

Four Freedoms

A Moral Foundation for Our Future

We must have a clear set of values that bind us as Americans and chart a new moral, equitable path. President Franklin D. Roosevelt knew this, and in 1941, he proposed and sought to secure four essential freedoms that people possess. In part, these freedoms reshaped America's view of government and recognized its responsibility to our social welfare.

Our basic needs from our government and economic systems have not changed since then. As Roosevelt noted, they are: "equality of opportunity for youth and for others; jobs for those who can work; security for those who need it; the ending of special privilege for the few; the preservation of civil liberties for all; the enjoyment of the fruits of scientific progress in a wider and constantly rising standard of living." However, we have failed to live up to these principles.

Since the '80s, there has been a war on government and its power to attend to our needs. It is time to rewrite the Four Freedoms, reimagine our goals as a democracy, reinstate our commitment to human rights, and remake our government to serve US and our future generations.

01/Freedom of Identity

Everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, thought, speech, opinion, expression, community, and cultural association, which are requisite for dignity and the free development of the individual.

02/Freedom of Opportunity

Everyone has the right to a full education, choice of residence, work with dignity, and a free choice of employment, with just conditions, remuneration, and social protections.

03/Freedom from Need

Everyone has a right to a standard of living that provides adequate food, clothing, housing, health care, social services, and protections that provide a life of dignity.

04/Freedom from Discrimination

Everyone has the right to life, liberty, dignity, and security of person, equally, with protections against the distinction in the administration of those rights by race, color, creed, class, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or national or social origin.