

## Reconciling Our Minority and Majority Interests

### *“To the Greatest Extent Possible”*

We the People – must determine to realistically acknowledge and then prudently address our most sensitive public issues — those that require common understanding, compromise, and constructive Change in order for us to move ahead as a Democratic society — a long overdue national group therapy exercise.

Some of those that reviewed parts of the draft were concerned that these topics were too sensitive to discuss, suggesting that it should either be softly delivered or not included at all. However, my intent here is not to deliver a feel good message and/or ignore addressing major problems – the 535 members of the U.S. Congress have obviously written that into their job description!

We the People need to read these contents, consider them privately, and then begin to discuss the issues with each other. Not argue! Those informal discussions will produce a shared community understanding and perspective on real issues – I did not say acceptance — that is needed to promote an atmosphere of compassion and cooperation, as well as individual and national maturity.

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In *Common Sense*, Paine wrote on the Origin and Design of government. The first paragraphs are presented here – I **bolded** part of it, but the capitalizations are all Mr. Paine’s. Consider their situation and then ours. Then ponder the rude examples of tyrannical governments around the globe that are causing trouble *today* within their country and in others using religious differences (sometimes within their own religion) to excuse or cover their true agendas and public failures. From *Common Sense*,

Some writers have so confounded society with government, as to leave little or no distinction between them; whereas they are not only different, but have different origins. **Society** is produced by our wants, and **government** by our wickedness; the former promotes our POSITIVELY by uniting our affections, the latter NEGATIVELY by restraining our vices. **The one encourages intercourse, the other creates distinctions. The first a patron, the last a punisher.**

Society in every state is a blessing, but government even in its best state is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one; for when we suffer, or are exposed to the same miseries BY A GOVERNMENT, which we might expect in a country WITHOUT GOVERNMENT, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish the means by which we suffer. Government, like dress, is the badge of lost innocence; the

palaces of kings are built on the ruins of the bowers of paradise. For were the impulses of conscience clear, uniform, and irresistibly obeyed, man would need no other lawgiver; but that not being the case, he finds it necessary to surrender up a part of his property to furnish means for the protection of the rest; and this he is induced to do by the same prudence which in every other case advises him out of two evils to choose the least. WHEREFORE, security being the true design and end of government, it unanswerably follows, that whatever FORM thereof appears most likely to ensure it to us, with the least expense and greatest benefit, is preferable to all others.

Imagine what Thomas Paine could have written and communicated to the world with MS/Word, Adobe Acrobat, and the Internet!

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**All for One While We Consider**

As we the citizens of the United States of America come together to deal with what is our moment in time, the Change process will be best served if we approach the national reconciliation only as Americans, and not as one or more of the following:

- Baptist
- Buddhist
- Catholic
- Charismatic
- Christian
- Conservative
- Democrat
- Evangelical
- Fundamentalist
- Green
- Hindu
- Independent
- Jew
- Liberal
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Moderate
- Mormon
- Moslem – Shiite and Sunni
- Native American
- Native-born American

Naturalized American  
Non-Believer  
Non-Voter (until next time)  
Presbyterian  
Protestant  
Republican  
Zealots of Any Kind!

Prejudice is not something anyone is born with. It is learned perception and behavior.

In advance I must clarify with all sincerity, if you find yourself thinking what follows is sounding at all prejudicial, PLEASE, **just let it go**. Because you would be reading it wrong, for that is absolutely not my intent or that of the message presented in CS2. At the same time I will bluntly acknowledge that the words attempting to properly frame and summarize such *worldwide realities* cannot please everyone, and will be very ‘biting’ on some ears — and it needs to be! Again, I do not write about Fantasyland.

Because remember, just like love, sometimes the truth really hurts...

**And, frankly be a bit thankful you are not trying to write this piece yourself**  
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### **The Public Policy Challenge**

If a new or proposed change to an existing public program is of sufficient benefit to the “majority” of Americans, it must properly *consider* the “minority” of us, as well. However, the opposite must also apply. Any policies and programs designed for the Few among us must also consider the Common Good of the Many. It is a matter of practical and humane balance in public policy.

For some decades social and economic programs have sought to provide greater access and opportunity for various minority groups within our country. Regardless of where you stand on those social programs, they have succeeded in giving more of our citizens “opportunities” in education, employment, and material wealth than they would have had if the *National System* had not been realistically Changed over the years to address such social and economic imbalances. Key areas include:

- The American-Black minority
- The Female majority
- The Physically Challenged

Not that many other countries have done (or even tried to do) what we as an open, Democratic society have accomplished in the last 50 years – since 1958. Think about it.

There are those among us that believe too much has been done in those and other areas and those that believe that too little has done. Neither of those fortunately small groups of citizens will ever be satisfied, and we simply will not waste anymore of our precious time and resources trying to respond to their whining.

This book is all about restructuring the National System to the benefit of the Common Good of all American citizens.

### Speaking of Ethnic Politics

For some perspective, here is a high-level ethnic profile of American citizens. The numbers are somewhat aged numbers, but are informative:

American-Asians	10,000,000
American-Blacks	36,000,000
American-Caucasians	196,000,000
American-Latinos	37,000,000
American-Natives	3,000,000
American-Others	<u>3,000,000</u>
	285,000,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the United States 2002

Socially responsible legislation at the federal and state levels resulted in the deliberate mixing or integration of not just American-Blacks, but other American minorities as well with the American-White majority — a bold, yet socially appropriate adjustment for a maturing nation.

I intentionally keep repeating American this or that, because that is what We are. Whether native born or a naturalized citizen, we are all members of the best national club that there is – we are Americans!

