

**THE STUDY OF THE
AMERICAN DEMOCRACY
IN TODAY'S WORLD**

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To elicit the contradictions between the main principles of a democratic system and their modern realization in the USA.

With this goal in mind we identified the main tasks:

1. To study the concepts of democracy.
2. To outline all kinds of democracy.
3. To trace the history of the development of democracy in America.
4. To study the foundations of the democratic government of the USA.
5. To examine the current policies of the USA in regard of their compliance with democratic principles.

The Concepts of Democracy

- ◉ Direct or indirect (through elective representatives) governance of the country by people;
- ◉ The State, the country, the community, which has the democratic government;
- ◉ Governing of the majority;
- ◉ Perception and realization of the principle of equality of rights and freedom of citizens, as well as their opportunities.

Kinds of Democracy

- ⦿ Indirect democracy
- ⦿ Representative democracy
- ⦿ Parliamentary democracy
- ⦿ Liberal democracy
- ⦿ Constitutional democracy
- ⦿ Direct democracy
- ⦿ Socialist democracy
- ⦿ Anarchist democracy
- ⦿ Sortition
- ⦿ Interactive democracy

The History of the Development of Democracy in America

- 1607 – The first successful English colony (Jamestown) was founded in the present state of Virginia.
- July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.
- The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783.
- March 1789 The American representative (indirect) democratic system in the form of a constitutional republic was established in the Constitution of the United States.
- There are 27 amendments which have been added to the Constitution. The most important are:
 - 13 – outlaws slavery
 - 14 – guarantees all citizens equal protection of the laws
 - 19 – gives women the right to vote (Ratified in August, 1920)

Foundations of Democracy. Benefits and Costs

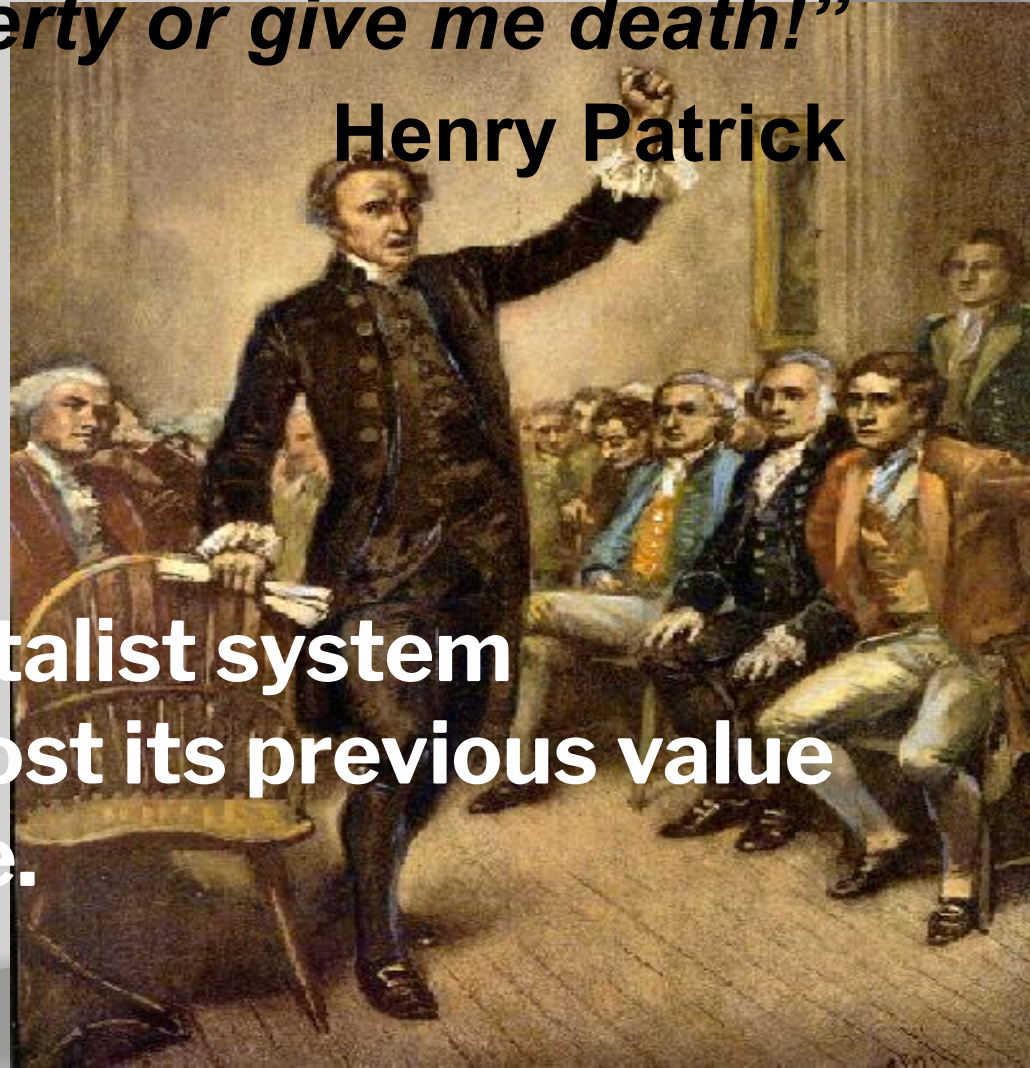
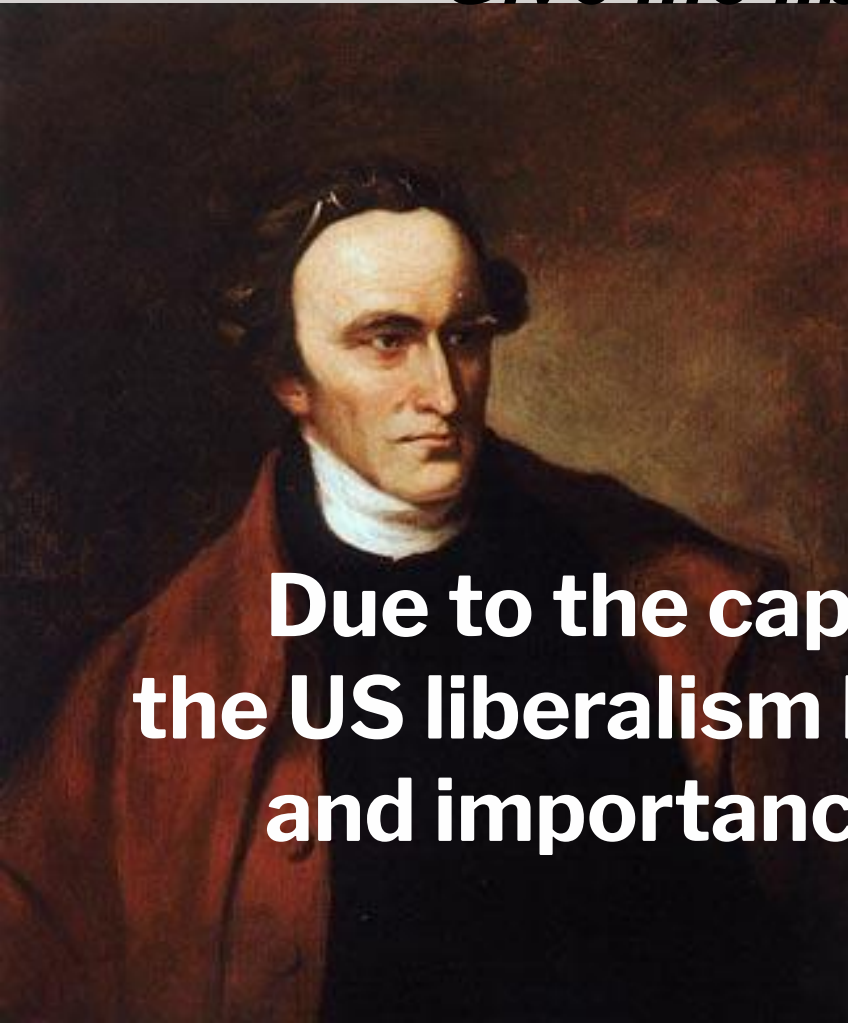
- ⦿ Authority
- ⦿ Privacy
- ⦿ Responsibility
- ⦿ Justice

