

## The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The patriotic rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, that appears on the following page, is from an old print of the Pledge before it was perverted by adding superstitious corruption in 1954.

The Pledge of Allegiance first appeared in 'The Youth Companion' in 1892 in the following form: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." In 1924 the words "the Flag of the United States of America" was substituted for the words "my Flag." That was the wording of the Pledge as it was first officially recognized by the United States Government in 1942, and that is the wording that appears on the beautiful copy we present here. We urge every true American to print out this Pledge, using a color printer, frame it and display it in home and office. Or better yet, have it enlarged on a good color copy machine and then frame the enlarged copy, the copy on the next page was taken from an original that measured about 11 X 17 inches.

The pledge of Allegiance was perverted during the hate era known as the McCarthy ear, by adding the words "under God." This change corrupted the Pledge and made it a religious sectarian instrument. The words "under God" was used in Catholic schools as a Catholic version of the Pledge long before it was forced upon the Nation as a whole in 1954.

The words added in 1954 simply destroy the Pledge and turns it into a mockery of the great ideals this Nation was originally founded upon. These words renders the rest of the Pledge false; how can there be "Liberty and Justice for all" when many Americans are not superstitious, and realize that gods do not exist?

I have never recited the perverted version of the Pledge -- no American would. There have been legal challenges to this religious desecration of our National Pledge but the superstitious corruption of our Government extends to the Courts also, and no immediate return to American ideals seems likely.

I would like to see this beautiful Pledge printed out, framed and posted in every possible place where this great American symbol can be proudly displayed. To prominently display this REAL Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States is to say to the world; "I AM A TRUE AMERICAN."

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