

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

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To the American Bahá'í community

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

The National Spiritual Assembly is pleased to share the attached compilation of passages from the writings of Shoghi Effendi and letters from the Universal House of Justice and this National Assembly relating to non-involvement in partisan political activity. The believers are encouraged to use this selection of guidance as a resource for their individual and group study, especially in light of the current civil and political unrest in our country, Iran, and elsewhere in the world. The compilation is provided in both English and Persian.

In addition to a number of excerpts on the topic, two letters of the House of Justice are included in their entirety. One is a letter to the believers in Iran dated March 2, 2013, which explains not only the reason for the Bahá'í stance against partisan activity, but also the Bahá'í approach to social change. The other is the Supreme Body's letter to all National Spiritual Assemblies dated December 1, 2019, dealing chiefly with principles that guide the participation of Bahá'ís on social media. We hope that these will prove especially helpful to your reflection on matters of fundamental importance.

We lovingly commend this material to your study, and assure you of our prayers for the success of your services to the Cause of God.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



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Secretary

Attachment