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America Did Not Rebel, Part 3

In the last issue we saw that not only was the American War of Independence different from historical “revolutions” in that it was a defensive battle to uphold existing laws, the Declaration of Independence was not set up to be the instrument by which America and Britain were legally separated. King George III had already declared the colonies out of his protection, and Parliament had made it official with the passage of the Prohibitory Act. This Act under English law showed that Britain would no longer accept America as part of its territory. Rather, America was being forced out of the Empire for the purpose of being reconquered and subjugated not under traditional English law, but under a tyrannical, mercantilist colonial system.



In light of these facts, the question arises, “Of what purpose then was the Declaration?” If John Hancock was correct to enter in the Congressional Journal that the Declaration was written to “declare a fact which already exists,” there must be some other reason why the Founders would have desired to put such a statement on paper.

There are in fact three reasons given in the Declaration for its existence. First, the

political bands were being finally dissolved. This statement means that the “political” or social constructs and practices binding the American governments to that of the British were being abolished. It does not mean that the legal or lawful bands were being abolished - those had already been taken away, as the Declaration is meant to demonstrate. Second, the Declaration was intended to “submit facts to a candid world.” It was written to encourage France and Spain to see the American effort as serious. If these countries understood the gravity of the situation, it was thought they would be willing to intervene, which France later did. Third, the Declaration was meant to become a unanimous voice representing a previously divided set of colonies. It had to be written in order to ensure that America would never be lured back under British control by future negotiations.

At the conclusion of the Declaration, the Founders gave a stirring appeal to God and His good judgment. They then declared that the colonies both were indeed, and by right ought to be, free and independent states. May we, like them, look to God for our strength as we seek to uphold our liberties and laws in the United States they died to protect.

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The S.E.R.V.E. Leadership Model

If you've been to a YCLA "Lead the Lemon" event, you've probably heard of the leadership acronym with the all-important word "L.O.V.E." This acronym stands for Look out for others, Organize to meet their needs, Visualize success, and Enter action. However, this acronym does not give an applicable leadership model for everyday influence and service. How does one actually practice servant-leadership? The quick answer is that servant-leadership is more a spirit or attitude than a set of actions. The best goal is simply to exemplify character qualities such as meekness, wisdom, diligence, and yes, compassion and love. While this answer is correct, the YCLA realizes that actual actions will result from such an attitude. Thus, we have put together the acronym **S.E.R.V.E.** to help you remember how to face leadership issues in your everyday life. It is as follows: 1. See a problem that needs to be fulfilled. 2. Envision a solution to the problem. 3. Respond to the problem with appropriate action. 4. Verify the results of your response. 5. Equip others to do the same thing. Look for more detail on this newly formulated "cycle" of service principles in future YCLA resources!



ACTIONPOINT

Read the Declaration of Independence again sometime this week. <http://www.earlyamerica.com/earlyamerica/freedom/doi/text.html> What godly servant-leadership principles did the Founders exemplify in their writing, if any? Which principles did King George violate? Email your ideas to us at yclalliance@gmail.com to be entered to win a free prize!



YCLA Prayer Bits

1. Pray that God will provide new avenues of influence for us to encourage youth in His Word, especially with BEAMS and Operation Pi this fall.
2. Continue to pray for wisdom for all those involved in developing new audio and video presentations to further true leadership for Christ's Way.
3. Continue to pray for Josiah and others in our network who are settling into college.

Liberty Corner

"Government is frequently and aptly classed under two descriptions – a government of **FORCE**, and a government of **LAWS**; the first is the definition of despotism - the last, of liberty."

Alexander Hamilton, *Tully Papers*, 1795