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Grande Voiture du Indiana

U.S. Flag History



Liberty Tree Flag

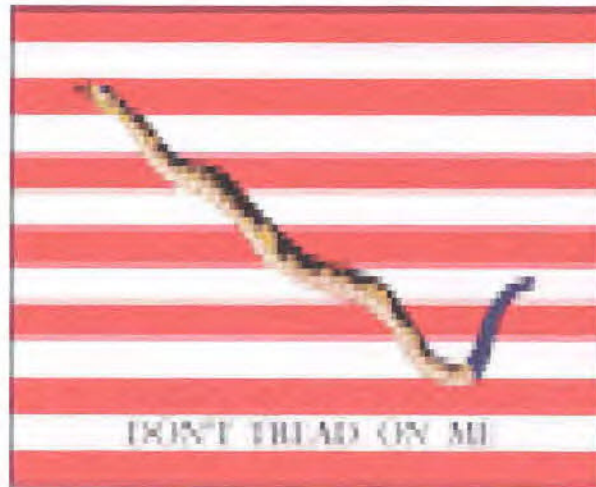
- 1775



- American ships in New England waters flew a "Liberty Tree" flag in 1775. It shows a green pine tree on a white background, with the words, "An Appeal to Heaven."

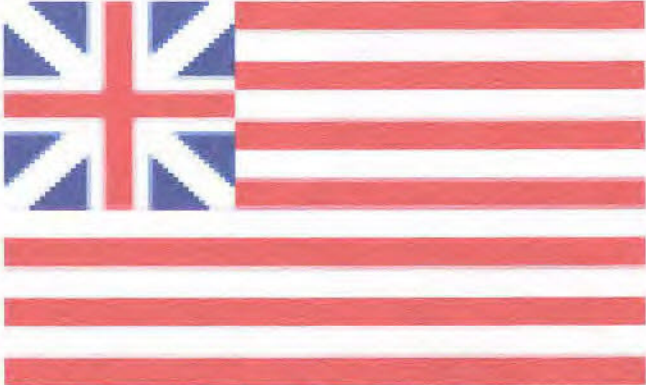
Continental Navy Flag

- **1775**



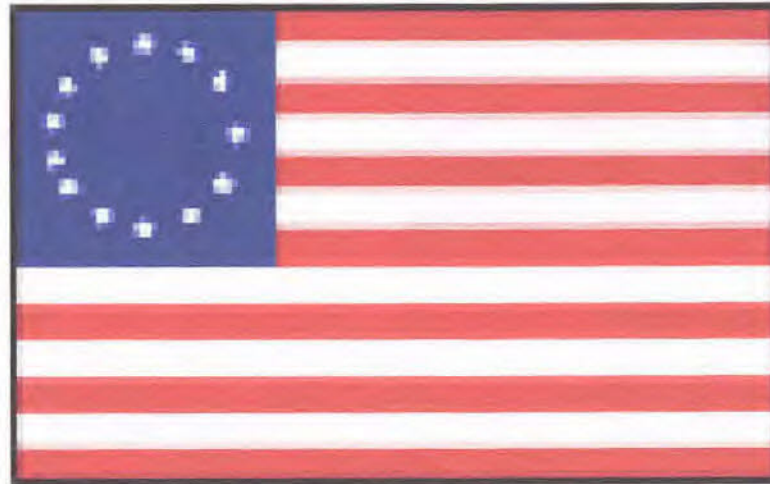
- The Continental Navy used this flag, with the warning, "Don't Tread on Me," upon its inception.

Grand Union Flag

- 1776 
- January 1 — The Grand Union flag (Continental Colors) is displayed on Prospect Hill. It has 13 alternate red and white stripes and the British Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner (the canton).

Betsy Ross Flag

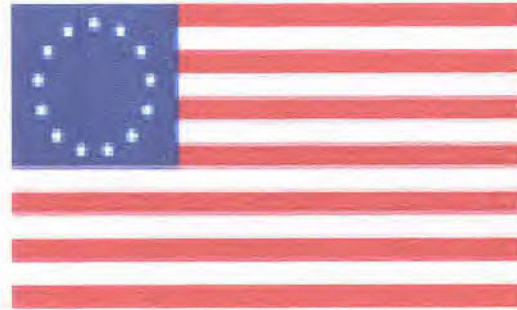
- 1776



- May — Betsy Ross reports that she sewed the first American flag

13 Star Flag of the United States

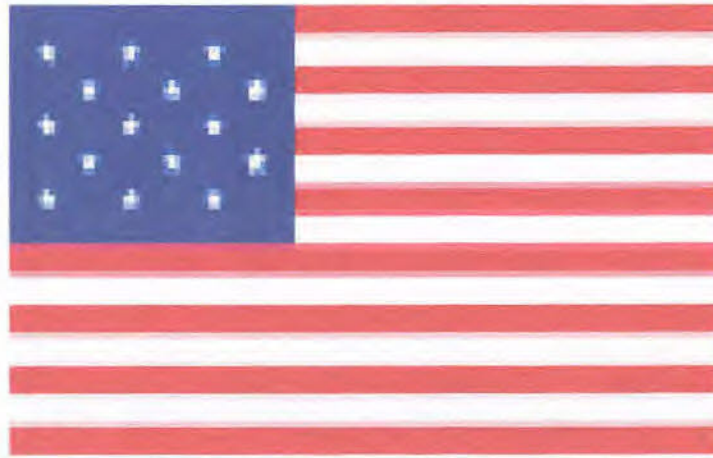
- 1777



- June 14 — Continental Congress adopts the following:
Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.
Stars represent Delaware (December 7, 1787), Pennsylvania (December 12, 1787), New Jersey (December 18, 1787), Georgia (January 2, 1788), Connecticut (January 9, 1788), Massachusetts (February 6, 1788), Maryland (April 28, 1788), South Carolina (May 23, 1788), New Hampshire (June 21, 1788), Virginia (June 25, 1788), New York (July 26, 1788), North Carolina (November 21, 1789), and Rhode Island (May 29, 1790)

15 Star U.S. Flag

- 1795



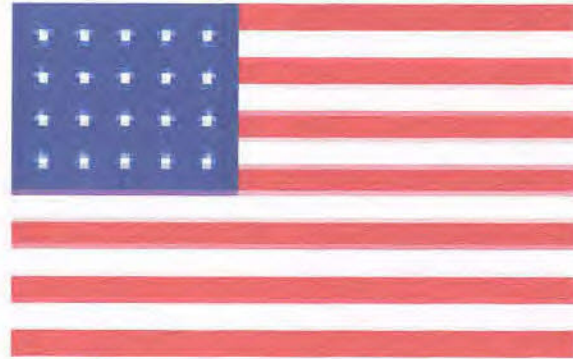
- Flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes **Vermont (March 4, 1791), Kentucky (June 1, 1792)**

- **1814**

- September 14 — Francis Scott Key writes "The Star-Spangled Banner." It officially becomes the national anthem in 1931.

