

## **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 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.*

