

I Am Having Revolutionary Thoughts



After all, today in the U.S., we celebrate our independence, which was hard-won 200+ years ago.

Now, two centuries later, we live in a time of over-reaching government mandates on how we are to live our lives, on what determines health and on how health ought to be addressed.

All of this has stirred me up. Does that mean I take to the streets? For some, it may be time to do that.

But my action forward is more aimed toward the family. For me, the more government mandates, the more I hunker down.

As a homeopathic educator, practitioner, mom, and neighbor, my thinking takes me home.

Allow me to elaborate.

Home is where the wounded return. It's where we regenerate. It's where we soothe our ills and build our spirit. It's the place of preparation well in advance of upcoming skirmishes.

My strategy is not one of the arms our forefathers bore. No.

My weaponry is in my homeopathic medical library.

My ammunition lies in waiting in my homeopathic medicine cabinet.

My artillery is in my homeopathic knowledge.

This is how I protect my freedoms. How I protect my family and their health.

It's the tactic I rely on to prepare for a siege. I turn my outrage to study. I turn my indignation to building connections and establishing relationships with like-minded thinkers and like-minded doers.

To "mother" in this fashion is a political act. It's my form of civil disobedience. And equally important is my ability to spread the word from one woman to another, from one family to another.

Over the past several months that I've been working on my new kids' homeopathy curriculum, I've been thinking deeply about how the core of my message translates specifically to the education of our children.

As most of you know, I have a desire to foster values such as self-reliance, resourcefulness, can-do attitudes, "guts, spunk and moxie" (as I often put it), and yes, *independence*.

Many thinkers have opined that some of the deepest problems we see in our culture today have arisen from how we as a society have been parenting our children.

We've transitioned from being a society in which children went out and played unsupervised with other children in their neighborhood – making up their own games with their own rules, mediating disputes between themselves, *building things and problem-solving on their own* – to being a society that keeps children within a rigid framework of adult-organized activities.

This new style of child time-management has resulted in a generation of young adults whose first instinct is not to build and construct, not to creatively problem-solve, but rather, to appeal to authority to mediate and fix things for them.

And this is not just a problem among young people. It seems that we, as a country, are collectively moving toward an attitude of powerlessness.

Of waiting to see who will step up to clean up the mess because the mess seems too big and too overwhelming.

But the wisest people I know say that the first step to tackling large problems is to start small. Clean up our bedroom. Repair a bicycle.

Build a chicken coop. Treat that poison ivy rash on our own, at home. Foster a constructive culture of building and creating, not one of merely tearing things down and demanding that others fix our problems.

So, my message to you is let's not let these world events render us submissive, nor needy of authorities.

Instead, stoke your embers and fuel your declaration of independence; in yourself and in your children.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "joette". The letter 'j' is large and loops around the 'o', and the 'e' at the end has a long, sweeping tail.

P.S. My promise to you: As long as I'm able, you can count on me to produce free weekly content in the forms of my blogs, Facebook Lives and podcasts.

And if you are of the same ilk, you might just want to join in with my [Joette's Mighty Members](#).

Together we are independent, yet unified.