Text

"To strive for less would be unworthy of a free and religious people."

v To say this one sentence did not put me on the verge of tears would be a lie. The concept of a leader who loves and respects his people is one foreign to my lifetime. It seems self-loathing and pity have become more common than the desire to maintain dignity and composure. Leaders nowadays use slogans like "Make America Great Again", and do not see the irony in their own +words. It is not America that needs to be restored, it is the leaders, those who say we are not great, that we are not the people we once were, that need to hear themselves and realize their flaws.

Text

"A vital element in keeping the peace is our military establishment. Our arms must be mighty, ready for instant action, so that no potential aggressor may be tempted to risk his own destruction."

Commentary

President Eisenhower seems to be one of the few people that truly understands the meaning of a prepared military. The primary use of military is not for war. Military, in the correct hands, is a not a weapon of destruction, but one of deterrence. How do we expect to live in peace if we cannot defend ourselves from those who do not?

Text

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

Commentary

This is what sets Mr. Eisenhower apart from most leaders. He believes in balance. He understands the necessity of military, but he also understands the necessity for equal power and individual rights. He sees from both ends of the spectrum, as \checkmark opposed to the more radical, one sided leaders that seem to be the norm.

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