

The 5 SEQUENTIAL Principles of American Exceptionalism.
David Baron - A Summary This is a DVD of the Youtube already viewed
the second week of this month. The concept comes from Alexis
DeTocqueville's *Democracy in America*.

The Am. Except. FACTS are:

- One constitution since 1789.
- We only have 4% of World's population.
- We create invent and produce more than ALL other nations combined.
- Four of the greatest Founders: John Adams claimed the 3 most notable founding fathers were: George Washington; Ben Franklin; & BENJAMIN RUSH, and he, in his prayer journal thanked God for all the times he didn't fall down stairs.
- Our greatest blessings are the ones we DON'T NOTICE!
- We produce (with 4% population) 25% of World's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- Other nations can and often do have more natural resources than we but ours are better utilized.
- People on USA's "Poverty Level" live on a standard equal to Europe's Middle Class.
- DeTocqueville said other nations cannot attain to what our democracy has attained. From History.com we can read, "French sociologist and political theorist Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) traveled to the United States in 1831 to study its prisons and returned with a wealth of broader observations that he codified in "Democracy in America" (1835), one of the most influential books of the 19th century. With its trenchant observations on equality and individualism, Tocqueville's work remains a valuable explanation of America to Europeans and of Americans to themselves."
- Americans claim to be 18% liberal; 33% Conservative; balance neither..
- University Faculty: 72% liberal; 15% Conservative; 13% claim neither. That means they are 10 times more likely to oppose the general population.
- Their desire to be like usual nations was directly opposed by Thomas Jefferson: "The comparisons of our governments with those of Europe are like a comparison of heaven and hell."
- George Mason, Father of the Bill of Rights. "[N]o free government or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved by any people but by a ... frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

Definition of A. E.: THE {3}UNPRECEDENTED STABILITY, FREEDOM, AND PROSPERITY THAT IS THE RESULT OF {2}THE INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES PRODUCED {1}BY A UNIQUE GOVERNING PHILOSOPHY. {1-2-3sequence is important}

So what are the things that have caused "AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM?" 5 Significant and Sequential Principles: 126 words - Declaration of Independence

1. Government acknowledges that **there is a Divine Creator.**
 "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by **their Creator...**"
 G. Washington, first thanksgiving proclamation: define "duty" "We have a
 L_____ B_____ C_____ A_____ to 1)acknowledge providence of God Almighty 2) obey His will 3)be grateful for His providence 4) humbly to implore His protection and favor."
2. Government acknowledges that **certain rights come from the Creator "...with certain inalienable rights ..."**
 - Rights that come from God alone, NOT GOVERNMENT
 - Illustration= cannot paint your neighbor's truck red just because you like red pickups.
 - Inalienable rights are "written with a sunbeam, in the whole volume of human nature by the hand of Divinity itself and cannot be erased or obscured by mortal power" - Alexander Hamilton
 - They are "antecedent [or coming before] to all earthly governments" - John Adams
 - Gen 1-8 then Noah [Noahide Laws, about 24, compares to the Bill of Rights principles]
3. Government acknowledges that **its primary purpose is to protect these rights.**
 - Inalienable right must next be protected by an assigned body called government. It is not to make all people equal in wages, living place or any other.
 - Samuel Adams lists these rights government ought to protect: "First, a **right to life**, secondly, to liberty; thirdly, to property."
 - Government leader's approach to **the first defines all the others!**
4. There exists a **fixed moral law.** "And to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which:
 - The Laws of **Nature** - These are in-born instincts such as 'self-defense' - a calf defended absolutely by it's Mother regardless of any outside-of-nature element> Dave Barton's cow in the barn-IL The dual revelation of God, compare Ps19!
 - [and The Laws] of **Nature's God** entitle them..." -- E.G. 10 commandments, etc... adultery, theft, murder, coveting
5. [There must be the] **Consent of the Governed.** The will of the majority. Last to come! Social Compact laws only here.