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The Global Quest for Liberty

And the Promise of America's Declaration of Independence

With Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg



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- Danielle Allen's book, [*Our Declaration: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality*](#).
- Emily Sneff's blog post, "[The Sounds of Independence](#)," about the first celebrations of Independence Day.
- Judge Douglas Ginsburg's book, [*Voices of Our Republic: Exploring the Constitution with Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Alan Dershowitz, Sandra Day O'Connor, Ron Chernow, and Many More*](#).
- "[How the Seneca Falls Convention Kicked Off the U.S. Women's Rights Movement](#)" by Patty Rasmussen featuring Janine Waller, Chief of Interpretation, Education & Outreach at Women's Rights and Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks.
- David Armitage's book, [*The Declaration of Independence: A Global History*](#).
- Pauline Maier's book, [*American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence*](#).
- David McCullough's book, [*1776*](#).
- Todd Brewster's book, [*Lincoln's Gamble: The Tumultuous Six Months that Gave America the Emancipation Proclamation and Changed the Course of the Civil War*](#).
- Victor Sebestyen's book, [*Revolution 1989: The Fall of the Soviet Empire*](#).
- James Morris's book, [*Farewell the Trumpets: An Imperial Retreat*](#).



Watch:

- Emily Sneff on [*CBS Sunday Morning*](#) regarding the Chichester Declaration
- [*A More or Less Perfect Union: A Personal Exploration with Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg*](#) exploring the most contentious issues in American history and today through the lens of the U.S. Constitution.
- Judge Douglas Ginsburg in conversations with the Founding Fathers of our Constitution in the [*Meet the Framers*](#) videos and podcasts.

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- "Best of: An inspiring conversation about democracy with Danielle Allen." [The Gray Area with Sean Illing](#).
- [So to Speak podcast](#): "U.S. Constitution masterclass with Judge Douglas Ginsburg".



Visit:

- **New York, NY**
 - New York Public Library – Thomas Jefferson's handwritten version of the Declaration of Independence on display (this may not be a permanent exhibit).
- **Seneca Falls, NY**
 - Women's Rights National Historical Park – Site of the first Women's Rights Convention of 1848.
- **Washington, DC**
 - National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian – Features the portable laptop desk designed and used by Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence. ([Online collection](#)).
 - Lincoln Monument
 - Jefferson Memorial
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
 - National Archives – The Constitution and Declaration of Independence are on display.
- **Philadelphia, PA**
 - Independence Hall – The Declaration and Constitution were both signed here.
 - National Constitution Center – Features great, interactive displays and rare copies of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution.
 - Franklin Court Printing Office – Features period printing demonstrations.
- **Baltimore, MD**
 - Fells Point – Historical area and home to young Frederick Douglass
 - Douglass-Myers Maritime Park – Frederick Douglass sculpture and period sailing vessels. Douglass worked on the waterfront as a young man.
- **Sturbridge, MA**
 - Old Sturbridge Village – A recreated 1830s rural New England Town. This village features many great exhibits and re-enactors on two hundred acres of property.

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