20 Star U.S. Flag

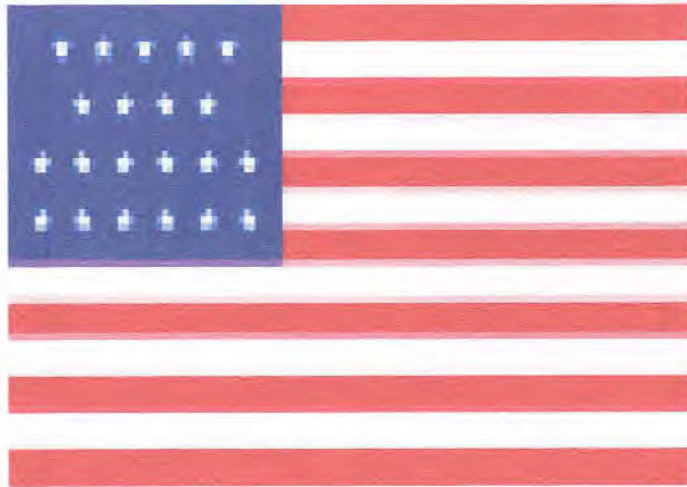
- **1818**



- Flag with 20 stars and 13 stripes (it remains at 13 hereafter) **Tennessee (June 1, 1796), Ohio (March 1, 1803), Louisiana (April 30, 1812), Indiana (December 11, 1816), Mississippi (December 10, 1817)**

21 Star U.S. Flag

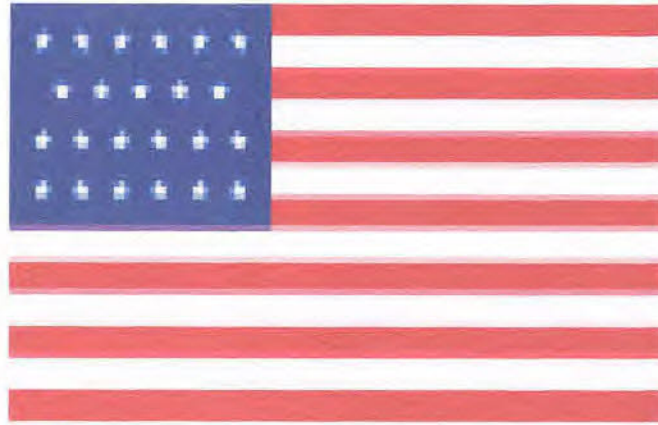
- **1819**



- **Flag with 21 stars Illinois (December 3, 1818)**

23 Star U.S. Flag

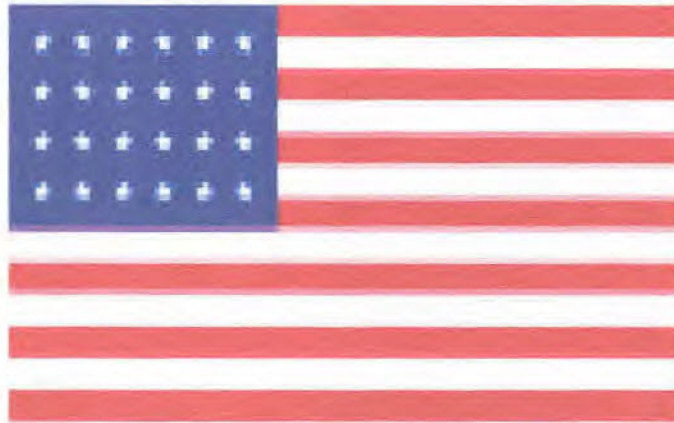
- **1820**



- Flag with 23 stars **Alabama (December 14, 1819), Maine (March 15, 1820)**
first flag on Pikes Peak

