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The America I Believe in

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"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal..."

***-Thomas Jefferson
The Declaration of Independence***

The America I believe in a place we can feel secure because of the military and other Armed Forces. America is based off of core values; life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But what do these core values mean to the people of our country?

Life... The America I believe in lets people embrace life choices and not fear them. We all receive the same security in our communities thanks to all of our police. We are one big American family. We are all different and beautiful in our own way. In this big family we protect each other and respect each other, even if we don't know one another. Life means secure and comfortable in your own community and skin.

Liberty... The America I believe and gave us First Amendment freedoms; such as speech, press, and religion. Some places don't have all these freedoms. The freedom of speech lets us voice our opinions and not face repercussions if we do so. This also allows us to speak about our leaders and voice our opinions to get others to join our cause. The freedom of the press is similar to the freedom of speech because you can voice your opinion, but this one gives you the right to voice your opinion in the newspaper and other forms of writing to the public. Lastly, the freedom of religion is the right to practice whatever religion you want. This allows you to worship whatever God you choose and be allowed to speak about it publicly without ridicule.

Pursuit of happiness... It took this country so long to except people who are different. I believe our country now accepts people who are gay, they allowed to love whoever they want. We also accept people who dress differently, we don't judge them. The America I believe in also accepts people who express themselves through the arts without judgment.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are some great core values. Thank you to our armed forces. Especially the veterans of foreign war. Thank you for protecting our country and allowing me to reflect on our great country. I am proud to be an American.