

Support for the Thomas Paine Monument

Woman's perspective

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In a time where it can be easy to forget our roots. When everyone has some hot take on the founding principles of our country that coincides suspiciously with their favorite pundit's opinion. A monument to a founding father who actually embodies the founding ideals of America seems timely and appropriate.

Thomas Paine fought for a vision of a country free from the tyranny of kings and autocrats. He was a staunch ally to the early American patriots and was a heroic freedom fighter that is sorely needed right now.

He wrote in the Rights of Man, "If, from the more wretched parts of the old world, we look at those which are in an advanced stage of improvement we still find the greedy hand of government thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry, and grasping the spoil of the multitude." Which in my opinion embodies the principles that America was founded on.

He didn't preach about women's rights, but instead worked to support them under the radar in the early 1790's while he wrote Rights of Man. A monument would help to highlight the work he did that many may not be aware of, or have forgotten.

Given all the division we have right now, honoring a founding father who encompasses everything that really made this country great might be a tiny step in remembering what we as Americans stand for. It's an easy win for common ground that is already paid for.

He gave our country hope for a better future. A future built on freedom and choice. He is a great reminder of what we should be as a nation.