

lift the fear that has hung over our heads since the 9/11 tragedy, transform our current suspicions of foreign cultures, and replace the sense of guilt and apathy felt by so many Americans about their ability to bring good to the world.

What it boils down to is this: now and in the future, the United States would be better off as a key player in a safe and orderly world than it would be as the leading bully in an unstable, anarchic world. The promotion of democratic global government is the ticket to ensuring the ongoing strength and well-being of our people.

Why should we submit ourselves to someone else's laws?

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Wouldn't it be wrong to impose America's laws and sense of justice upon the rest of the world?

That wouldn't be the case. It is important to understand that a world government, and the world laws it would apply, need to be new creations, representing *all* the world's people through fair and democratic procedures. As a result, those laws would be the property of all humanity (including Americans), not just of an individual country or group.

What can Americans do to facilitate the development of a world government?

You can teach others about the need for global governance. It's only when the people of the world understand this need and see the creation of a democratic world government as being in their collective

interest that such a structure will finally emerge.

You can also influence your elected officials. They need to know that you want them to support measures that favor law-based approaches to world problems over force-based measures. Tell them that you want our country to lead the way in efforts to restructure, democratize and empower the United Nations system.

Here is what some others have had to say on the subject:

Many of these proposals may appear unpatriotic or even treasonous to those who identify patriotism with the worship of American military power... If patriotism is an active concern for the freedom, welfare, and survival of one's people, there is no patriotic duty more immediate than the abolition of war as a national right and institution.

Cord Meyer – *Peace or Anarchy*, former World Federalist President

The only security for Americans today, or for any people, is in the creation of world order that enables nations to retain sovereignty over their own cultures and institutions but that creates a workable authority for regulating the behavior of nations in their relationship with one another.

Norman Cousins – Editor, *Saturday Review of Literature*, former World Federalist President

World Government is not only possible, it is inevitable; and when it comes, it will appeal to patriotism in its truest, in its only sense, the patriotism of men who love their national heritages so deeply that they wish to preserve them in safety for the common good.

Peter Ustinov – former President, World Federalist Movement

6 Questions Americans Ask about World Government



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Would the formation of a world government mean the end of our country?

Absolutely not! When 13 independent states joined together to form the United States of America it did not mean they went out of existence. In the same way, if our country were to join a global government organized as a federal union, it would not mean the U.S.A. would cease to exist.

That concept – federation – stipulates that powers are delegated appropriately to different levels of government. In this way, global law would not replace our current city, state, and national laws; it would merely supplement them by adding a final tier to that system – one limited to providing order *only* in fields that those self-governing nations, states, and cities cannot adequately manage on their own.

Is it unpatriotic to support a system of global government?

No. Our Founding Fathers, America's original patriots, created our country based on the concepts of citizenship and individual sovereignty. They were very specific in stating that it is the citizen's right and duty to create governing bodies to best serve their interest. That civic participation, not blind obedience to a particular incarnation of government, is the truest patriotic calling. For proof, just look to our Declaration of Independence, which reads: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of*

Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted by Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. ...it is the Right of the People ... to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such forms, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

You see, the true interest of any political body is synonymous with that of its citizens. If we, as American citizens, feel that our interests are best served by building a world-level governing structure (in addition to our national government), then it is in our country's interest to do so as well.

Besides, you don't have to make a choice between one or the other. In a federalist structure, people are free to participate as citizens on numerous levels of government without compromising their allegiance to any particular one. Just as being a patriotic American in no way diminishes your ability to be a good Californian, acting as a Global Citizen would not diminish your ability to be a good American. We should be eager and proud to act patriotically as active citizens in fair governing structures on all levels in which our interests are at stake.

I want my country to be strong. Wouldn't subordinating the U.S.A. to a global government weaken it?

No, in fact the opposite is true. Real strength comes from the ability to accurately assess a changing situation and make the necessary adaptations in order to thrive.

The world upon which our country's current foreign policy is based has changed. To stay strong, we must recognize the following:

- The costs, measured in both money and lives, of trying to maintain military hegemony over the world is slowly sapping the strength out of our country. As if that weren't bad enough, this strategy is not even promoting real security. Instead, it promotes weapons proliferation and breeds terrorism.
- Being the only dominant power in the world order also creates a situation in which we are expected to act as a global policeman – a costly job that usually results in more international resentment than thanks.
- Our country's efforts to thwart the creation of world-level institutions of security and justice creates global instability and limits international cooperation. These actions prevent humanity from *collectively* facing and solving its most deadly threats. Unless this situation changes, ecological damage, international crime, and epidemic disease will continue to endanger all humans, Americans included.
- Our country would benefit enormously by taking part in a pro-active and constructive global agenda. Because America has vast capital resources, a well-educated citizenry, and a tradition of innovation, we have a great potential to profit from change. In terms of our nation's collective consciousness, an undertaking of this kind would be just the kind of activity that could begin to