

Why I Am Proud of My Country

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There is no such thing as a perfect country, but there are always reasons to be proud. From the founding fathers to Barrack Obama, the quest to be great has always existed. As one song goes, "I'm proud to be an American because at least I know I'm free."

We started out as thirteen colonies who bravely separated themselves from a world power, the Britain Empire. We inspired the declaration of independence of countries around the world. Even today, world governments try to emulate us. However, the question remains: Why is that? What is so great about us? What is it that makes a person proud of America, exactly? We have trees and flowers, like any other country. We are all made up of humans. We have had wars, droughts and depression like any other country, yet, people around the world break their backs just to come here. Why?

It is because of our systems, the checks and balances that keep this country in order. When we broke away from Britain, we didn't want to end up exactly like them. This is why we worked so hard to create a government in which people have say and the working people are the powerful ones. US citizens make take this for granted, but citizens of different countries of the world dream of living in such a system. This is why we wrote a document containing the Bill of Rights. This document is why I am proud of my country. It says it all in the first Amendment: "*Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press and Assembly, and Petition.*"

I am proud of my country because we keep the values of our founding fathers alive. We can decide and change something we feel is unconstitutional, not only as a privilege but, as a right.

America, though has made mistakes as a country, always maintains honor and integrity by keeping ourselves in line by our systems. There are no dictators, no unfair tyrants, no prosecutions for expressing one's thoughts regarding a national matter.

We've got a pretty good deal in America.