

AMERICA AND IMMIGRANTS

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The following article came to me recently and I contended that I should pass it on. It has been slightly edited and a conclusion added.

America - if we continue to make the changes forced on us by the people from other countries who came to live in America because it is the Country of Choice, there are super problems already among us and more around the corner!

All I have to say is, when will somebody do something about **MY RIGHTS?** I celebrate Christmas, but because it isn't celebrated by everyone, we can no longer say Merry Christmas. Now it has to be Season's Greetings. It's not Christmas vacation, it's Winter Break. Isn't it amazing how this winter break ALWAYS occurs over the Christmas holiday? We've gone so far the other way, bent over backwards to not offend anyone, that **I am now being offended.** But it seems that no one has a problem with that.

I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on **September 11, 2001** we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the **"politically correct!" crowd** began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. **Our culture has been developed over centuries of struggles**, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language! **"In God We Trust" is our national motto.** This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.

If Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should **seriously consider a move to another part of this planet.** We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. **This is OUR COUNTRY**, our land, and our lifestyle. Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great American freedom, **THE RIGHT TO LEAVE.**

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