

Herbert Croly

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Had it not been for the Atlantic Ocean and the virgin wilderness, the United States would never have been the Land of Promise.

~Herbert Croly

I am not a prophet in any sense of the word, and I entertain an active and intense dislike of the foregoing mixture of optimism, fatalism, and conservatism.

~Herbert Croly

The national school is not a lecture hall or a library. Its schooling consists chiefly in experimental collective action aimed at the realization of a collective purpose.

~Herbert Croly

The higher American patriotism, on the other hand, combines loyalty to historical tradition and precedent with the imaginative projection of an ideal national Promise.

~Herbert Croly

The only fruitful promise of which the life of any individual or any nation can be possessed, is a promise determined by an ideal.

~Herbert Croly

So far I, at least, have no fault to find with implications of Hamilton's Federalism, but unfortunately his policy was in certain other respects tainted with a more doubtful tendency.

~Herbert Croly

Of course, Americans have no monopoly of patriotic enthusiasm and good faith.

~Herbert Croly

The first phase of American political history was characterized by the conflict between the Federalists and the Republicans, and it resulted in

the complete triumph of the latter.

~Herbert Croly

The average American is nothing if not patriotic.

~Herbert Croly

Unless the great majority of Americans not only have, but believe they have, a fair chance, the better American future will be dangerously compromised.

~Herbert Croly

The adoption by Jefferson and the Republicans of the political structure of their opponents is of an importance hardly inferior to that of the adoption of the Constitution by the states.

~Herbert Croly

The years between 1800 and 1825 were distinguished, so far as our domestic development was concerned, by the growth of the Western pioneer Democracy in power and self-consciousness.

~Herbert Croly

Let it be immediately added, however, that this economic independence and prosperity has always been absolutely associated in the American mind with free political institutions.

~Herbert Croly

The popular will cannot be taken for granted, it must be created.

~Herbert Croly

American history contains much matter for pride and congratulation, and much matter for regret and humiliation.

~Herbert Croly

When Jefferson and the Republicans rallied to the Union and to the

existing Federalist organization, the fabric of traditional American democracy was almost completely woven.

~Herbert Croly

In Jefferson's mind democracy was tantamount to extreme individualism.

~Herbert Croly

At first, it must be remembered, that [women] can never accomplish anything until they put womanhood ahead of wifeness, and make motherhood the highest office on the social scale.

~Herbert Croly

Democracy may mean something more than a theoretically absolute popular government, but it assuredly cannot mean anything less.

~Herbert Croly

Women ... are completely alone, though they were born and bred upon this soil, as if they belonged to another class in creation.

~Herbert Croly

If it be true that democracy is based upon the assumption that every man shall serve his fellow man, the organization of democracy should be gradually adapted to that assumption.

~Herbert Croly

The essential nature of a democracy compels it to insist that individual power of all kinds, political, economic, or intellectual, shall not be perversely and irresponsibly exercised.

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