

## **We Need A New 'Pledge Of Allegiance'!**

*Let's be done with the old socialist-written, jingoistic drivel and start speaking like real Americans!*

SO, SERIOUSLY, FOLKS, why are we more than a century deep into endless recitations of socialist Francis Bellamy's flag-chant? The thing is so indelibly tinged with state-idolatry (whether due to jingoistic appropriation of the thing over the decades or otherwise) that you would imagine us all to be living in 19th-century Prussia.

Accordingly, I have undertaken to offer America a replacement. I think you will all agree that this alternative, which uses for the most part the exact expression of our founding principles as presented in the Declaration of Independence, partakes of the REAL spirit which should infuse anything ritualistically-recited-- whether in schools, at sporting events and political rallies, or anywhere else-- by men and women lucky enough to be the heirs of our magnificent Founders.

-Pete Hendrickson

### **The Proper American Pledge of Allegiance**

*I pledge allegiance to the principles of the United States of America,*

*holding that all men are created equal,*

*that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,*

*and that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*

*I hold further that it is to secure these rights that Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the consent of the governed,*

*and that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its*

*foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*

