

Why I am Proud to be an American

America is a nation that has survived through 245 years. It is a nation that has overcome trials and tribulations, time and time again. For that, I am deeply grateful, and I am proud to be part of this amazing nation.

I am proud of how we have moved past so many conflicts, and how we continue to look onward to our ever-expanding potential.

From a young age, it has almost been engraved in my brain how men die in war, fighting for our freedom. My father, being fortunate enough to survive through a war, taught me stories that gave me such a resounding sense of humanity. Knowing I am always protected, knowing that my freedom will always be preserved, knowing that things weren't always like this, gives me an immense feeling of gratitude. As Americans, we are extremely privileged in comparison to other countries. If that isn't something to be proud of, then I don't know what will give you that empowerment.

In this day and age, things have gotten so complex and certain people have the nerve to discredit the origins of our nation. Yet in the same respect, it's the very nation that gives those people a voice to disagree.

With this all being said, we are human. America is not perfect, and I predict that it never will be. The world will always have humans inhabiting it, and for as long as that is true we are prone to human error. That's okay because I think at its core that is truly why this country is so great. We embrace imperfection and glorify the journey towards perfection. America has succumbed to error before, but Americans have always come together, as a country and united as one. When we are united, we are capable of doing quite honestly anything.

And, that is why I am proud to be an American...one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.