

Law Day

Law Day is not necessarily a governmental holiday; rather it's a day of reflection. Since its official establishment on May 1, 1958, Law Day has symbolized the American society's appreciation of liberty, opportunity, and security (both local and national). However, before President Eisenhower declared that the observation of Law Day was no longer optional but mandatory, May first was known as May Day. He stated, "In a very real sense, the world no longer has a choice between force and law. If civilization is to survive it must choose the rule of law." (May Day now recognized as Labor Day and is still celebrated—just not on the first day of May in America.) Law Day has placed a greater emphasis on the precious order so vital to the American democracy that continues to endure today.

Laws protect and serve Americans more than they are accredited for. Laws make it possible for society to enjoy the futilities of life without constant danger or threat. Although they cannot equalize every aspect of the United States, they do form the foundation for such to be the case. Without laws, living would be unlikely as a result of unthinkable chaos. Crime rates would sky rocket, justice could not exist, and the happiness and contentment of one's life would no longer be attainable.

Despite the fact that there are no specific events that have been designated as "law day activities" nationally, its celebration has still managed to emerge into a melting pot of festivities. Many individuals outside of the political spectrum are unknowing blind to its existence, so, for the most part, Law Day is celebrated through public events (mainly funded by courts and lawyers), and special campaigns to increase awareness. Schools normally partake in these festivities by providing essays, speeches and pictures for local events, while several businesses create pamphlets and brochures for public viewing.

Law Day is much more than a typical observation; it's a teaching of respect for guidelines that affect every member of society whether it is directly or indirectly. Laws and Law Day alike are the motors that power the unchanging cycle of order in America. Therefore, we as Americans need to ensure that that motor is oiled and given the proper attention it needs to continue functioning.