24 Star U.S. Flag (Old Glory)

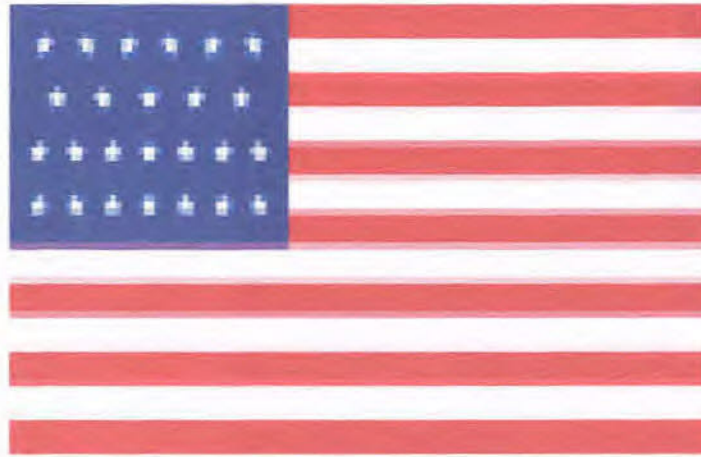
- **1822**



- Flag with 24 stars **Missouri (August 10, 1821)**

25 Star U.S. Flag

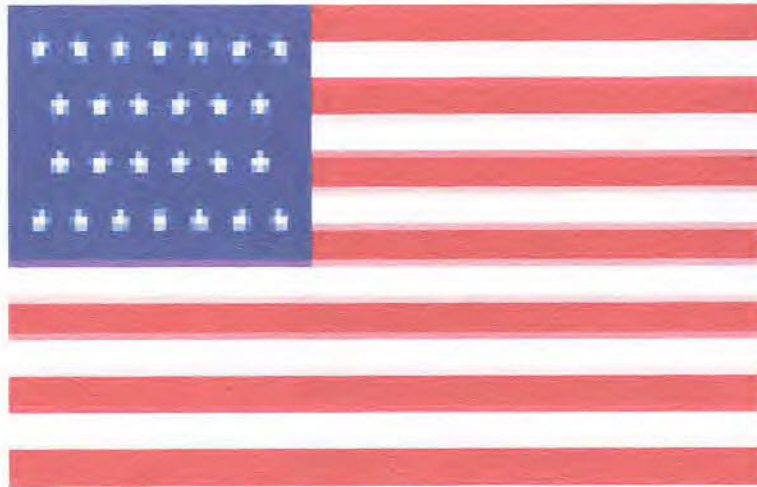
- **1836**



- Flag with 25 stars **Arkansas (June 15, 1836)**

26 Star U.S. Flag

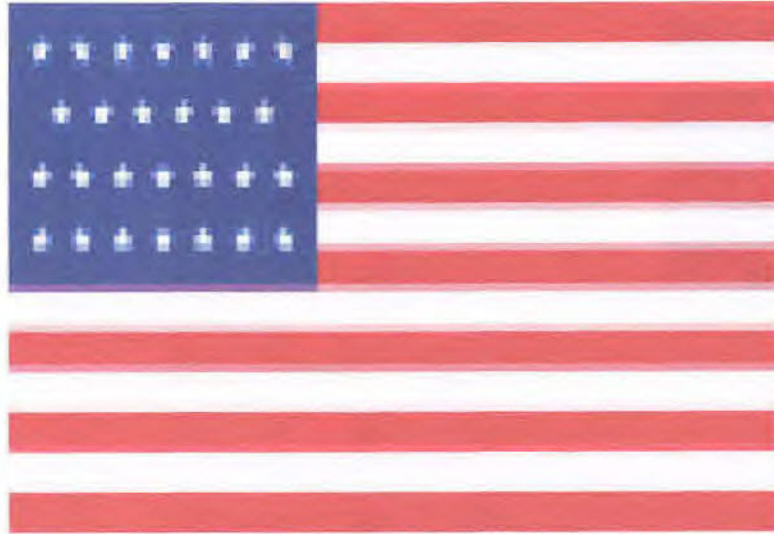
- **1837**



- Flag with 26 stars **Michigan (Jan 26, 1837)**

27 Star U.S. Flag

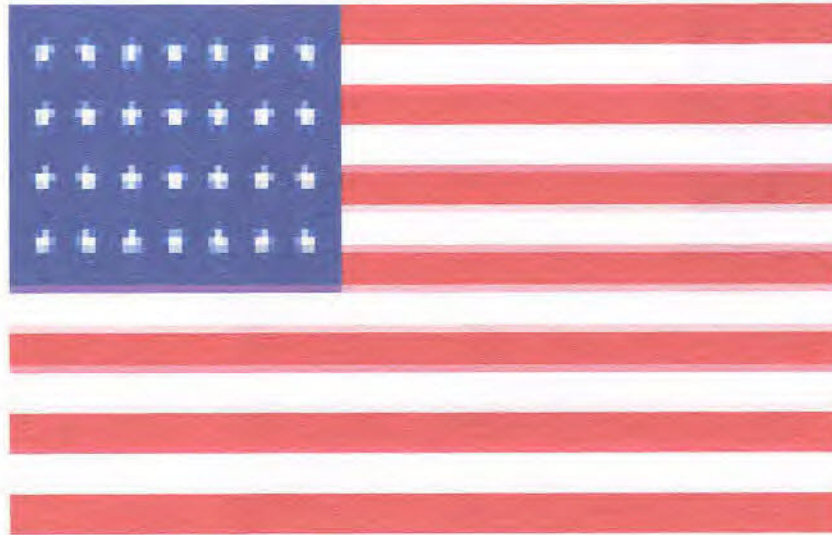
- 1845



- Flag with 27 stars **Florida (March 3, 1845)**

28 Star U.S. Flag

