

#14 - The Declaration of Teen Independence

The expansion of human life and the the course it takes changes tremendously after each year that passes. Not yet, have the new faces in society had the chance to advance this country. Not only for themselves, but for which descends from them in the future ahead. If not for these young innovative minds, we as a whole could not grow and learn from the needs of the latest incorporation of the countries population. The lives of the past have been sown into the minds of today; Making these stories into legends as time carries on. Those who are oppressors of the new day are cast aside unaccompanied by any hesitation. The youth of today call to the podium the injustice being bestowed upon them quotidianly, from when the sun wakes to when it lulls the earth to sleep at dawn.

Everyday that our voices stay still, no amount of adjustment sets sail. The rights bestowed upon our youth requires alteration concerning the system.. I ask that the citizens of today take note of these I profoundly let from my lips. We, the youth of today, will not let our oppressors manipulate our minds into a standstill. We have been dormant for long enough. We as students merit the intentions to have life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We unconditionally yearn for equality and the expansion of change. The silence ends today!

The issues I bring forth today represent the future and our complete intentions of fulfilling this change. Our school systems have expanded the workload tremendously after each graduating class vacates our halls. The time withdrawn from our lives to complete this haul is unbearable for the working students and the students involved in extracurriculars.

The government has also come to a verdict that the time we appear on school grounds be 8 am. Now, I apprehend what the ignorant do not. If the youth have no amount of time to acquire the necessary rest, appointed by the health care system, due to excessive amounts of workload appointed by schools. School should be in session precisely 1 hour later to allow the proper acquirement of sleep.

Our schools shall abide by an open campus allowing the students the liberty deserved each day we serve within their presence. An open campus allows the youth to

appreciate the school and have a mutual respect for their overseeing elders. This would increase the opportunity for students to retrieve any school work misplaced at home or in their vehicles.

On another topic, the dress code confined within the walls of education. Appointed biasedly upon the female population. The female body in the recent decades has become a focal point in humanity, and also in the eyes of the man. The shoulders of these women have been said to be a sign of "possible" seduction if unaccompanied by clothing. We demand their be an increased amount of discipline and control over the watching eyes instead of the harsh force upon girls.

The schools should be allowed the freedom of choice. Students today pick their classes and won't even be considered for the class when other students who never chose the class are enrolled. The abundance of students in each class shows that the school needs to hire more teachers or provide teachers with the materials to teach larger classes. The students should also have the right to vote, and make decisions regarding certain classes like Home Ec. to allow a fair selection.

Schools do not always think about the students and their welfare. Not everyone gets the same opportunities and not everyone can process the same amounts of learning as others. The unfair treatment of students because of their body change physically and mentally must be stopped. We are demanding flexible courses depending on the student and their learning capabilities.

Unfair treatment does not only occur at school but also within homes. Schools and parents, and guardians should treat youth with the same respect they give other adults or peers. The workforce that most teens pursue gives them minimum wage. The despicable treatment at these places of business is unnecessary on every level. Teens of today are seen as lazy and disobedient. If indolence is unknown there will be dedication and determination to impress and prove themselves. When given the opportunity the youth of today will achieve immeasurable implements.

We the teens descended from the children of the wise and representatives of Spring Valley High are breaking away from the traditions of society and call upon the importance of our rights. Our efforts will never stop. Whether it starts today or tomorrow, ground will be broken, and lives will be changed. For the sake of our future and the fate of others we command you to recognize our efforts. The revolution isn't coming, it's already here.

