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Open Letter by Liberty And Justice For All Defending American Institutions Signed by 173 Prominent Scholars, Media Personalities—And Counting

A mix of conservative, liberal, and unclassifiable academics and writers announce public commitment to upholding **free speech, representative government, federalism, market commerce, education, family, and religion.**

WASHINGTON D.C. — In order to preserve the American ethos of *e pluribus unum*, a new academic and intellectual enterprise **Liberty And Justice For All** has announced a public defense of our country's longstanding but increasingly fragile American institutions and principles of justice.

Over a quarter-century ago, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.—a committed liberal and partisan Democrat—and Allan Bloom—a conservative, of sorts—wrote very different books that came to similarly disturbing conclusions: that the mind of the American university was closing and that it would result, as Schlesinger put it, in the “disuniting of America.” Their shared prophecy is now playing out in our streets in ways that neither would probably have imagined.

In the [open letter](#), the signatories state:

“In the name of justice and equality, those animated by contempt and despair seek to destroy longstanding but fragile American institutions through which justice and equality can be secured. Destruction of these imperfect but necessary institutions will not hasten the advent of justice and equality but rather accelerate our collapse into barbarism and degradation.”

Among the lead signatories are **Jeremy Beer** of The American Ideas Institute, **Daniel J. Mahoney** of Assumption University, **Joshua Mitchell** of Georgetown University, **Mark T. Mitchell** of Patrick Henry College, and **Robert L. Woodson, Sr.** of 1776 Unites.

A selection of signatories includes: **William J. Bennett**, Former Secretary of Education; **Allen C. Guelzo**, Princeton University; **Os Guinness**, Senior Fellow, Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics; **Victor Davis Hanson**, Hoover Institution; **Glenn C. Loury**, Brown University; **Wilfred M. McClay**, University of Oklahoma; **John McWhorter**, Columbia University, **George**

Weigel, Ethics and Public Policy Center. (Institutional affiliations are noted for identification purposes only.)

To Read the Open letter, view a full list of signatories, and follow their efforts please [Click Here Now](#).

ABOUT LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

We know the intellectual roots and weaknesses of the virulent ideology that confronts us and how to defeat it. We also know how to give a principled defense of the ideals and institutions that "We the People" require to remain recognizably American and recognizably free and equal. With our cosponsor "1776 Unites"—headed by the activist and patriot Robert L. Woodson, Sr.—we profess a thoughtful and affirming yet self-critical patriotism.