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The debate of whether or not America is our forefathers' vision is quite extensive and complex. Three reasons why America's current day presence should not be considered our forefather's vision is the extreme disparity between upper and lower classes; freedom of speech used to justify hate speech, usually against marginalized groups; and lastly, the division that the existing two-party political system causes in American society.

To start, the first reason why America is not our forefather's vision is the extreme disparity between upper and lower classes, which creates a wealth gap between social classes. An excerpt from the article "The Gap between Rich and Poor" from studysmarter.co.uk says "The top quintile's share of aggregate income rose from 42.6% in 1967 to 52.2% in 2017...The middle quintile has experienced almost no change in its share of aggregate income. Their share saw a decline from 17.2% in 1967 to 14.3% in 2017...Conversely, the bottom quintile has seen its share of total income drop from 4.2% in 1967 to 3.1% in 2017." This excerpt shows the extreme wealth gap between Americans and how the rich keep getting richer, and the poor keep getting poorer.

Furthermore, the second reason why America is not our forefathers' vision is people using the idea of free speech to justify hate speech, usually against marginalized groups. An article titled "Harrisburg officials investigating reports of neo-Nazi group marching through city" from the site pennlive.com says "Harrisburg Mayor Wanda Williams and Police Commissioner Thomas Carter said they are investigating reports of a neo-Nazi group carrying flags depicting swastikas in the downtown area recently, according to a post on the city's Facebook page. Pictures and videos, which circulated on Facebook, showed a group of around a dozen people

dressed in red shirts and black balaclavas marching down a street while chanting “white power” and flying black flags with white swastikas.” This excerpt explains how these people think it's okay to spread hateful rhetoric and discriminate against marginalized groups, like Jewish people because of the free speech amendment.

Finally, the third and final reason why America is not our forefathers' vision is the extreme division that is caused by the two-party political system. A quote from George Washington states “The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism.” This quote explains how the two-party system causes one party to have more power than the other and explains how it causes extreme rivalry.

To conclude, America's modern-day presence should not be considered the forefathers' vision because of the extreme disparity between the rich and the poor, people use the free speech amendment to say hateful things; usually towards marginalized groups, and the dissension that the existing two-party system causes. In closing, the vision the forefathers had for America some 200 years ago is a lot different than America today.