



E PLURBIUS UNUM, CONTRADICTIONS & COMPLEXITIES: THE MYTHICAL AMERICA

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The purpose of this factsheet is to encourage reflection on a selected timeline of historic U.S. events. The timeline begins with the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and ends with the insurrection at the U.S Capitol on January 6th, 2021. How does an individual's race, identity, and/or socio-economic status influence how that individual was impacted by these events? Consider these questions as you observe the timeline:

- Is there a Mythical America we have embraced because it anchors our view of the world?
- What are the conflicting myths and memories that led to Jan. 6, 2021?
- Are their founding contradictions of our country or imagined communities that affect the way you move through American society?

