

Are you proud of our country?

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness....” This excerpt is from the Declaration of Independence. More clearly, it states that you should always give men and women the same opportunities, and respect their rights. Would you be proud that the builders of our country signed that? Are you proud of our country? I am.

Even when our country has done something wrong, we've tried to make up for it. After all, we're only human. A long time ago, women couldn't go to college. But now we can. I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't learn past high school. The more I learn, the more I want to learn. An even better example is around the 1800s when we were so mean to the Indians, I can't believe it happened. But then we realized how cruel it was, and tried to help them. Of course it didn't totally correct a mistake, but we tried.

Something else to be proud of is how hard we've worked to help other countries. For instance how about what we are doing right now to help rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan. According to Wikipedia, so far we've given Iraq \$62 billion and Afghanistan \$72 billion. We have also offered our services to them if they need any more help. I'm proud that our country helps others and not just ourselves.

I know both of my Great-Grandpas fought in World War II! My Great-Grandpa Gordon got a Purple Heart and Silver Star for being one of many representing our country in war. A silver star and purple heart are both honors to get, a purple heart means you were wounded in battle and a silver star means that while fighting in the army you put yourself in risk. My Great-Grandpa Jake did maintenance on planes, and my Great-Grandma Marian was a nurse in the same war. All of our ancestors are a part of our country.

So are you proud of your country? Are you proud of the United States of America? I don't know about you, but I sure am! We've established our own country and fought to keep it, to honor the Declaration of Independence.