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**BIRTH &
LIFE**

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A large American flag is shown waving against a clear blue sky. The flag is attached to a white pole on the left side of the frame. The stars and stripes are clearly visible, and the flag is angled upwards from the bottom left towards the top right.

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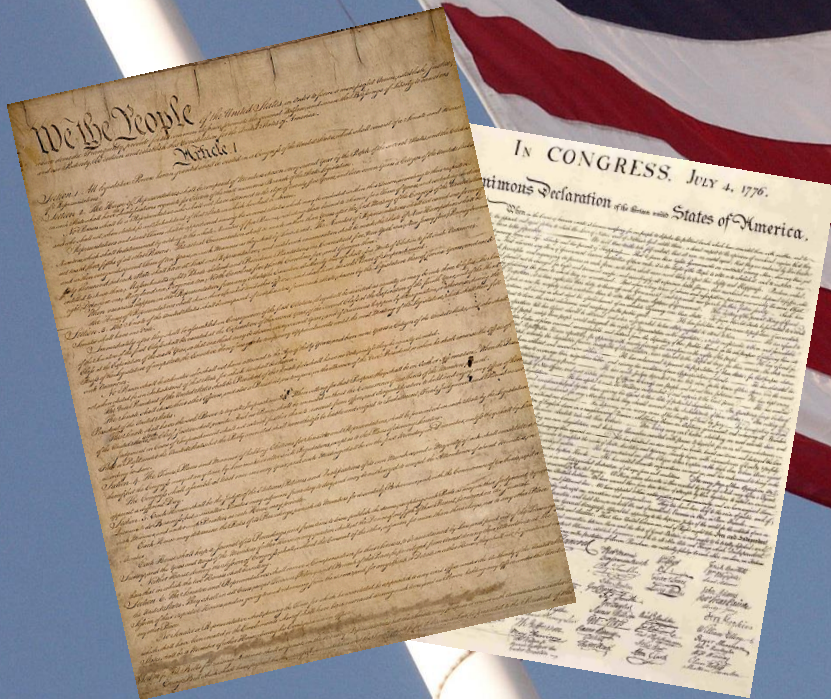
- **Democracy that works.**
 - **Liberty for all.**
 - **Equality.**
 - **In a more perfect Union.**

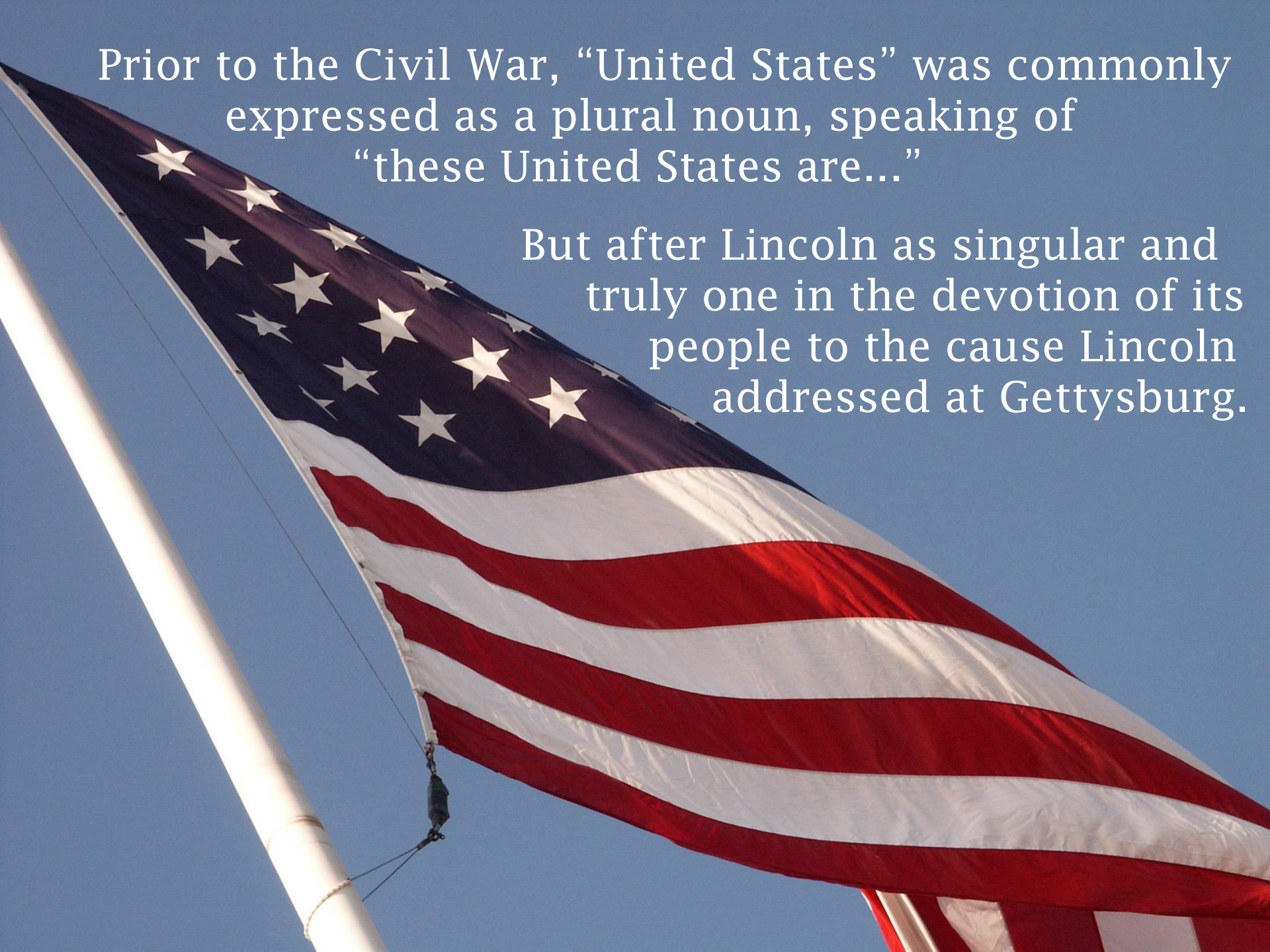
With a Constitution amended to align it with our
Declaration of Independence

