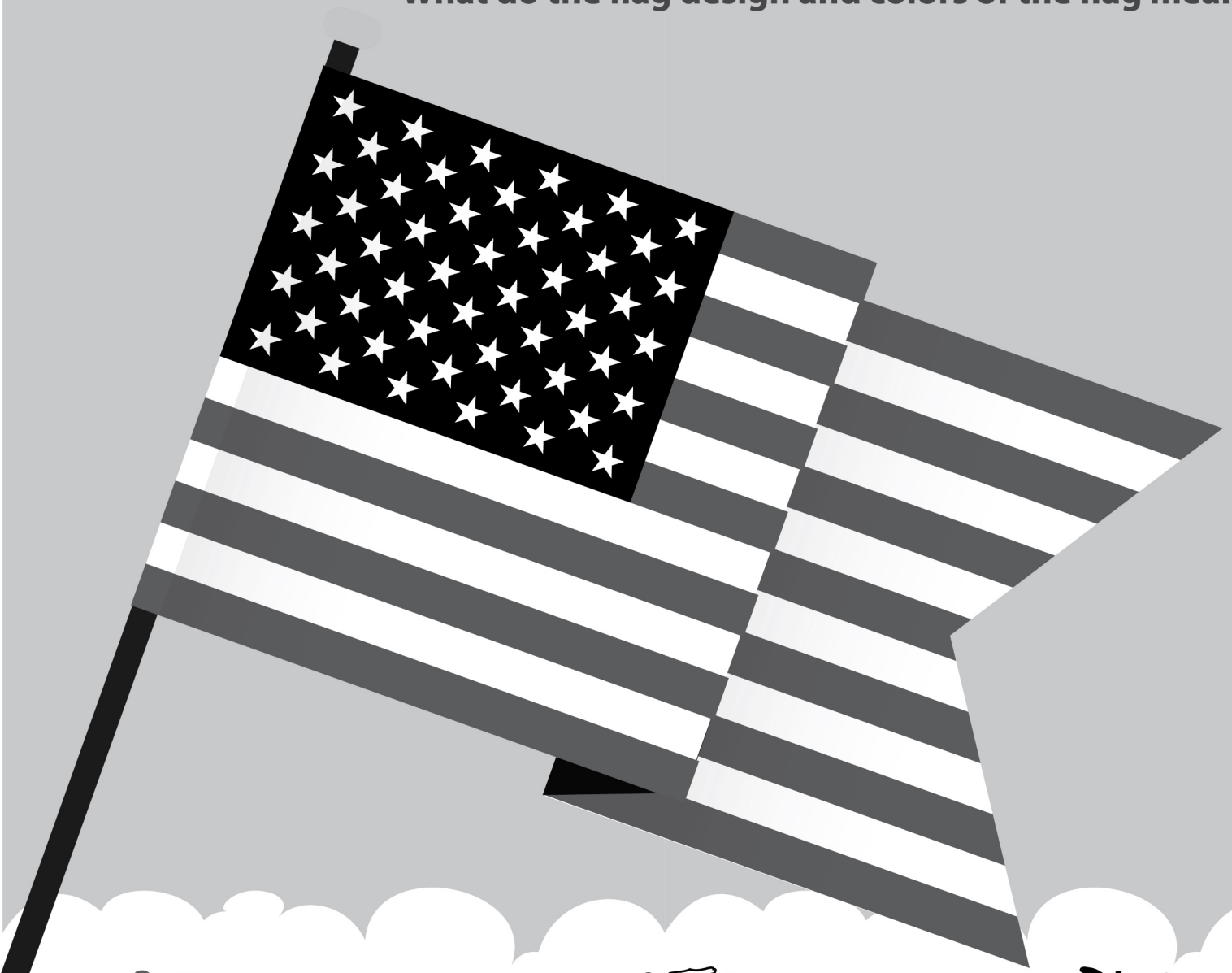


# U.S. FLAG DESIGN & COLOR SYMBOLISM

What do the flag design and colors of the flag mean?



**RED:**

Hardiness and Valour

**WHITE:**

Purity and Innocence

**BLUE:**

Vigilance, Perseverance, and  
Justice

The 50 white stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The 13 red and white stripes represent the original 13 colonies.

“The star is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal to which man has aspired from time immemorial; the stripe is symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun.”

- House of Representatives, 1977



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