



# The 5 American Ideals

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(Four measure introduction)

**There are five ideals that our country's founded on  
that define the American Dream:  
Liberty, Equality, Democracy, Rule of Law and Patriotism.**

**Liberty means free to live independently and to own our property.  
Freedom of speech and religion, the pursuit of happiness.**

**Equality means access to opportunity that is fair and true for all.  
Everyone is treated equally, protected by our country's laws.**

**In America, we are governed by the rules of democracy.  
By the people, for the people, we vote to choose who leads.**

**Our respect for the rule of law is how we guard our rights.  
Laws must be abided by; there's a process to re-write.**

**What it means to be a patriot is gratitude and duty,  
Recognize the sacrifice of all who came before.**

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