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I look around at our world today and I constantly ask myself; how did we get to this point? It is sad that the United States of America has become dishonest, evil, and immoral. I see people being treated horribly, I see our veterans, the brave people who fought for our freedom, on the streets, I see news filled with negative talk, and I see a physical, mental, and spiritual battle in our country and in the world. There is lying, cheating, and corruption. This brings me to the next question I have contemplated: Is America today our forefathers' vision? My simple answer is no. Let me go further in depth as to why I believe that.

To understand what I mean, we have to talk about what our founding fathers' wanted for America. They wanted freedom, meaning freedom of speech, religion, and so on. They wanted justice in America, specifically a just government. They wanted peace. The founding fathers wanted a lot for us. They didn't fight for nothing. So why is it so hard for America to realize that the world we are living in, is not what it was meant to be. I am Christian and not only is America, not what our forefathers intended, but it is not what God intended. We have to look at the bigger picture. Like I said earlier, there is so much corruption. Our economy has gone to shreds. Americans are just trying to make a living so they can afford groceries, or get gas, so that they can get to work, to pay for those groceries. America is meant to be a place that people want to come into, to better their lives, work, and be free. However, the process of this is no longer being done in an honest way. America was meant to be the country with integrity. The country that we need to be proud of. So, why do I constantly see people not standing or putting their hands on their hearts during the national anthem. I believe that America is God's

country, yet I have experienced extreme prejudice because I am Christian. I thought I had the right to express my faith. But, I am very wrong.

Take a second to really imagine everything going on in the world. Is our country something you are proud of? When I ask myself that, I want to say yes. However, our country is turning into countries we are supposed to be different from. I hear people in my life say; “ I want to get out of here.” That is mind blowing to me because so many people have worked hard to make America great, but now it is turning into a country, its own people are ashamed of.

I do not think that I should have to worry that, when I decide that I want to have a family, it will be hard to get by. I do not believe that as an eighteen year old, I should have to worry about how I am going to raise my kids. Will I be able to send them to school, or will I have to keep them home. Will they get a good education, or will they be taught modernistic morals. Will they come home with questions, I would never imagine a child having. Will I have to worry that I have nothing but my bare hands to protect me if I go out alone, because my rights as an American have been taken away from me. As an 18 year old girl, I don't think that I should have to worry about going to get gas and someone seeing me as someone to take advantage of.

As American citizens, should we have to worry that our vote doesn't even matter. Should men feel like their masculinity is being devalued? Should we be brainwashed into thinking that an unborn babies life is not worth saving. To answer all of these questions, no. These questions are not questions we should have to ask. This country is not what it was meant to be. Core values that have been set and followed, up until now,

are being misconstrued. I believe that if our forefathers walked into this country right now, they would want to walk right out.

I know that what I said seems like there is no hope for our country, but I mean quite the opposite. Yes, there is a lot of bad. However, I do believe that because America was founded on integrity and intended to be great, at some point, we can ask ourselves; Is America today our forefathers' visions, and say yes confidently this time!