

DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE

ARGUMENT #1:

- **All men possess unalienable RIGHTS**
 - **“Life, Liberty, & the Pursuit of Happiness”**
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ARGUMENT #2:

- **King George had violated colonists' rights.....**
 - **Unfair tax laws**
 - **British Army in colonies**
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ARGUMENT #3:

- **Colonies had a RIGHT to break from Britain because:**
 - **King George broke SOCIAL CONTRACT***(Rulers protect rights of people in return for people being governed)*
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AUTHORS:

- **Thomas Jefferson**
 - **John Adams,**
 - **Ben Franklin,**
 - **Robert R. Livingston, Roger Sherman**
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FACTS:

- **2ND Continental Congress approved Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776**
 - **56 men signed the Declaration**
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LEFT OUT:

- **WOMEN not included in Declaration of Independence**
- **ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS not included (should slavery exist in a land that valued LIBERTY???)**