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14. Citizenship clarified

15. Voting rights assured
regardless of race

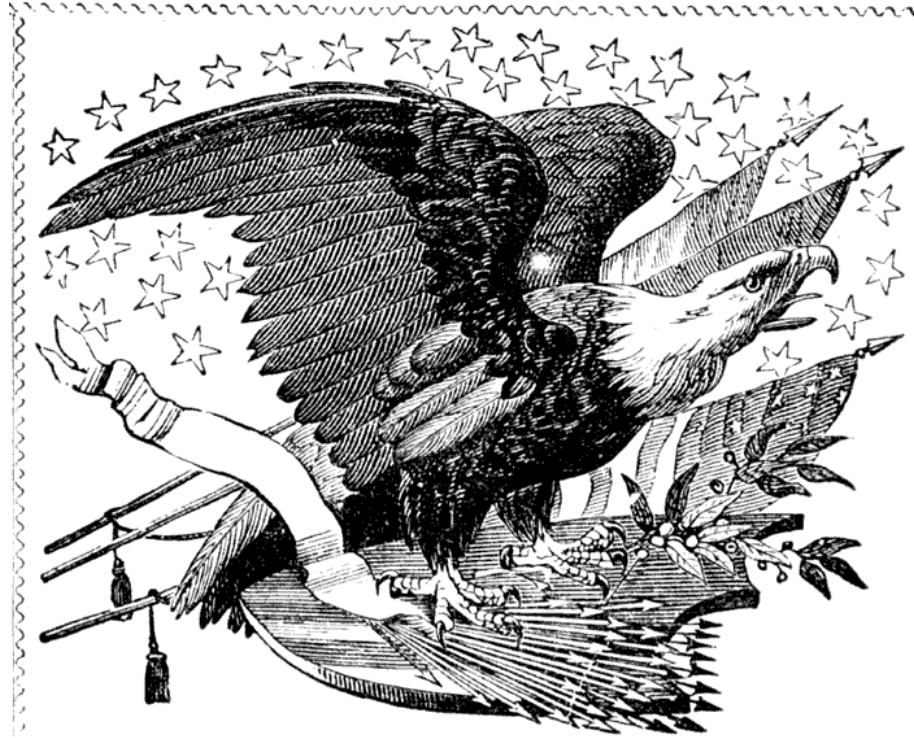


A large American flag is shown waving on a white pole against a clear blue sky. The flag features the stars and stripes of the United States flag, with the stars in the upper left corner and the stripes extending across the rest of the flag. The flag is attached to the pole with a dark cord and a metal hook.

Prior to the Civil War, “United States” was commonly expressed as a plural noun, speaking of “these United States are...”

