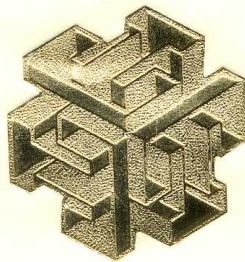


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Portrait of Freedom

To me, the Liberty Bell has always represented freedom, which is something I often thought about as a child. It is something I still think about as an adult. Freedom is like oxygen to me—it is absolutely essential to survival, because freedom also includes freedom of thought. Everyone knows I like to think big. Without the liberty to think big in the first place, where would I be today? Where would we all be? America was created by big thinkers, and it continues to thrive because of them.

What nurtures freedom of thought? The liberty to do so. Do we realize just how fortunate we are to have that luxury? In some places it would be considered radical or even criminal behavior. We also have the freedom to try, which is another blessing. What's the point of having grand thoughts without being able to accomplish them? We also all have a chance. Sometimes we tend to take this fact for granted, yet this is the greatest liberty of all. That is why people want to live in this country, in this democracy.

Free enterprise could be a definition of democracy. They could be interchangeable, because one doesn't work without the other. Freedom equals free enterprise. America has flourished because we have been allowed to flourish. We have the ability and conditions required for success, and we've had the faith to persevere and the tenacity to keep moving forward. There is nothing this country and her citizens cannot attain.

All the ingredients are here. The Liberty Bell represents just how much we have, and given the freedom of thought to think about it, I have to say that we have a great deal to be thankful for, and plenty to look forward to. God Bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald J. Trump'. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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