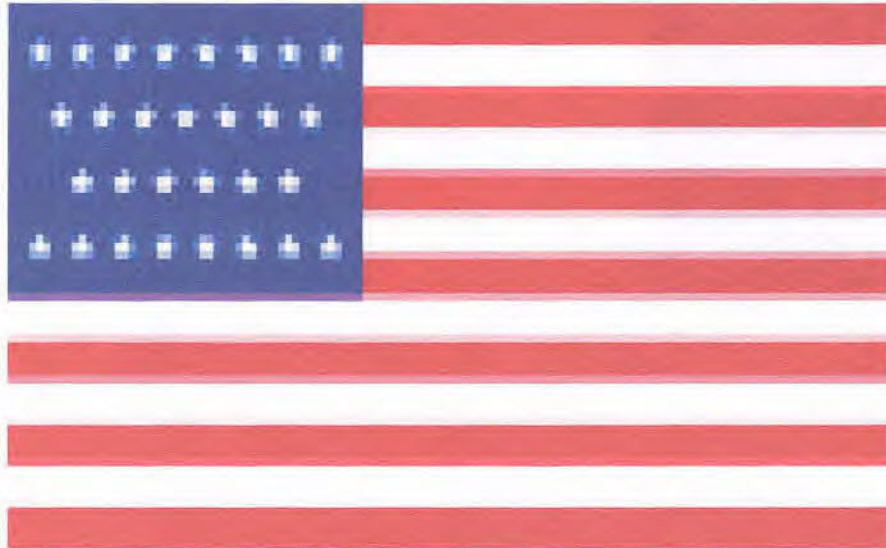
- **1846**



- Flag with 28 stars **Texas (December 29, 1845)**

29 Star U.S. Flag

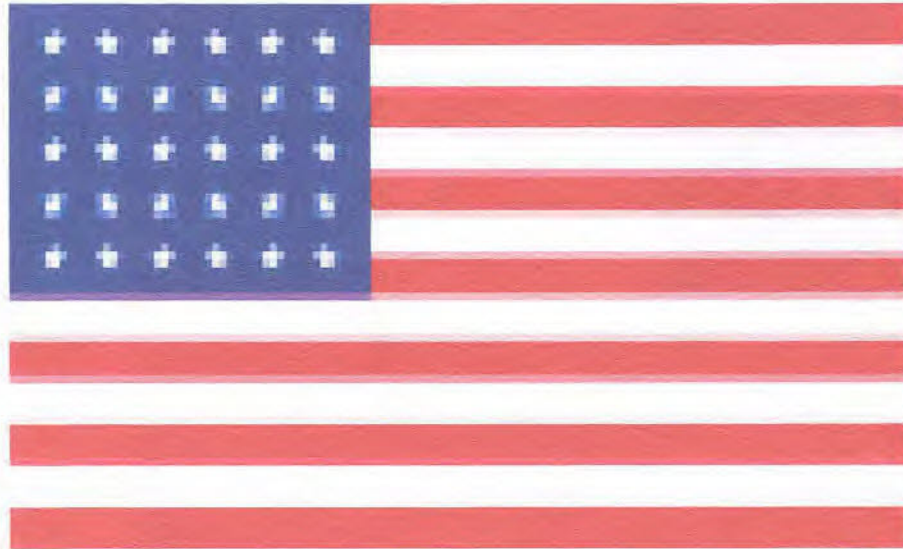
- **1847**



- Flag with 29 stars **Iowa (December 28, 1846)**

30 Star U.S. Flag

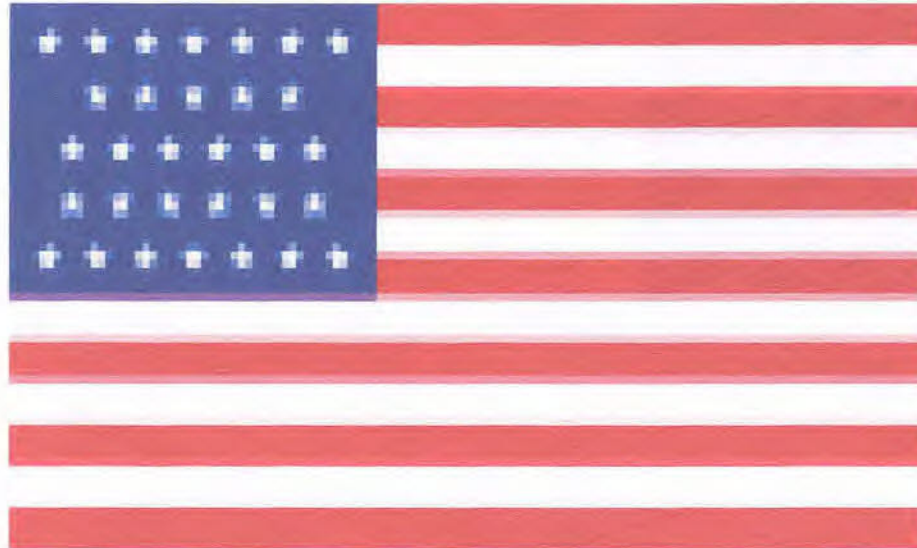
- **1848**



- Flag with 30 stars **Wisconsin (May 29, 1848)**

31 Star U.S. Flag

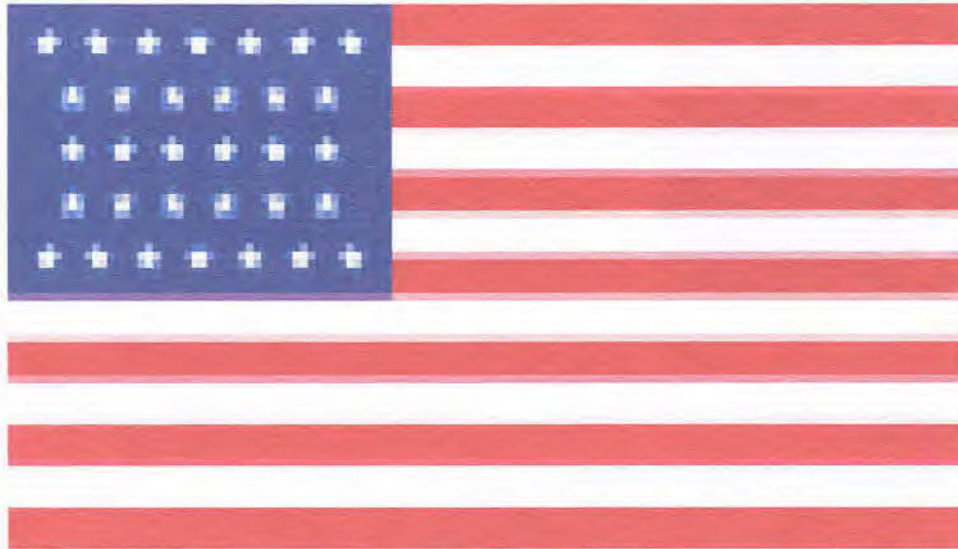
- **1851**



- Flag with 31 stars **California (September 9, 1850)**

32 Star U.S. Flag

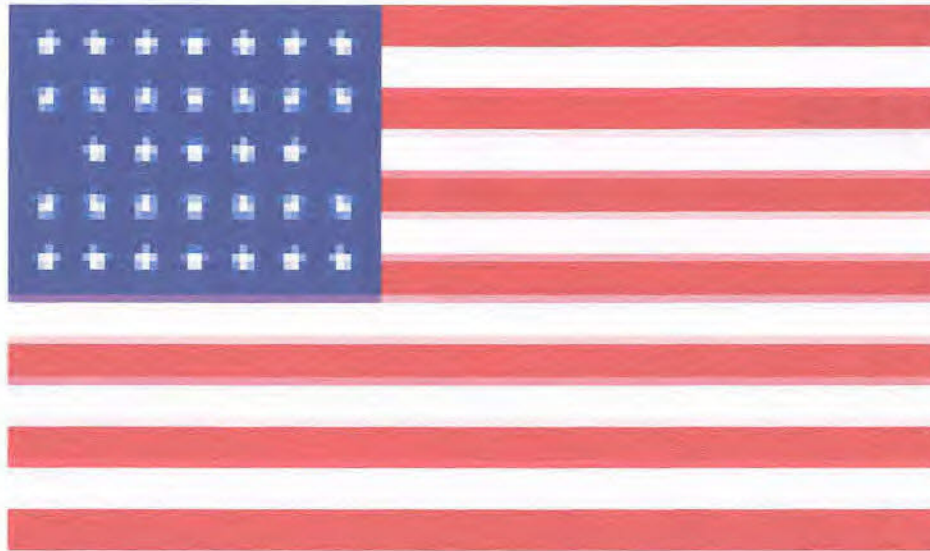
