, and wake up your friends if you believe they deserve it. Take action while there's still time, because our country is headed in the wrong direction and you need to know it. Voting for Republicans and Democrats will not save you. Take a look, read a book, and open your eyes. Google terms like "Quantitative Easing Explained," "Regulatory Capture," "Voluntaryism," "Antiwar," and "Market Anarchism." Pick up a copy of *The Road to Serfdom*, *Economics in One Lesson*, *Atlas Shrugged*, or *Liberty Defined*. Dare to imagine a world where individuals think and act for themselves, without government monitorship and permissions. When you understand the ideas of liberty, you will know how to advance them as well.