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***What makes you an American*** is what you “BELIEVE!” And what you believe determines how you think. And what you think determines how you will act.

***Our nation's founders believed*** that our country owed its existence to an Almighty, Omniscient, Everlasting and Sovereign God of the Universe. That rights are unalienable because they have their origin in Him. And the essential purpose of civil government is to wield the sword in defense of these God-given rights. This is “The American View”. This is what the first Americans believed. Adherence to these beliefs is essentially what it means to be “An American.”

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**These things are happening because,** for the most part, leaders of both the Democrat and Republican parties do not have an American view of law and government. They have lost the understanding once held by our nation's founders as to the proper role of government. They have lost the American view and as a result are not governing as Americans. In this sense, they are not Americans because their allegiance is no longer to American beliefs, but to humanist philosophy, socialism, and the global interests of the new world order.

**What is an American?** One who acknowledges the God who gave us our country and our liberty. One who understands that our rights come from Him. One who upholds the principles upon which our republic was established. One who refuses to compromise those principles for political expediency or personal gain. One who loves his country enough to support it when it is right and correct it when it goes astray. A real American is one who recognizes how far our country has strayed from its roots and is willing to stand up and take action to restore "The American View."

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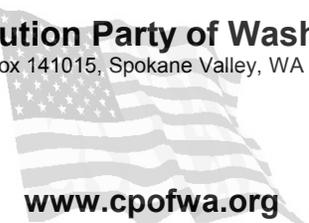
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