- **1858**



- Flag with 32 stars **Minnesota (May 11, 1858)**

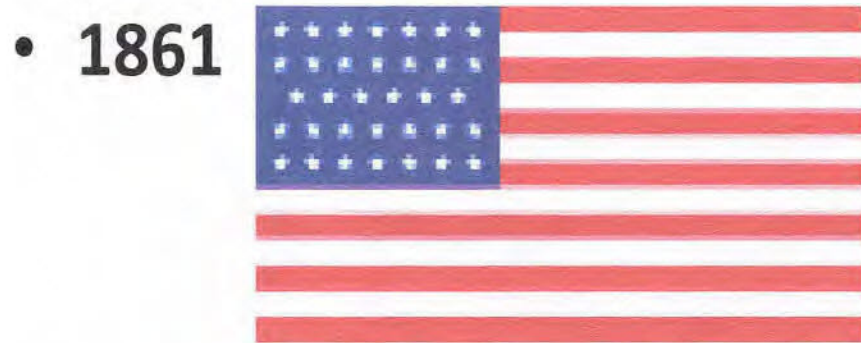
33 Star U.S. Flag

- 1859



- Flag with 33 stars **Oregon (February 14, 1859)**

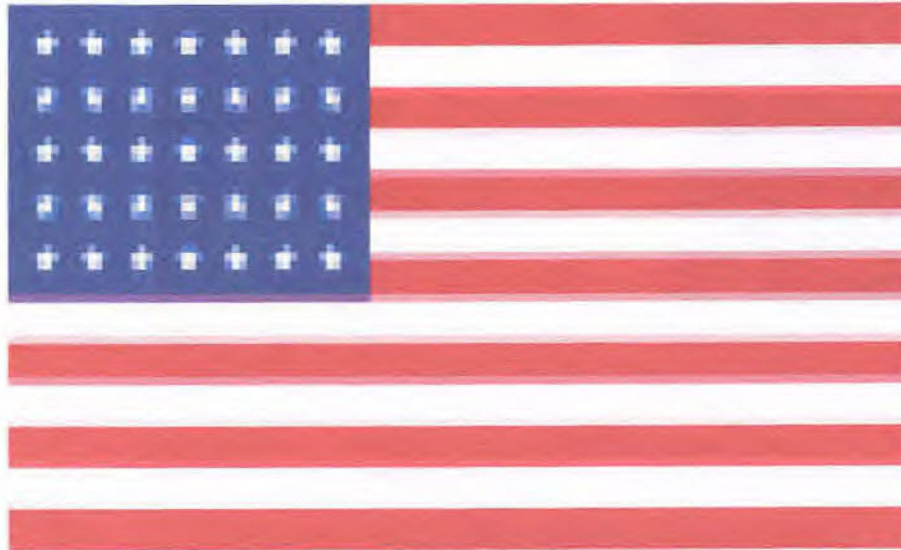
34 Star U.S. Flag



- Flag with 34 stars; **Kansas (January 29, 1861)**
Note: Even after the South seceded from the Union, President Lincoln would not allow any stars to be removed from the flag.
- first Confederate Flag (Stars and Bars) adopted in Montgomery, Alabama (red/white/red/7 stars)

