

This year America turns 250 years old. That may sound old, but in basic countries/civilizations of the world mathematics, 250 years puts our country still in diapers and just learning to walk. I mean when the smart guy on National Geographics tells us that this civilization ONLY lasted about a thousand years, 250 years sounds like a blink of time. I can hear those smart people saying, "Best to wait another 500 years before we decide if this civilization is worth making a documentary on."

When a group of colonists got together and drafted the Deceleration of Independence, I'm pretty sure most people in other countries got a good laugh reading that story. "Hey Honey, get this ... those crazy people living in those little colonies over in the new world just told the British that their laws stink and they are going to govern themselves from now on, thank you very much!"

Yes this pack of misfits that had no army, no organizational clout, no money and certainly no fancy uniforms, were taking on the most powerful country with the biggest army with all the money and pretty red outfits that marched in very majestic straight lines through the wilderness, and proceeded to kick their butts and send them back to their snooty kingdom.

The British figured to have this nonsense all wrapped up in about a month. Most of the other countries found this to be a most humorous entertainment at the time. I'm sure they all got a good laugh until they opened the paper a few years later, "Hey Honey, remember those crazy people who are taking on the Kings Army? Guess what - the Britts surrendered and the army is going back to Brittan. Those crazy misfits are now a real country. Can you imagine....?"

I'm pretty sure that most of the 'old country' thought this wouldn't last. There was no way we should have won that war. We had nothing but a document signed by the thirteen colonies unanimously declaring the United States of America to be governed by the people without any foreign interference.

The powerful Britts didn't figure in one key element.

HEART

Yes, America didn't have a lot of things when they took on the mighty Britts, but they

certainly had the heart. That's why they came across the pond to settle in this wild new frontier in the first place. They wanted freedom to live as they wanted. Freedom to worship as they wanted. Freedom to create rules for the good of all the people.

I'm guessing that many in the 'old countries' were smiling and taking bets of how long before these crazy settlers go crawling back to the King to save them. It shouldn't be too long, right?

That was 250 years ago.

Those thirteen colonies are now fifty states.

The United States that still holds these truths that all men are created equal. That every citizen has a voice in who our leaders are. That one mans freedom only works if everyone else shares the same freedoms. Yes we have a lot of red tape and bureaucracy layers, but that's because we want to be fair to all citizens. Dictators and Kings don't worry about citizens, as long as they control the military, they stay in power.

It's not perfect. We've been through a lot of growing pains through those 250 years and certainly face more challenges today.

But we're still learning how to walk in this land of democracy, and as long as we hold onto those core principals that our Continental Congress created at the beginning, we should continue to show the world so full of dictators and kings that in the United States of America democracy for the people ALL the people.... will always shine the light of freedom brightest.

We the people have stood strong with the one core idea that my freedom only works if your freedom does too.

We are all in this together.

We are all a collection of the most successful misfits the world has ever known.

And we're still learning to walk.

Just A Thought