Liberalism and Capitalism in the policy of the USA

“Give me liberty or give me death!”

Henry Patrick

**Due to the capitalist system
the US liberalism lost its previous value
and importance.**





Poverty vs. wealth



In the USA the number of poor people has increased by 6 million people during 2 past years



The sizes of the biggest fortunes have reached record levels.

America in today's world

September 11

- **A break point**
- **People see a danger of international terrorism**
- **The beginning of the war with terrorism**
- **Acceptance of the legitimacy of the USA authority**
- **The USA is considered as “the Empire of Good”**



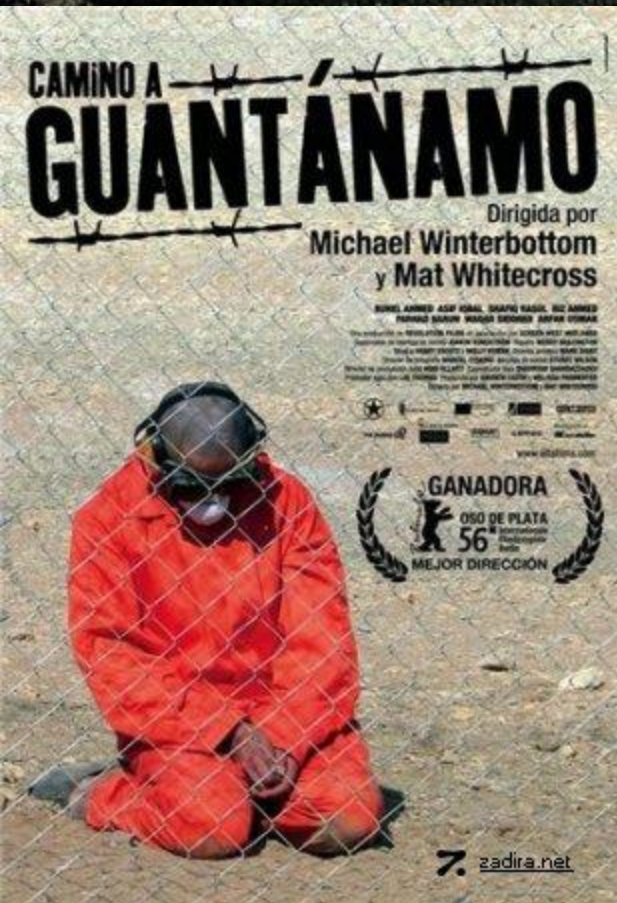
The War in Iraq. 2003 – 200...?

The US strategy of despotic relation to other countries

- ⦿ *Violation of human rights*
- ⦿ *Imposing their idea of democracy*
- ⦿ *The USA wants to take under control the world's hydrocarbon ellipse.*



Guantanamo



*Beating of prisoners by
American soldiers*



The US Airbase in Kyrgyzstan 2001-2000...?