35 Star U.S. Flag

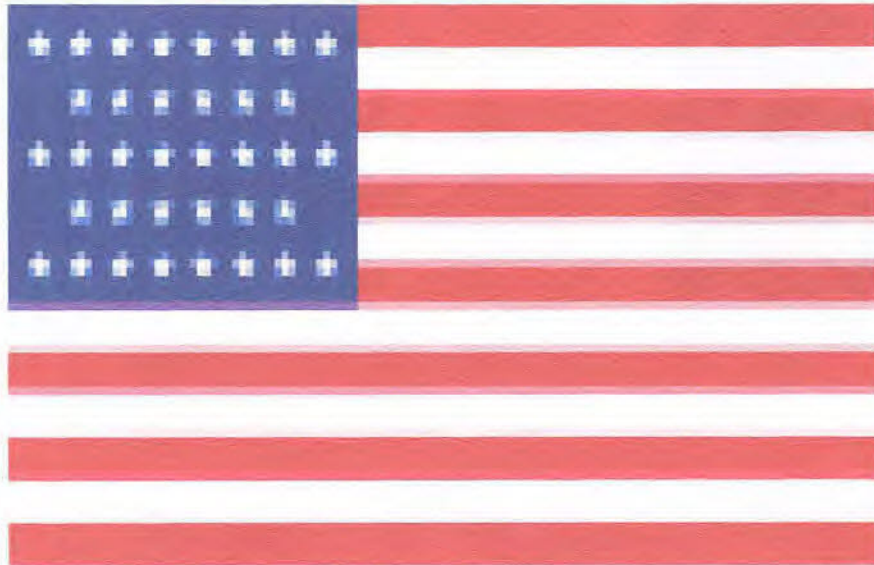
- **1863**



- Flag with 35 stars **West Virginia (June 20, 1863)**

36 Star U.S. Flag

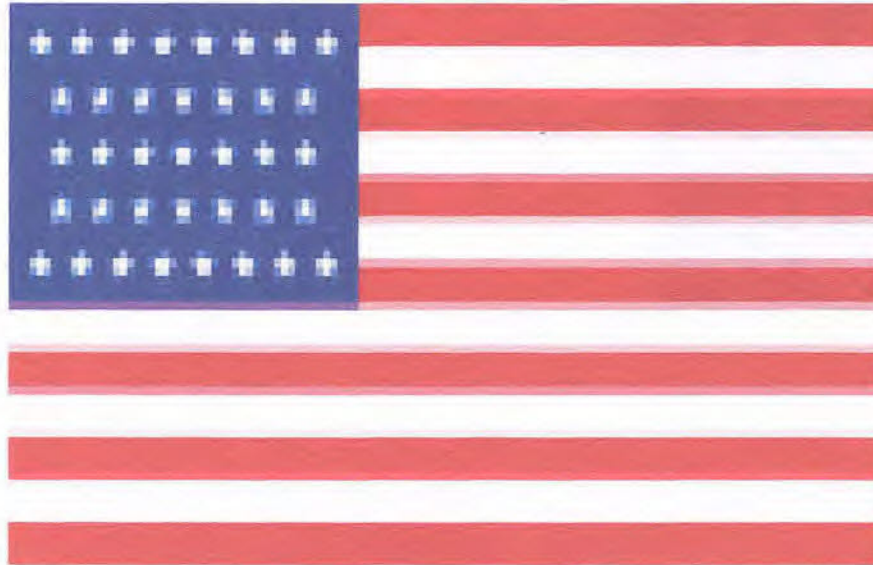
- **1865**



- Flag with 36 stars **Nevada (October 31, 1864)**

37 Star U.S. Flag

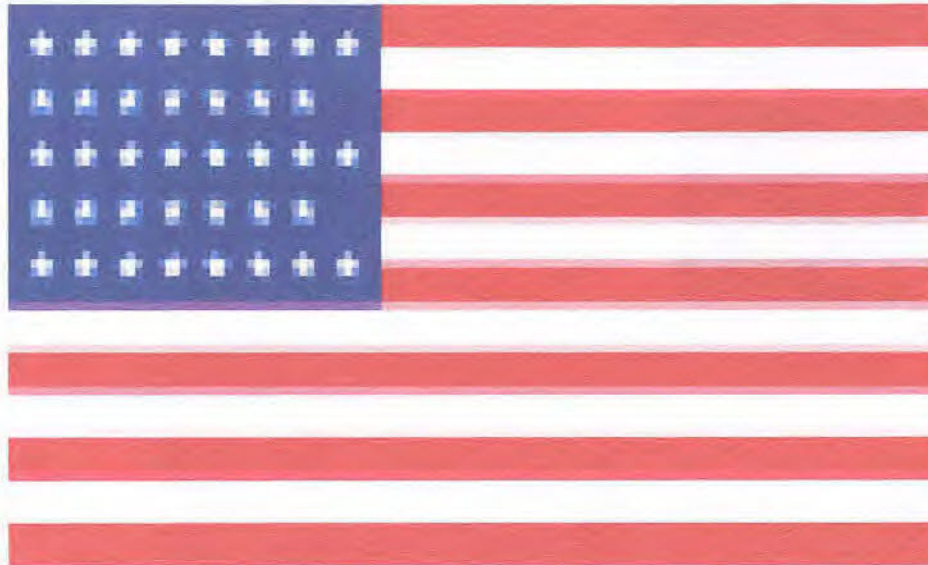
- **1867**



- Flag with 37 stars **Nebraska (March 1, 1867)**

38 Star U.S. Flag

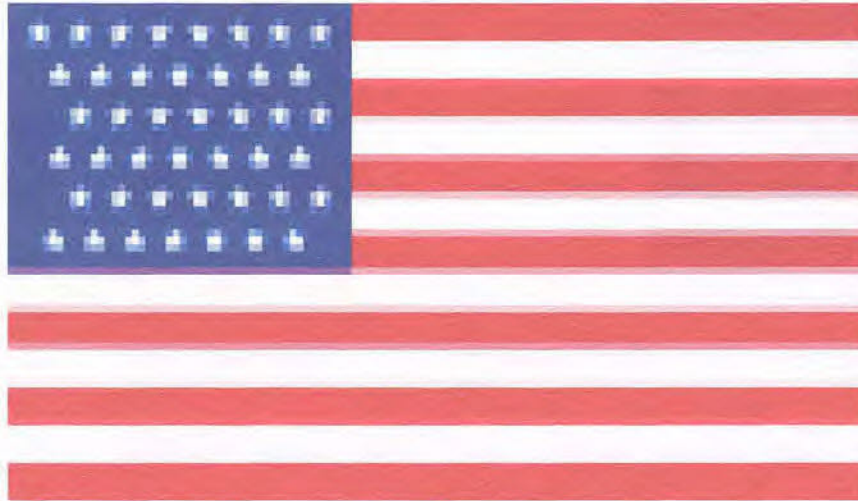
- **1877**



- Flag with 38 stars **Colorado (August 1, 1876)**

43 Star U.S. Flag

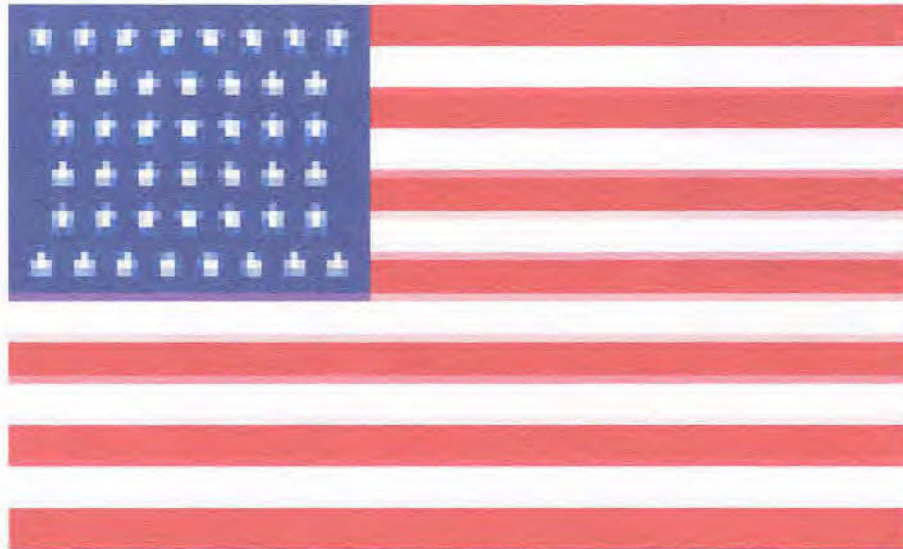
- 1890



- Flag with 43 stars **North Dakota (November 2, 1889), South Dakota (November 2, 1889), Montana (November 8, 1889), Washington (November 11, 1889), Idaho (July 3, 1890)**

