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Starting in the mid 1700's Americans realized that life liberty and the pursuit of happiness were the foundations for a great nation. They then took action and fought a long and bloody battle against the absolut biggest and strongest nation the world had ever seen up to that point, to secure those basic God given rights. This was one of the first examples of American values, work, action, achievement, and progress. These values of achievement, action, and work along with progress have transcended race, religion, and political backing and have almost become synonymous with America, even up to today.

Americans have always strived for progress, change, and a better tomorrow, in the last few months Americans have come together after witnessing the horrific actions Derek Chauvin had used against a defenceless man George Floyd, America had started peaceful protests to put the police behind the brutal attacks in jail, as well as reform their predigest legal system. This shows that the american people truly want to progress towards a better future, not just for the old white man but every race, gender and creed known to man.

Furthermore Achievement, Action, and Work all can be shown within the same movement. The activist group known as BLM or Black Lives Matter who had helped set up the peaceful protests, has been working tirelessly to spread awareness of the racism that many minorities have to deal with regularly. With all of this work they have been able to get Derek

Chauvin charged with second degree murder and second degree manslaughter. This is proof that Americans still value action and work, because the American people recognized the problem of unfair treatment towards minorities and worked to try and fix that, and through the action and work that BLM put in they were able to achieve a few things. They have been able to remove statues/memorials of people who were a part of the widespread issue of racism as well as been able to cause massive budget cuts and reform for many police stations.

Americans believe wholeheartedly in the values of action, work, achievement, and progress. From not letting a murder off the hook and putting him behind bars, to sparking protests that have helped America progress into the right direction making a better world for the people of tomorrow. America has kept its core values for over 300 years and hopefully will not stray far from their passion, and continue to be the nation of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



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