



A photo from the opening day of the 100 year celebration of the Declaration of Independence.  
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# California Water and Infrastructure Report For July 4, 2024

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## A Note to Readers

This Independence Day, our report shall present a single item to focus our thoughts on this 248<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the greatest republic in human history.

In just two years our nation will celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and what that celebration will be, will be determined on November 5 of this year, as we elect the our next President.

I hope the thoughtful and historical material in the following report adds to your Independence Day Celebration today.

The main topic of the article is known today as the “1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition,” celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Declaration of Independence.

186,272 people attended the Exposition on the first day, and over the course of six months, close to 10 million people traveled to Philadelphia for the celebration.

I include just the opening paragraphs and one photo (of many) from the report. For the full article, please go to the link.

## **Celebrating America’s 250th Anniversary Must Start on Day One of Donald Trump’s Presidency**

The answer to the Democratic Jacobins is an avalanche of discoveries, inventions, and city building in the American tradition, with an eye to the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial.

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[https://www.prometheanaction.com/celebrating-americas-250th-anniversary-must-start-on-day-one-of-donald-trumps-presidency/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0XO9Eabj570RG8LG3AYmT-Yy5Dj4fcILhIvV92ssEDTiAtPn7kPw9AX-4\\_aem\\_rCen6WwKwA3cXtCZelHj0g](https://www.prometheanaction.com/celebrating-americas-250th-anniversary-must-start-on-day-one-of-donald-trumps-presidency/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0XO9Eabj570RG8LG3AYmT-Yy5Dj4fcILhIvV92ssEDTiAtPn7kPw9AX-4_aem_rCen6WwKwA3cXtCZelHj0g)

The reaction by Democratic Jacobins to Justice John Roberts preserving the Constitution’s presidency in *Trump v. United States* on Monday showcases why Donald Trump’s planned celebration of America’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will occur on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, must start on the Day One first day of Trump’s presidency. Preparations, in the form of historical papers, speeches, and videos should begin now. The people claiming that the Supreme Court crowned a King hate the United States and are completely ignorant of actual American history. Their image of the United States which they keep railing against, never existed. Presenting America’s real history and counterposing it to the British Empire, who we fought two major wars against, and which has sought to destroy us ever since 1776, can and will unite the nation.

Donald Trump announced these plans first on May 31, 2023, in the above video. But retelling the truth about American history has been a preoccupation of Donald Trump. His focus on this is detailed on his Agenda47 page as follows:

“In his [remarks](#) at Mount Rushmore on July 3, 2020, President Trump noted, "Our Founders launched not only a revolution in government, but a revolution in the pursuit of justice, equality, liberty, and prosperity... It was all made possible by the courage of 56 patriots who gathered in Philadelphia 244 years ago and signed the Declaration of Independence. They enshrined a divine truth that changed the world forever when they said: '...all men are created equal.'"

- President Trump added, “1776 represented the culmination of thousands of years of western civilization and the triumph not only of spirit, but of wisdom, philosophy, and reason.”

### **The Philadelphia Centennial Exposition**

We have argued that those tasked with building this celebration should study and emulate the

Philadelphia Exposition in 1876 which celebrated the first 100 years of the American Republic. We present excerpts from our argument below. [You can read the full piece here.](#)



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