



For honor, gratitude, and a little common sense. We can protest all we want. We certainly live in the right country for that. I wish, however, a different form of solidarity would have been chosen for these days' renewed and most passionate protest, because this one really has me baffled. It's even, I think, doing more harm than good for its cause, as it is often the case with controversial methods. It's difficult, you know, to hear the message when the delivery is objectionable and/or offensive. And this one's carrying so much passion on both sides, that now words have turned nasty. That's why some are finding it challenging to demand respect for this country's symbols, when respect for each other has gone out the window. What a dilemma!

For me, this particular predicament is not about political parties, or sports, or, even less, about presidents. It's about honor and gratitude, and a little common sense. Maybe because my family and I fled from an oppressive communist regime and I grew up seeing that this country's flag and anthem meant more than freedom. They meant life. And so I grew up learning for what to stand, and for Whom to kneel. And today, for that, I'm thankful.

Whatever your stance, what are you thankful for today?

*"It's important the people should know what you stand for. It's equally important that they know what you won't stand for."*

*-M.H. Waldrip*

*"The will of God prevails. In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will of God. Both \*may\* be, and one \*must\* be, wrong. God cannot be \*for\* and \*against\* the same thing at the same time. In the present civil war it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party - and yet the human instrumentalities, working just as they do, are of the best adaption to effect His purpose."*

*-Abraham Lincoln*

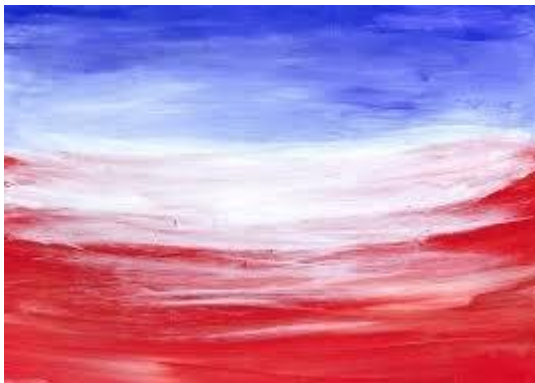
*"What is the essence of America? Finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance*

between freedom “to” and freedom “from.”

- *M. vos Savant*

“America is a tune. It must be sung together.”

-*G.S. Lee*



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