

Democracy in Distress



An Urgent Call to Recapture the Flag

Public Law 829 states that the American flag should never be displayed upside down except as a signal of distress. Common Cause believes that today our democracy is indeed in distress.

We the People have endured repeated abuses of power by the Executive Branch of our government, and the failure of Congress to stand up for what's right.

We've seen our nation led into war based on false premises and cynical half-truths.

We've seen our good name disgraced by torture, secret prisons and profiteering.

And we've seen our Constitution and laws ignored and violated.

As a result our democracy has suffered at home, and our reputation has been tarnished abroad. America is less free and less secure.

It is time to restore the core values of American democracy that made us a beacon of hope in a troubled world – freedom from tyranny, respect for individual liberty and human rights, and government based on the rule of law.

It is time to right our country and reclaim our flag as the symbol of a democracy we can all be proud of.

Common Cause has launched Recapture the Flag, a campaign to unite us around the promise and hope of America.

Please come to our website and sign our Citizen Pledge. Or clip, sign and mail the pledge to us. Then ask your congressional and presidential candidates to make the same pledge. And please, help us spread this message by making a generous donation at www.RecapturetheFlag.com

CITIZEN PLEDGE

We The People believe in the Constitution, the rule of law and justice for all. We pledge to Recapture the Flag by demanding a President and Congress that:

- Ends torture, respects human rights, and restores America's reputation in the world.*
- Respects the rule of law and fiercely challenges anyone who seeks to undermine the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.*
- Roots out corruption, special interest abuses and partisan prejudice in the administration of justice.*
- Holds to account – without exception – anyone who breaks the law or violates the public trust.*
- Protects personal freedom by rejecting warrantless spying and other affronts to individual liberty.*

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