

United States of America
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Naturalization Ceremony

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

1. I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and
2. abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state,
3. or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or
4. citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and the laws of
5. the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;
6. that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear
7. arms on behalf of the United States when required by law; that I will
8. perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces when required by
9. law; or that I will perform work of national importance under civilian
10. direction when required by law; and that I take this obligation freely
11. without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So Help Me God.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

1. I pledge allegiance to the flag
2. of the United States of America,
3. and to the Republic for which it stands,
4. one nation, under God, indivisible,
5. with liberty and justice for all.

*A version of this Pledge first appeared in 1892. It was officially recognized by the federal government in 1942, during World War II. In 1954, when America was fighting a Cold War against what it called "godless communism," President Eisenhower urged Congress to add the words "under God" after "one nation" which it did.