Source Doc: US Constitution Preamble and Bill of Rights

We the legislation

Blessings to ourselves,

ordain America as the greatest union.

Powers granted to office,

No person shall have their respective resolution.

Opinion of one over all other persons,

Deference to the perfect Union.

Domestic duties required as a qualification,

Resignation of the right to be your own person,

In the name of a free and perfect state.
Composition, Context, Representation, and Reality
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Source Document: “A Letter from President Lincoln to Horace Greeley”

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22, 1862.

Hon. Horace Greeley:

DEAR SIR: I have just read yours of the 19th, addressed to myself through the New-York Tribune. If there be in it any statements or assumptions of fact which I may know to be erroneous, I do not now and here controvert them. If there be in it any inferences which I may believe to be falsely drawn, I do not now and here argue against them. If there be perceptible in it an impatient and dictatorial tone, I waive it in deference to an old friend, whose heart I have always supposed to be right.

As to the policy I "seem to be pursuing," as you say, I have not meant to leave any one in doubt.

I would save the Union. I would save it the shortest way under the Constitution. The sooner the national authority can be restored the nearer the Union will be "the Union as it was." If there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time save Slavery, I do not agree with them. If there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time destroy Slavery, I do not agree with them. My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or destroy Slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. What I do about Slavery and the colored race, I do because I believe it helps to save this Union, and what I forbear, I forbear because I do not believe it would help to save the Union. I shall do less whenever I shall believe what I am doing hurts the cause, and I shall do more whenever I shall believe doing more will help the cause. I shall try to correct errors when shown to be errors; and I shall adopt new views as fast as they shall appear to be true views. I have here stated my purpose according to my view of official duty, and I intend no modification of my oft-expressed personal wish that all men everywhere could be free. Yours,

A. LINCOLN.
Source Document: “Slavery in New York”
http://www.slaveryinnewyork.org/history.htm

reveals a history unaware, illuminates the contributions of the enslaved
role slavery in New York
barely mentioned in school textbooks, slavery
key development of New York, from its
formative years
if you want to understand the present
you have to start by understanding the past
Freedom
Those who spoke the language of liberty always had in mind - and often in view
-shackles on the legs and manacles on the wrists of the enslaved
George Washington
greatest apostle of freedom
owner of hundreds of slaves
New York
capital of American liberty
freest city, largest, most diverse, most economically ambitious
most open to the world
But, for more than two centuries, the capital of American slavery
20 percent of colonial New Yorkers were enslaved Africans
built the city's local economy largely around supplying ships for the trade in
slaves and in what slaves produced
captains and merchants bought and sold slaves along the coast of Africa
Almost every businessman in 18th-century New York had a
stake, at one time or another, in the traffic in human beings
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During the colonial period, 41 percent city's households had slaves
6 percent in Philadelphia and 2 percent in Boston.
Only Charleston, South Carolina, rivaled New York
slavery penetrated everyday life.
each slaveholding New
Yorker usually owned only one or two persons.
urban landscape, there were no plantations
Slaves slept in the cellars and attics
did virtually all of the work of many households
Slaves constructed Fort Amsterdam, built the wall from which Wall Street gets its name
They built the roads, the docks, and most of the important buildings
Slavery was no milder in the urban North than in the Deep South
New York was also, from the start, a center for efforts to abolish slavery.
SLAVERY IN NEW YORK
story of how the black population began to plant its cultural roots, of poetry, art, music and literature actively resisting injustice
The black New Yorkers who survived enslavement left us legacies shape life in this city and nation persisted through our worst moments, they help us see the best in ourselves
Immigrant parents
teach what they’re taught
families are tight-knit;
we’re connected to our roots,
exposure to multiple cultural perspectives
parents have high expectations of success
Immigrant households.
the importance of family
cultural connectivity,
clear cultural background
define your identity,
connect with others who share the same heritage.
traditional values negatively impact
emotionally straining traditions:
strict discipline
limited autonomy
academic pressure.
increased expectations
Controlling behavior
missed out on key childhood experiences.
controlling behavior extend past childhood,
young adults only leave the house to get married.
new generation pushing the limits on autonomy and independent living.
threatens tradition.
major demands on newfound freedom.

Academic pressures,
pushing success onto the children of the family.

the sacrifices behind my parents’ story
induces guilt and pressure.
education and success
the only way out of poverty
the same poverty they escaped
their sacrifice,
the foundation for my success.

High expectations
fear of failure
adds additional pressure

We fear our parents’ disappointment.
We fear failure.
We cannot afford to fail.

Clashing expectations
different norms parents aren’t aware of,
or don’t care about.

hispanic households
more strict with the daughters:
protective,
strict,
controlling.

the constant clash between cultures
academic pressures
dissonant cultural values,

parents turn a blind eye
they see depressive symptoms
mislabel them,
laziness.
no room for depression.

unnamed pressure:
to educate our immigrant parents

Repression
moving on without healing

Families don’t communicate emotional needs
We don’t talk about it.
We let it happen until the need to talk it out is gone.

an obvious difference in societal upbringing
There are different expectations.

Different norms bring up identity issues
The pressure to succeed.

Family support and understanding
Greater freedom and autonomy
Compromise

Understand their struggles
Immigrants have had a difficult childhood
They might not be able to understand your struggles if they never had theirs addressed either.
SOURCE DOCUMENT: “About the Pro-Life Action League” website

Pro Life Action League

**PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE** was founded by Joseph M. Scheidler in 1980 with the aim of saving children through non-violent direct action. Joe first got involved in the movement in 1972, when at the urging of his wife Ann he took the family to a day in downtown Chicago. A picture of a baby aborted late in pregnancy reminded him of the Supreme Court.

Joe founded the Pro-Life Action League to serve the need he saw Americans to take bold, direct action. His 1985 pro-life activists manual, CLOSED: 99 Ways to Abort, pro-lifers throughout the United States and the world to work effectively to save abortion. In 1986, the National Organization of Women

The Pro-Life Action League has become the recognized national leader in dynamic, effective **Abortion Clinic Prayers**—Through prayer we raise awareness of the justice of abortion through marches, pickets, prayer vigils, and displaying victim images in the public square. The League works with hundreds of local leaders throughout the U.S. coordinating national prayer events, such as the National Aborted Children.

**Abortionists**—We protest pro-abortion events, infiltrate their meetings and groups, investigate and expose their illegal and unseemly activity, and creatively confront them with the reality of what they’re doing. **Fighting Parenthood**—Whether it’s fighting the pro-life witness

the League has the tools to make a difference. As the major co-sponsor of the national #ProtestPl campaign, we coordinate Nightline, Hannity’s America, The O’Reilly Factor, Crossfire, Oprah, Good Morning America, and many other
programs in Newsweek, Time Magazine, The Los Angeles Times and The Chicago Tribune, to name just a few. Putting babies in your own community, with tools To be an effective voice for our brothers and sisters, Arm yourself with the facts, figures, and reasoned arguments you need to share the message. Please contact us, and we will be happy to help you. The League Staff and Board is blessed with for his leadership on the front lines. babies sharing his message to fight politicians.
SOURCE DOCUMENT: “Irvington in Chains and our Process: A History of Slavery in Irvington and a Look at How Slices of History are Made”

Hidden truths beneath our soil

Horrors of the paths begin to unfoil

Forgotten history for hundreds of years

Revealing the stories of millions of tears

Why shall these names be forgot?

These crimes committed in our own lot?

We must spread the stories of the names left behind

To our ignorance we cannot remain blind

Is there a “right” side of history?

The answer is not clear to me

Conflicted feelings on the inside

Only in the truth we shall confide