44 Star U.S. Flag

- **1891**



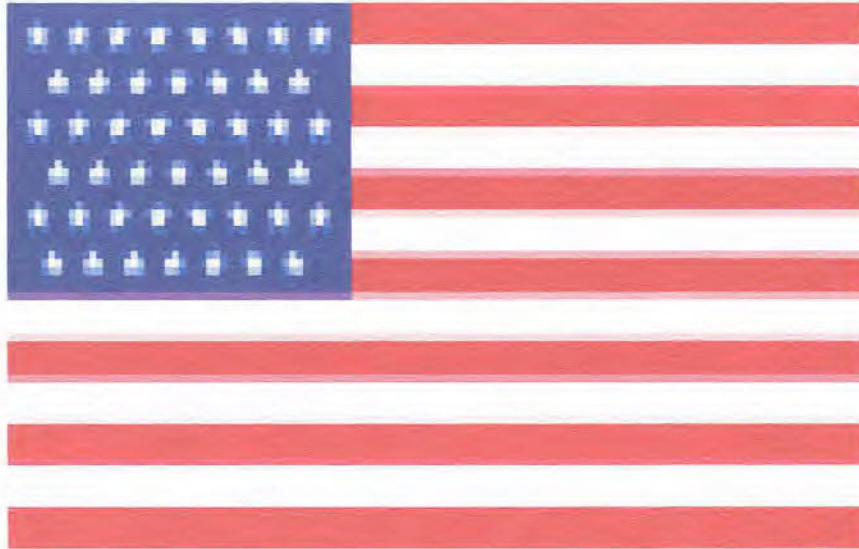
- Flag with 44 stars **Wyoming (July 10, 1890)**

Pledge of Allegiance

- **1892**
- ["Pledge of Allegiance"](#) first published in a magazine called "The Youth's Companion," written by Francis Bellamy. Bellamy salute used.
- "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

45 Star U.S. Flag

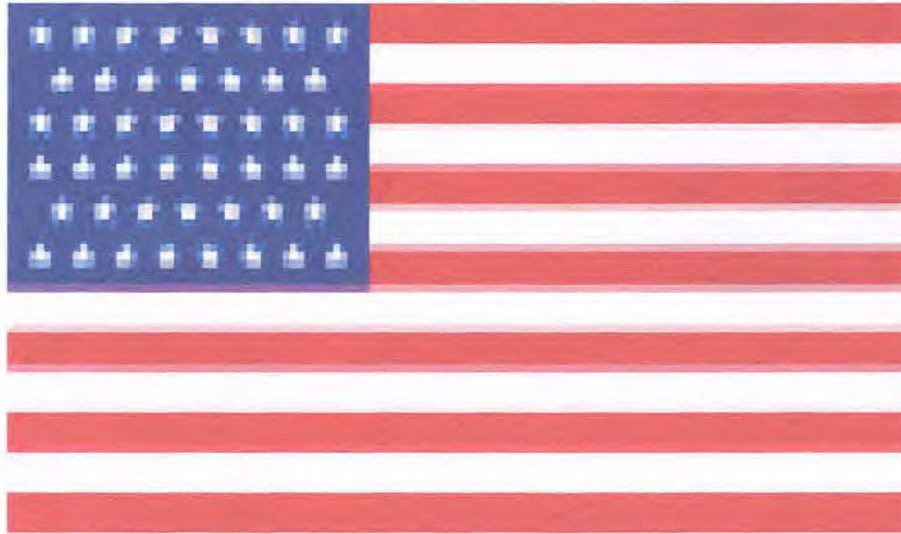
- 1896



- Flag with 45 stars **Utah (January 4, 1896)**

46 Star U.S. Flag

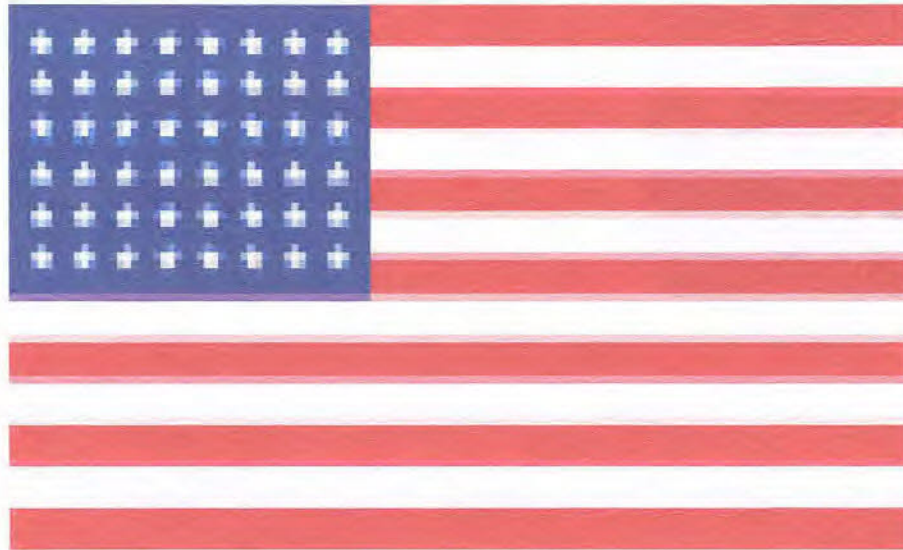
- 1908



- Flag with 46 stars **Oklahoma (November 16, 1907)**

48 Star U.S. Flag

- **1912**



- Flag with 48 stars **New Mexico (January 6, 1912), Arizona (February 14, 1912)**

Revised Pledge of Allegiance

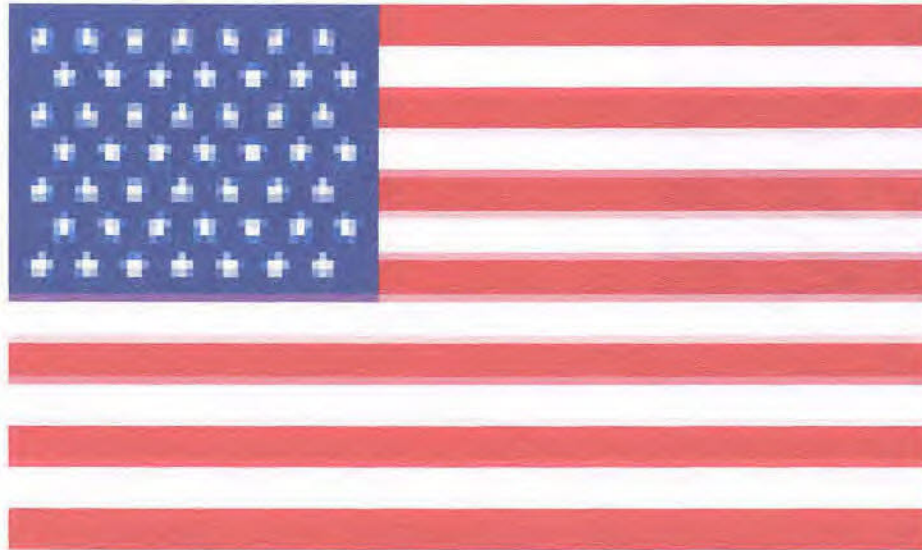
- 1923
- In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time it read:
- "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Revised Pledge of Allegiance

