

The Spirit of America  
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Every country has its own spirit. It is expressed in its language, culture, cuisine, and architecture. Look at the various countries of Europe. Some of those countries are quite small, and thus the people live in close proximity to other cultures. But how different neighboring countries such as Germany, Spain, and France are. When you cross the border from one country to the next you not only see a difference, you feel a difference. Borders allow a county to accept or prevent who can live there. They are necessary at this time as the globalists are using forced immigration to homogenize all cultures and destroy their national identity. An analogy is the cells of the human body. Every cell has a border. This is to allow only certain nutrients to cross the cell membrane and to prevent the entrance of toxins and poisons while providing for the release of cell wastes.

So, what is the Spirit of America? The Founding Fathers of the United States had lofty visions to found a great nation. Their belief was that our freedoms, rights and responsibilities flowed from our faith in God. They spelled out our rights in the Bill of Rights. America was founded on higher values. In 1945 "In God We Trust" was established as the official motto of the United States. Part of the Spirit of America is its defense of freedom of speech, religion, politics, and business. While we have the opportunity to craft our life free from the strife and obstacles encountered in many other countries, we have not resisted as the federal government increasingly stuck its fingers in virtually every facet of our lives. We are surveilled, taxed, regulated and controlled from the day we are born until we die. Even then, we may be taxed again. We as citizens have fallen short in our responsibilities and allowed the erosion of our freedoms.

Yet, that Spirit of America still lives. Time and again we have seen that spirit arise when there is a crisis such as Pearl Harbor, 9/11, and Hurricane Katrina. We come together to work toward the common good. A great story of this is that on December 8, 1941, a large group of Navajo Indians left their reservation on horseback and showed up with loaded rifles at the nearest Army recruiting center. They not only wanted to enlist but were ready to fight that very day. Even though these men had not been treated well by the government and American society, they were ready to fight for their country. They had a sense of the promises of the American Spirit, of the opportunities and individual rights spelled out in the Bill of Rights.

Today there are those who are pushing radical changes in the United States. Our beliefs, economy, way of life and moral values are being undermined. But the Spirit of America still exists. Like the Founding Fathers may we aspire to moral excellence in our public lives and virtue in our private lives and thus honor and preserve the unique Spirit of America.