

## Independence is Constitutional

The US Constitution's list of things that states may not do is Article 1 Section 10. It does not include secession. And the Tenth Amendment (in the Constitution's Bill of Rights) says any powers that states didn't delegate to the federal government are retained by the states, or by the people. So the states still have the right to withdraw from the Union that they joined. This right was assumed in the Framers' generation.

## Independence is Patriotic

The Founding Fathers were British subjects who seceded from Great Britain by signing the Declaration of Independence, after their government stopped recognizing their rights – rights recognized by Great Britain's constitution. The VP of **Free Louisiana**, Hy McEnery, former Army Special Forces, swore an oath to the US Constitution, not to the number of states in the Union. He helped found **Free Louisiana** because he saw the same thing happening to Louisiana today – a distant government refusing to be limited by the Constitution.

The Louisiana Declaration of Rights is Article 1 of the Louisiana Constitution. It says “§1 All government, of right, originates with the people, is founded on their will alone... §26 The people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free and sovereign state.”

## Louisiana won't be Louisiana anymore if we keep submitting to DC

Louisianans should not be ruled from a thousand miles away by people with foreign values and priorities who neither understand nor care about Louisiana. Californian and New York voters force crazy ideas on us that are rejected by Louisianans, such as transgender ideas. They refuse to allow common-sense immigration controls.

Independence means no more IRS, FBI, ATF, TSA, FDA, CDC, NIH, or DC judges.

Louisiana won't send our sons to fight someone else's war, especially forever wars of choice.

## Social Security

The federal government only keeps enough savings to pay a few months of social security payments, because it is more than \$35 trillion in debt. The funds for payments come out of the paychecks of today's workers. Louisiana's government can manage this transfer as well as the federal government does.

## Economy

The subsidy of red states by blue states through the federal government is less than 2% of our income.

Louisiana's GDP ranks 48 out of 193 countries. Our GDP per person, while not as high as the US average, is higher than the 8<sup>th</sup>-richest country in the world, not including tax shelter micro-nations.

Louisiana has more people than the 13 colonies did.

## The Path to Louisiana Independence

- Step 1: Grow email list and social media following, and allies, until **Free Louisiana** is a valued and/or feared pressure group among state lawmakers
- Step 2: To grow, attract news coverage by achieving milestones, such as a sizable number of state lawmakers signing the Louisiana Referendum Pledge or cosponsoring a bill to give voters a referendum on independence.
- Step 3: Fundraise to pay for polling Louisianans until support for independence goes well over 50%.
- Step 4: Using our voting guide, Louisiana elects politicians who support independence and will reinforce Louisiana banking & the State Guard.
- Step 5: Louisiana State Legislature gives Louisianans a referendum and we campaign to victory.
- Step 6: Governor gets the loyalty of the Louisiana National Guard and State Guard, and invites other states of middle America to join Louisiana in seeking independence from DC.
- Step 7: Governor announces a future, peaceful independence date.
- Step 8: Governor negotiates with Congress on dividing federal assets, such as military assets, in return for taking Louisianans' share of the federal debt and liabilities.
- Step 9: Louisiana modifies the state constitution and passes laws to prepare to operate as an independent state or as part of a federation.
- Step 10: Stop paying taxes or homage to Washington