- **1954**
- By act of Congress, the words "Under God" are inserted into the [Pledge of Allegiance](#)
- In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads:
- "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

49 Star U.S. Flag

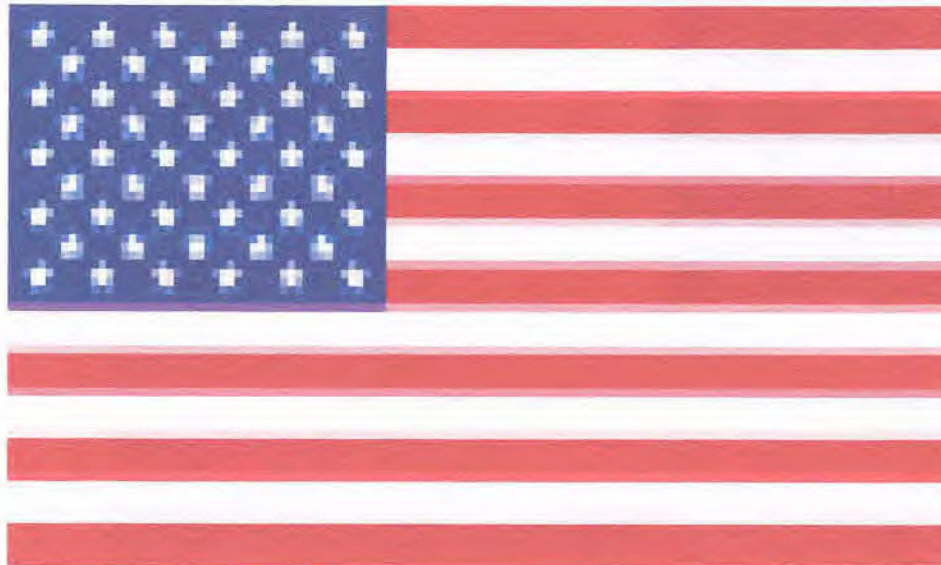
- 1959



- Flag with 49 stars **Alaska (January 3, 1959)**

50 Star U.S. Flag

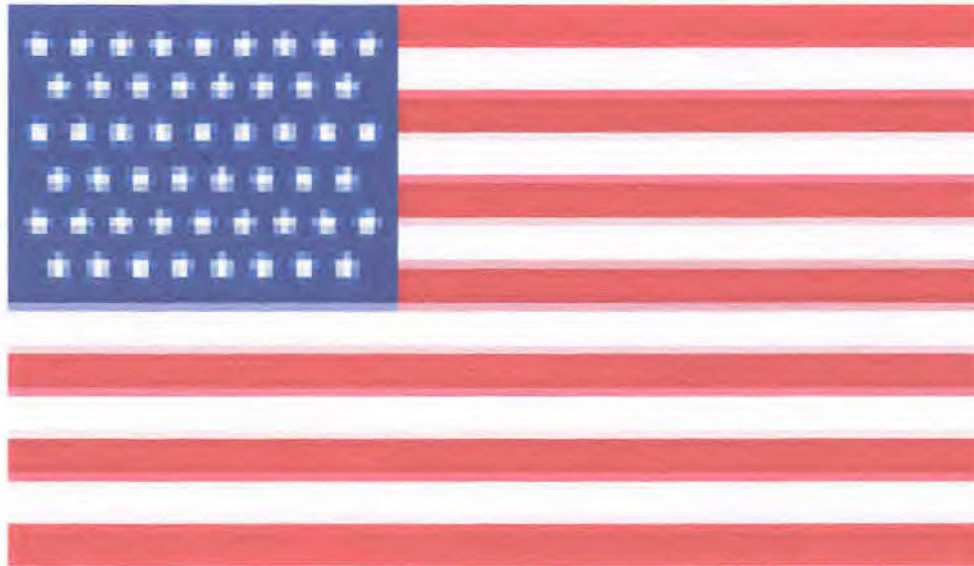
- 1960



- Flag with 50 stars **Hawaii (August 21, 1959)**

Proposed 51 Star U.S. Flag

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- Proposed flag with 51 stars, to be used if a 51st state is added.

Commonwealths

- When used in connection with areas under U.S. sovereignty that are not states, the term broadly describes an area that is self-governing under a constitution of its adoption and whose right of self-government will not be unilaterally withdrawn by Congress".
- Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Commonwealth of the Philippines held from 1934 to 1946 when it became independent

Pledge of Allegiance

Bellamy Salute

- At a signal from the Principal the pupils, in ordered ranks, hands to the side, face the Flag. Another signal is given; every pupil gives the flag the military salute - - right hand lifted, palm downward, to a line with the forehead and close to it. Standing thus, all repeat together, slowly, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." At the words, "to my Flag," the right hand is extended gracefully, palm upward, toward the Flag, and remains in this gesture till the end of the affirmation; whereupon all hands immediately drop to the side.

- I pledge allegiance
- (I promise to be true)

• to the flag

• (to the sign [symbol] of our country)

- of the United States of America
- (each state that has joined to make our country)

- and to the Republic
- (a Democracy is a country where the majority rules lacking any legal safeguard of the rights of The Individual and the Minority. A Republic protects those rights.)

- for which it stands
- (the flag means the country)

- one Nation

- (a single country)

- under God

- (the people believe in a Supreme Being)

- indivisible

- (the country cannot be split into parts)

- with liberty and justice
- (with freedom and fairness)

- with liberty and justice
- (with freedom and fairness)

• for all

• (for each person in the country – you and me)