

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN DREAM AND AMERICAN VALUES



What is the American Dream? Most people say it's a spouse, kids, a good job and a nice house with a big yard. It's a belief that if you work hard, you can build a better life for your family. That dream is the reason people around the world have always come to America.

What are American Values? Uh oh...ask people what American values we can agree on, and it falls apart. Today, we are a very splintered country. Seemingly, we have four political groups: far left, center left, center right and far right.

WHAT – IF ANYTHING – CAN WE AGREE ON?

FREEDOM – Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Equal opportunity for everyone. Freedom. We seem to pretty much agree on.

CRIME – Violent crime is a serious issue. The best cultural, academic institutions and medical facilities are usually in our big cities. Businesses are leaving due to constant, large-scale theft and crime. Will these all deteriorate?

HOMELESS – Should they be allowed to live on the streets or not? If so, where?

DRUGS – Marijuana was illegal for many years. We were told it was a gateway drug. Today, almost 45% of our population is using marijuana in some form or another. Marijuana impairs your ability to think quickly, weakens your motor skills and can affect your memory.

GAMBLING – It seems now anything goes. You can gamble at the casino, on your phone and online. You can bet on any football game right from your couch. Is this what we want for our children?

IMMIGRATION REFORM – This country was built on legal immigration. Immigrants are an asset. Open border policy with no legality is causing untold issues in our country.

ENERGY POLICIES – Full speed ahead on solar power and electric vehicles? Or can we be smarter? If we are not careful, we will be having rolling blackouts. In addition, China is building 136 coal plants and manufacturing 97% of solar wafers. Meanwhile, American politicians are talking about banning gas stoves.

ELECTIONS – Yet another election! The candidate you like best in the primary might not be the one that can win in the general election. Voting in primary elections deserves much more thought.

What a mess. Stay calm, take a deep breath and try to do the best you can.



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OUR PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

