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This I Believe: An invitation to people from all walks of life

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This I Believe is based a popular 1950s radio series of the same name hosted by acclaimed journalist Edward R. Murrow. Each day, Americans gathered by their radios to hear compelling essays from the likes of Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Robinson, Helen Keller, and Harry Truman, as well as corporate leaders, cab drivers, scientists, and housewives—anyone willing to distill into a few minutes the guiding principles by which they lived.

Since 2005, the revival of *This I Believe* has featured essays by prominent Americans such as Colin Powell, Gloria Steinem, Bill Gates, Robert Fulghum, and Yo-Yo Ma, as well as those of everyday citizens, including students, artists, scientists, writers, politicians, and even an astronaut.

A forum for thoughtful discourse

The *This I Believe* essay-writing exercise has been used in coffee houses, adult literacy programs, writer's groups, hospices, hospitals, diversity training, houses of worship, retirement homes, and prisons.

Libraries, colleges, newspapers, and public radio stations have been inspired to create their own local versions of our series.

And teachers and students across the world have widely embraced *This I Believe* as a personal essay writing assignment.

Get involved!

Tens of thousands of people have accepted our invitation to write their own statements of personal belief. Perhaps you, too, will be inspired to set pen to paper and finish the thought, "This I believe..."

Please see the following page for some tips on how to write your own *This I Believe* essay.

