

What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers

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"I will not believe our labors are lost. I shall not die without a hope that light and liberty are on a steady advance," said Thomas Jefferson, one of America's Founding Fathers. The pioneers of America can rest knowing that our nation has expanded freedoms, advanced technologically, and has maintained a democratic political system. With the foundation they laid, our nation rose to become a world superpower and America boasts the longest lasting Constitution on Earth.

The Founding Fathers would be proud knowing that the rights and freedoms they laid down around 200 ago, still affect us and are still fought for. We have just as much say now as we would have when our nation was first founded. America has, however, made one giant change. Slavery has ended and those who may have once been slaves now have full rights.

Our Founding Fathers would not believe me if I told them that we can talk to someone on the opposite side of the planet using a device only several millimeters thick. The touch screen function by itself would probably send their heads spinning. Cell phones were not even around for the majority of our parents' lives, let alone over 200 years ago. Cars would be another terrific experience for our Founding Fathers. A simple ride may be their most exciting experience or their greatest nightmare.

Regarding our current political situation, I'm sure that some of the Fathers would be pleased and others would disapprove. I'd describe to them the upcoming election and the two candidates. Our Founding Fathers would be interested to hear about the war in Afghanistan and how several other recent wars cost us extremely. Lastly, I would acknowledge we've maintained a democracy since the day our country was founded.

Reasons that I have to thank our Founding Fathers include the wonderful document called the "Constitution" with which we govern our great nation. They gave us the right to choose our leaders, the option to replace them if their leadership is lacking, the right to choose our careers, and the ability to pursue our dreams. These men were political leaders with a vision of something greater than ever before. With hard work and determination, they helped defeat the British and enabled this country to truly become the land of the free. They made America a place that I am truly proud to call my home.