

#inclass

## 1 | so, what does it mean?

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america -> really just a place more connected to silicon valley  
don't understand what "not america" is  
i did not choose to live in america, thus im not proud of it  
america as a set of ideologies  
being american = believing the ideologies? or the specific social contract  
silicon valley -> fluidity of ideas and innovation, and the resources and hope to do it?  
built on distrust of authority heredity authroity soecifically  
stuck in the same place is not american via capitalism and poverty cycles  
american dream is everyone has the ability to climb via capitalslm

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the reading and the slides

### 1.0.1 | the american dream

anyone, regardless of where they were born or what class they were born into, can attain their own vers.

- nuclear family and heavy community? but also capitalism?
- expressing oneself is american

is republicanism more intertwined with the founding energy of the country?

classical, most likely.

can do spirit - *lauren*

- american exceptionalism
  - we are the best, but also unique in history
  - outside of the historyicl trajectory
  - allowed because of lack of fedaulism

what is best?

- america in the world

## 1.0.2 | patriotism

trumpian

One of the core lessons of Trumpian politics is that Americans are starved for a meaningful politics of

the left says that america is just crap

he says that the left says that america is irredeemable

why reclaim?

it has been effective

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How might we articulate a sense of nationalism that mitigates the lure of exclusion and ethno-cultural d

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