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Maintaining Core Values In America

The great United States of America was built upon core values instilled in its culture by the Founding Fathers, colonists, Puritans, and other people who voyaged to the New World. Two of these vital values in America's culture are equality and productivity. In the Declaration of Independence, it states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal" (Declaration of Independence). Ever since the founding of this country, equality among all of its citizens has been a core value. Secondly, Americans admire productivity from leaders and ordinary people. For example, George Washington inoculated his militia with smallpox in order to save his soldiers' lives. By taking this action he saved thousands of Patriots that could then fight for longer in the Revolutionary War. These core values of equality and productivity that were essential during the rise of America are currently being lived up to by its modern citizens.

Equality is an essential value that has always been sincerely desired and obtained by Americans. In December of 2018, President Donald J. Trump passed the First Step Act. "The First Step Act enacted commonsense reforms to make our justice system fairer and help inmates successfully transition back into society" (President Donald J. Trump Is). The First Step Act shortened prison sentences, helped transition inmates back into society, and provided a more fair justice system. "91 percent of the inmates whose sentences were shortened were African American" (Telusma, Blue). Not only were their sentences shortened, they were also helped to

adjust smoothly back into society, therefore, aiding the African-American community greatly. Furthermore, President Trump is also fighting for LGBTQ+ rights. On June 1st 2019, he proclaimed, “My Administration has launched a global campaign to decriminalize homosexuality and invites all nations to join us in this effort” (Statement from the President). President Trump is encouraging regular US citizens to be more accepting of and to treat any LGBTQ+ member with respect. America’s current leader is pushing for equality among all of its citizens, regardless of their ethnicity and/or sexual orientation.



The US is fighting for equality across the nation, but to do so, Americans must be productive. Being productive is another core value of Americans today. Covid-19 is a virus that has spread across the globe and has challenged scientists to create a vaccine. As described by the New York Times, “Scientists are racing to produce a safe and effective coronavirus vaccine by next year. Researchers are testing 37 vaccines in clinical trials on humans” (Corum, Jonathan). These scientists are using their time wisely and efficiently to help humanity. Creating a vaccine would allow public restaurants and stores to open, self-isolation would be lifted and life would return to normal before the virus outbreak. Another way that America is staying productive is by

currently fostering a robust economy. “The African American, Asian American, and Hispanic American unemployment rates all fell to record lows in 2018” (President Donald J. Trump Has). America is filled with hard working citizens that strive to have a job and maintain a steady income to support themselves and/or their families financially. This also helps to foster a robust economy and promotes the crucial value of being productive. Clearly then, it is required for a successful nation to be productive in everything from medicine, technology, and creating jobs.



As one can see, values that built the great nation of America are still in action today and are followed by its modern citizens. America is a progressive country filled with patriotic citizens that are constantly fighting for equality. Americans can continue to better modern society and create a sense of community and kinship. For America to be a successful country, its citizens must maintain the core values of equality and productivity. Maintaining these core values builds unity and a sense of community throughout the nation and will help America to tackle more problems.

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