

Freedom, Opportunity Security — for All of Us

Values. You and I live by a set of values — our beliefs in *what should be*. These three values, we believe, are foundations of democracy, which calls for the full participation of every citizen in the life of the nation:

We extend **Freedom** to each other — our rights as individuals:

- The Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution.
- The later amendments (ending slavery, the vote for women, the vote for 18-year-olds).
- Laws that extend our rights consistent with the Constitution.

The **Opportunity** to live the American Dream is the birth-right of every one of us. It requires fairness and equal justice under the law — a level playing field.

It also needs infrastructure, the building blocks of the economy that we cooperate with each other to provide, so we can take advantage of opportunities:

- Highways and bridges, so we can go where we want to go and ship products.
- The Internet and satellite communications, to keep us in contact with the world.
- Public education, to open the world up to us and to provide skilled workers to business.
- The banking system, to allow bank loans, whether we're buying a house or a company is buying another company.
- The SEC, to allow the stock market to function.
- The court system, to enforce contracts and protect patents. (<http://bit.ly/1d07GNe>)

We gain **Security**

- through protection by our military forces and public safety officers; and
- through ensuring safe food and medicines, wages that affirm the dignity of working men and women, safe workplaces, clean air and water, disease control and public health, disaster relief, a dignified old age (Social Security, Medicare).

We're progressives: We believe that these values must serve *all* Americans.

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