***We Hold These Truths***

***The Global Quest for Liberty***

***Releases July 1, 2023 On APT***

*Hosted by Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg, U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit*

ERIE, PA (DATE) – ***We Hold These Truths*** is a one-hour public television documentary that explores the spirit and worldwide influence of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. The program will be available from APT on July 1, 2023.

Host Judge Douglas Ginsburg leads viewers through major turning points in U.S. and world history where the U.S. Declaration of Independence served as the inspiration for self-government. The aspirational words contained within our Declaration helped drive the abolitionist movement, the Women’s Suffrage movement, and spurred iconic civil rights figures like Frederick Douglass and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to action.

Internationally, more than 100 countries have created their own Declaration of Independence since 1776. Judge Ginsburg will lead viewers through short, character-driven stories that illustrate major waves of independence in places like France, Latin America, and the Czech Republic. We’ll also hear from refugees from Hong Kong, Venezuela, and Vietnam, all seeking the ideals of “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

Best of all, we’ll hear from regular people on the street providing their opinions on America’s progress toward a country where “all men are created equal.”

***We Hold These Truths*** is the second public television program hosted by Judge Ginsburg. He hosted a three-part series about the U.S. Constitution, [***A More or Less Perfect Union***](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/more-less-perfect-union/), which aired in 2020 onpublic television.

“Judge Ginsburg’s expertise on the origins and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and our Declaration of Independence has led to programs that are intriguing and relevant to audiences of every social, political and economic background,” said Free To Choose Media President and CEO Robert Chatfield. “The Declaration of Independence is a document that can unite Americans with aspirational words that all of humanity should strive to achieve. This project dares to ask, ‘How are we doing?’”

A number of community engagement events are being planned across the U.S. in conjunction with the documentary.

***We Hold These Truths*** is a production of Free To Choose Media. Jim Taylor is the director. Barbara Potter is the producer. Thomas Skinner and Robert Chatfield are executive producers.

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**About Douglas H. Ginsburg**

Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg has heard more than 3,000 cases as one of the top appellate judges in the nation. Ginsburg was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in 1986; he served as Chief Judge from 2001 to 2008. He received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 1973, and he clerked for Justice Thurgood Marshall on the United States Supreme Court. He has been a professor at the Harvard Law School, Assistant U.S. Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and, while on the bench, he has taught at the University of Chicago and the New York University law schools. Judge Ginsburg is currently a Professor of Law at the Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, and a visiting professor at University College London, Faculty of Laws. In 2020, Judge Ginsburg’s three-part PBS series about the Constitution, [***A More or Less Perfect Union***](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/more-less-perfect-union/), aired nationwide. He followed it by filming 100 two-minute videos to answer the 100 questions on the U.S. Citizenship Test and developing [***Civics Fundamentals***](http://www.civicsfundamentals.org)***.org***, an online civics course.

**About Free To Choose Media**

Free To Choose Media produces award-winning documentaries and series for public television, offering diverse voices, powerful stories, and a fresh perspective on a range of important global and national issues. For more than 35 years, Free To Choose production teams have traveled the world to explore topics and issues that stimulate thought and cultivate conversations. For more information, visit the website at [www.FreeToChooseMedia.org](http://www.FreeToChooseMedia.org).

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