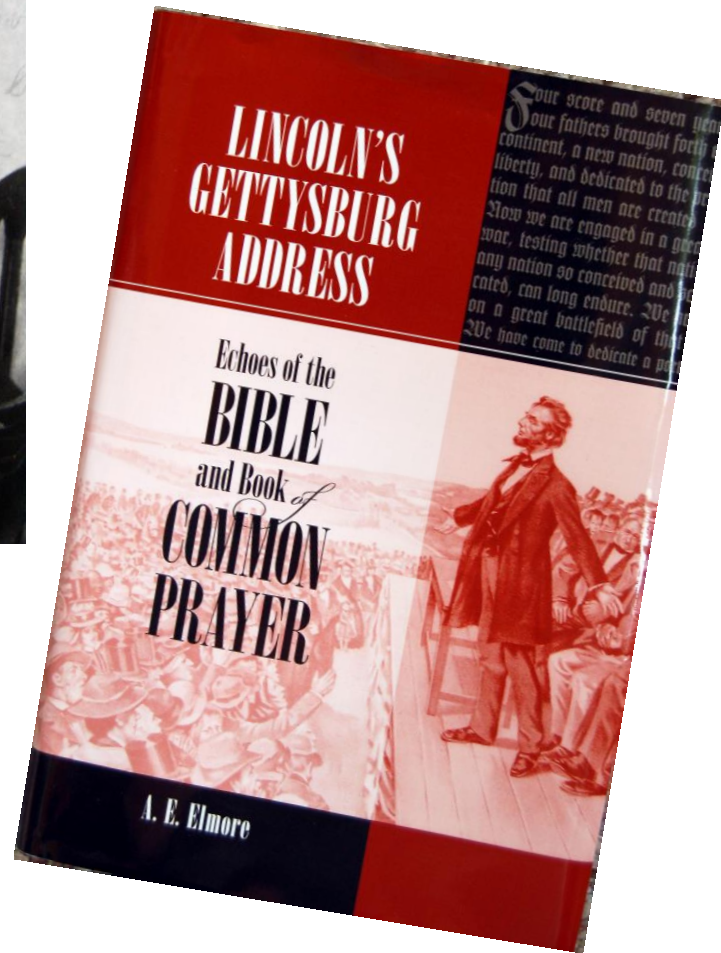
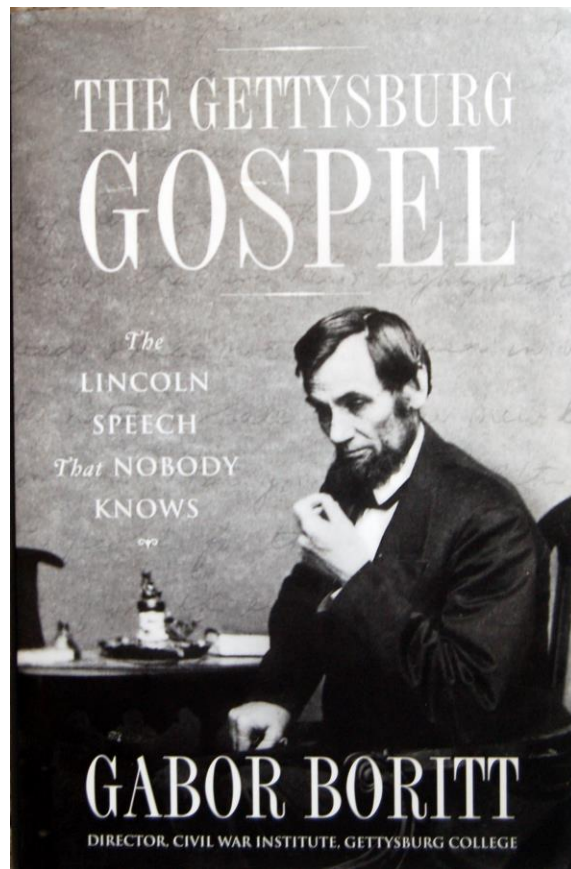
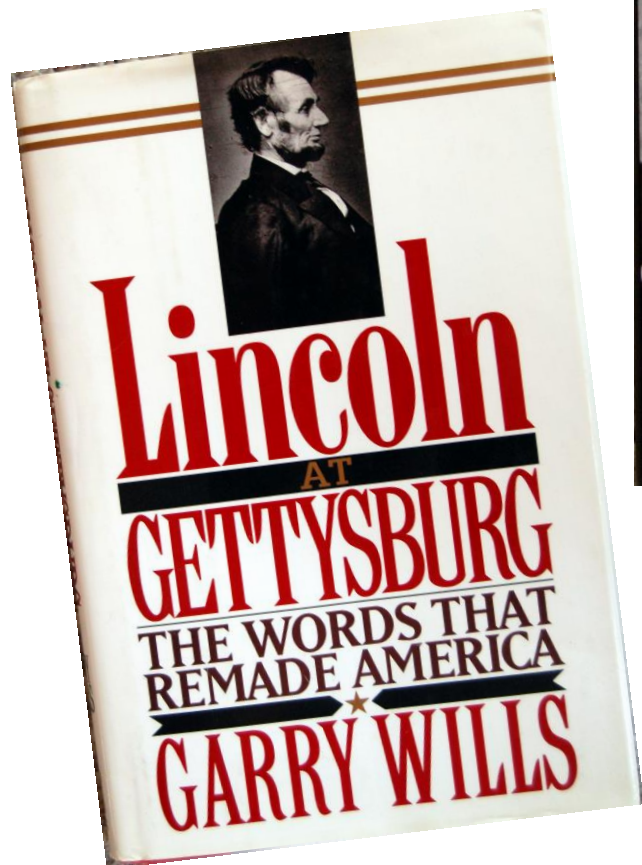
But after Lincoln as singular and truly one in the devotion of its people to the cause Lincoln addressed at Gettysburg.

One nation dedicated to



FREEDOM

Democracy Equality Union



LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

November 19, 1863

