Patriots are people who passionately love their country and are willing to support it, yea defend it with their lives. Patriots are people who passionately love their country and are willing to support it, yea defend it with their lives. To hear or read the word "patriot" recalls memories of great American heroes of this nation's military history. There was Patrick Henry who cried out, "Give me liberty or give me death." Then there was Nathan Hale's cry from the gallows, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country!" Names like Alvin York and Audie Murphy demand our respect and gratitude for their bravery.

God's patriots are faithful saints who deeply love the Church and have committed their lives to defend it. The book of Jude is God's call to arms. Jude urged Christians to "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3). This reminds us that our adversary is real. We are to respond to the world's hostility and aggression. It is a life and death struggle for the souls of humankind.

However, the main thrust of the following viewpoints deal with patriots from the standpoint of our country. If this country's patriots do not arise and stand, then Democracy may fail, and with it a devastating blow to Christianity. Democracy is not Christian per say, and Christianity is not Democracy, but they both compliment each other, for without freedom of speech and freedom of religion, both of which is being threatened today, Christianity will be severely hindered in the spread of the truth.

Government was made for man, not man for Government. The Bible repeatedly talks of the influence that God's people ought to have on the world in which they live. They are called upon to be light and to be salt. The educational, political, economic and social institutions are deeply in need of light and salt. Our Government, on all levels, spell corruption. Unless Christian men and women wake up and exert their patriotic duty throughout this nation then our children and grandchildren will never know the joy of living under the Democracy that those of us who are older have known.

Christians enjoy a dual citizenship, first and certainly foremost we are citizens of God's kingdom. This citizenship is permanent. But we also hold temporary citizenship in this earthly nation. But a large percent of earth's citizens have become greedy and corrupt, and the very survival of America is now threatened. History has demonstrated over and over again that "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." A statement I use frequently by Edmund Burke is in order here: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." And that is one problem in today's America.

Where were all the good men when cruel and heartless politicians decided to kill America's

babies?

Where were good men when America decided to stroke a blow against the traditional family by endorsing homosexuality and same sex marriage?

Where were all the good men when liberal politicians decided to put in America's Health Bill a clause that suggests to the elderly, that are seriously ill, they should consider receiving a pill that would ease their "misery?"

Where were all the good men when liberal politicians coined the phrase "political correctness" and thus launched a movement to eliminate our rich heritage and replace it with liberal slogans so as to brainwash the young generation?

Where were the good men when the liberal Democrates decided to allow the Obama Administration to print money like it was going out of style, and thus devalue our dollar?

Our freedom to live under Democracy is in jeopardy. Between the rotten politicians, both liberal Democrats and Fat Cat Republicans and the radical Muslims living in this country, we have our work cut out for us.

As for me and my house, we are Patriots (spelled with a capital P), for we need a third party in this country. Patriot Party! I like that. It is growing rapidly in numbers.