

**TWO COLUMN NOTES**

*As you read the speech, fill in any blank boxes in the two column notes chart below. Remember, main ideas in the left hand column shouldn't just be general topics, but should be full sentences that describe the importance of the corresponding details.*

MAIN IDEAS	DETAILS
America has never before been threatened as she is today (with WWII continuing in Europe).	
America is vitally concerned with the defense of freedom.	
	<p>We expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equal opportunity for all</li> <li>• Jobs for those who are able to work</li> <li>• Security</li> <li>• No special privileges</li> <li>• Civil liberties for all</li> <li>• Enjoyment of scientific developments and a rising standard of living</li> </ul> <p>These goals are the measure of strength of our economic and political system</p>
Americans will have to sacrifice some luxuries and money to promote these important goals.	
	<p>Freedom of speech and expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define:</li> </ul> <p>Freedom of worship/religion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define:</li> </ul> <p>Freedom from want</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define:</li> </ul> <p>Freedom from fear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define:</li> </ul>
These goals are realistic to achieve through victory in WWII.	

## President Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms" Speech

January 6, 1941

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the 77<sup>th</sup> Congress:

I address you, the members of this new Congress, at a moment unprecedented in the history of the union. I use the word "unprecedented" because at no previous time has American security been as seriously threatened from without as it is today.

Since the permanent ferment of our government under the Constitution in 1789, most of the periods of crisis in our history have related to our domestic affairs. And, fortunately, only one of these — the four-year war between the States — ever threatened our national unity. Today, thank God, 130,000,000 Americans in 48 States have forgotten points of the compass in our national unity...

...Even when the World War broke out in 1914, it seemed to contain only small threat of danger to our own American future. But as time went on, as we remember, the American people began to visualize what the downfall of democratic nations might mean to our own democracy...

...Let us say to the democracies: "We Americans are vitally concerned in your defense of freedom. We are putting forth our energies, our resources, and our organizing powers to give you the strength to regain and maintain a free world. We shall send you in ever-increasing numbers, ships, planes, tanks, guns. That is our purpose and our pledge."

The basic things expected by our people of their political and economic systems are simple. They are:

Equality of opportunity for youth and for others.

Jobs for those who can work.

Security for those who need it.

The ending of special privilege for the few.

The preservation of civil liberties for all.

The enjoyment of the fruits of scientific progress in a wider and constantly rising standard of living.

These are the simple, the basic things that must never be lost sight of in the turmoil and unbelievable complexity of our modern world. The inner and abiding strength of our economic and political systems is dependent upon the degree to which they fulfill these expectations...

...I have called for personal sacrifice, and I am assured of the willingness of almost all Americans to respond to that call. A part of the sacrifice means the payment of more money in taxes. In my budget message I will recommend that a greater portion of this great defense

program be paid for from taxation than we are paying for today. No person should try, or be allowed to get rich out of the program, and the principle of tax payments in accordance with ability to pay should be constantly before our eyes to guide our legislation.

If the Congress maintains these principles the voters, putting patriotism ahead of pocketbooks, will give you their applause.

In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon **four essential human freedoms.**

The first is freedom of speech and expression — everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way — everywhere in the world.

The third is freedom from want, which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants — everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear, which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor — anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called "new order" of tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.

To that new order we oppose the greater conception — the moral order. A good society is able to face schemes of world domination and foreign revolutions alike without fear.

Since the beginning of our American history we have been engaged in change, in a perpetual, peaceful revolution, a revolution which goes on steadily, quietly, adjusting itself to changing conditions without the concentration camp or the quicklime in the ditch. The world order which we seek is the cooperation of free countries, working together in a friendly, civilized society.

This nation has placed its destiny in the hands and hearts of its millions of free men and women, and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God. Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere. Our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights and keep them. Our strength is our unity of purpose.

To that high concept there can be no end save victory.