

The Hartford Creed of Americanization For Americans.

WE BELIEVE in America and American methods—chief of which is freedom of action under the law, not coercion.

WE BELIEVE in the foreign-born; in their worth as shown in our industrial life, and in their loyalty to America in government service.

WE BELIEVE that true Americanization can be based only on mutual understanding, and that responsibility rests upon the native-born to retain and interpret American traditions, as well as upon the foreign-born to acquire them.

WE BELIEVE that English should be learned - with due allowance for age and circumstance - yet that loyalty to America is not a matter of tongue.

WE BELIEVE that citizenship should be acquired,—but voluntarily from understanding of America, rather than from compulsion by law or economic pressure: that in teaching responsibilities of citizenship to the foreign born, — the needs of those of native birth should not be neglected.

WE BELIEVE in home-rule: in active cooperation of all agencies in Hartford; in the slow processes of education of the broadest type; and that permanent results of value can come only from intelligence and good will.

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