

The following is an excerpt from my 2008 book, *The Second Coming of Common Sense* starting on page 28.

3. A Partial List of Public Grievances with “Our” U.S. Congress

The following is just a partial list of significant public issues that the U.S. Congress, in particular and the White House are failing to address. No great secrets here. Our initial ***Grievance List*** will be referred to many times in CS2:

- Automobile/Truck Theft
- Commodity Market Abuses
- Contaminated Food Supply
- Crimes of Physical Assault
- Crimes of Financial Assault
- Drug War in our Streets
- Employment/Income (viable and legal)
- Ending the Iraq War
- Gangs in Our Communities
- Global Warming
- Homelessness
- Housing Costs
- Hunger
- Illegal Immigration – ending it
- Interest Rates on Primary Family Residence
- Katrina Clean-up
- Judicial Legal Complex (JLC)
- Medical Insurance for all American citizens – cradle to grave
- Military Industrial Complex (MIC)
- Oil Industry Windfall Profits and Other Abuses
- Over-weight children, teenagers, and adults
- Poverty among Our Citizens
- Public Education
- Pre-meditated Murder
- Pre-meditated Pedophile Crimes against our Youth
- Pre-meditated Rape
- Prescription Medicine Costs
- Stem Cell Research
- Social Security Solvency
- War on Terror

Many of our common public problems will be positively addressed if not resolved to the public’s satisfaction with the timely and appropriate implementation of the proposals to be presented in Part 3 — An American Agenda for 2008 and Beyond. The continued existence of these and other long-standing public problems shall no longer be tolerated by the American electorate. And neither will the U.S. Congress that by their wrong actions and inactions allows it all to continue.

Remember — that the initial Grievance List *only* contains thirty (30) of the issues that help define and explain the public’s disapproval with the Status Quo of our National System, and with the U.S. Congress whose job responsibility it is to resolve such economic and social issues – for the Common Good.

They need to remember that Election Day 11-1-2008 is coming. We are coming!

But What About Abortion and Gay Rights

Funny – how those two issues are not on the Grievance List, even though they were such burning issues in the days leading up to the 2006 election. I realized those two topics were not there well after preparing the list. But why not, since they are the hot issues (with an occasional stem cell or two thrown in) that the political parties, mainly the Republicans, run around the country screaming about as most recent elections approach.

Just as in 2004 — those two “issues” were blatantly used by the Republican Party to whip up funding support and “target” the type of voters easily driven by such personal hot buttons to turn-out and help keep a failed presidency in office for *four more years*. Along with those Terror Alerts right out of the Bush Administration that increased weekly right up to Election Day and then mysteriously stopped! That is what happened folks.

Once again, the lead Republican Party campaign strategist and domestic propagandist – the Ayatollah Rove (I did not coin that title for him, but I did think of it before hearing it in the news). Once again, he played the religious types *like a cheap violin* — using them to achieve yet another un-deserved victory – and maintain POWER. Any questions?

I spoke with more than one such voter (usually Republican) a few months after the 2004 election and they realized they were had and were disgusted about it. To their credit, some of them and others turned-out in 2006 and got partial revenge on the Congress and on the Republican Party in particular. And those Congressional incumbent upsets in both parties were only a taste of what should be in store for the whole Congress in 2008.

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As you can see from the partial list of our grievances that I compiled in 2007, has not been addressed in going on nine (9) years by the dysfunctional US Congress. We can mention a few other items:

- The terror war against ISIS
- The domestic war against the heroin epidemic
- The continuation of flat wages
- The uncontrolled rise in recent years of grocery costs
- The uncontrolled rise in recent years of residential rental costs

And we could probably add a few more to the list.

The public Approval rating of the US Congress has been running at 10% for too many years. Which put in a more practical way is to say their public Disapproval rating is 90%.

If any one of us had a similar job rating – we would be out of a job!

My frustrated fellow Americans, it is time for the incumbents in Congress to be removed from their jobs.

If you are not yet registered to vote this November 8th please refer to the website www.rockthevote.com for your state's voter registration deadline. And please register!

Then let all of us please go to the polls on 11-8-2016 and VOTE out ALL Democratic and Republican incumbents. All 435 members of the US House of Representatives and the 33 of 100 members of the US Senate – all of whom have their congressional seats up for re-election the day.

Let's get it done folks. Only then will the economic and social Reforms that our people and nation need so much be implemented starting in early 2017.

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