I challenge the various \_\_\_\_\_-American groups to start either calling themselves American-\_\_\_\_\_ or just simply Americans – what a concept!

We can no longer *tolerate or Support* such self-serving and too often negative labels. In recent years some of these groups have fostered more separatism than unity and for strictly self-serving reasons. They are missing the point. The IRS non-profit/tax-exempt status of some public groups needs to be reviewed and in

some cases be revoked.

There is a very, fine line between censorship and Freedom of Speech and we must be first protective of our citizen's Rights. I said our citizen's Rights not those of visitors.

Further, We the People will no longer be concerned about the Political Correctness (PC) of calling such entities to task for the counter-productive disturbance some have become. They represent other forms of national pity parties that We the People *in order to maintain a more perfect union*, shall no longer condone.

Again, while there can be a fine line between defending the Common Good and suppressing valid decent, the difference can be easily distinguished. Public dissent is our Civil Right and Civil Responsibility, however, individuals and organizations that promote anger, hatred, and separatism will not be tolerated.

#### In Warning

Further, and specifically those visitors that are here from other countries and use our open society to breed and/or promote agendas that are contrary to the political and religious freedoms that are the core values of the American ideal will find themselves deported along with their families!

Anyone that was not born here is only (legally) standing on our soil because we have permitted it. That permission can and will be revoked, including Permanent Resident Alien status, naturalized citizenship, and border-baby (also called anchor) citizenship status! They will leave their generational hatreds and social problems of their home society behind them and not attempt to perpetuate them on our shores.

Our common American ancestors left the traditionally, degenerate social conditions of the Old World Order behind to escape the political and religion-based abuses it heaped upon the masses for thousands of years. We will not allow it come here and breed even though in recent years it is certainly trying to do just that.

Is that clear enough?

Only the mandated public exposure to other groups of people in the school and work environments over these past decades has "facilitated" various groups within our society to slowly become more comfortable with each other, and thankfully more tolerant, as well. The Baby Boomer generation was the first to begin shedding the racism (White toward Black, and Black toward White) that our parent's and prior generations grew up observing as normal social conduct.

Again, it must be acknowledged that while the day-to-day relations between American-Whites and American-Blacks has greatly improved over the 40-plus years there are and will always be individuals in both groups that continue to have issues! *Prejudice* in its various frames of reference is unfortunately present all over the world — all nations face this issue in some form. They just come in different flavors.

I will share a scenario that I personally know to have taken place only a few years ago. An American-Black teacher once commented to two American-White high school students in a casual non-confrontational conversation that ‘African-Americans were not capable of being prejudiced – only Whites could be prejudiced against African-Americans.’

They were floored, but did argue the point with her. How does her narrow and simply prejudiced view of the world strike you? That from an educated person and teacher — and we wonder why there are problems? And I have been shocked to hear comments come out of American-Whites that I would have expected better of. Fortunately, the numbers of people still clinging to such attitudes is itself a shrinking minority.

One of my personal little sayings is that, “people will always be the greatest form of entertainment that there is. The problem is that it is not always good entertainment.”

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Yes, all 300 million of us possess some personal awareness of prejudices even if they are small and never touch another person. It is simply a part of being human. That's you, me, and everybody else, do not kid yourself otherwise, but that does not make it right! Sometimes it is an instinctive reaction that comes to your mind, but each person can learn not to allow those negative impulses to be part of their personality or daily consciousness. It is for each person to develop the civil and human habit of treating all people with the same respect and decency that they desire to be shown.

That is what my Mother and Sunday school taught me to do.

It is the simple concept that is common in all religions and decent communities – the practice of *doing unto others as you would have them do unto you*.

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The point is that along with the Liberties we expect as citizens, we also have an unwritten individual obligation to be socially responsible and understanding toward our fellow citizens no matter what they look like or what they believe. This is after all what America is all about!

A Reality Check

Let us realistically and honestly acknowledge than unlike many of the other issues that the proposals in the American Agenda will be able to resolve, the complete reconciliation of ethnic, social class, and political influence can never be fully realized.

Perfect ethnic and financial balance cannot be attained (it is even hard to define what that would look like). Not in an open Democracy such as ours, under Chinese capitalism, and certainly not under military dictatorships, pseudo-Democracies or in the various religious monarchies (e.g., Iran) that are causing so many problems in the world today.

The good news is that the Second American Revolution has the real potential to transform the often talked about Old World Order into a real New World Order that is actually worthy of such a grand title. We Americans over the next seven (7) years have it within our power and in our Common Interest to demand such Changes and see them happen before our very eyes.

We only need to decide that today's Status Quo will not be "allowed" to be tomorrow's. Remember it is our destiny we are determining.

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Again, prejudice of one group toward another group based upon race, national origin, religion, tribe, wealth – **whatever** — is a reality in **every** country on the face of the earth whether they want to admit or not. And most do not. Over the years America has voluntarily done more to accomplish national maturity in those areas than any other nation. And that is a big reason why the “true” leadership of other countries acts in opposition to us. We make them and their national social policies look bad – because they are. They live to serve the Few at the expense of the Many.

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These are certainly very sensitive areas and difficult points to address, but they must be openly and objectively reviewed. Over the last number of decades various public groups in America have wanted, if not demanded special treatment due to some abuse they and/or their predecessors had to endure.

In the minds of many Americans — including those within the very same ethnic groups, there is a growing sentiment that these “pity parties” have gotten old, dysfunctional, and are somewhat embarrassing. Some well-known and very-respected people such as Bill Cosby have been moved in years passed to speak out against the conduct and attitudes of members of their respective group and have come under attack for just speaking the Plain Truth. The Screamers will go after anybody, even their own people.

And I mean “getting old” and downright boring to continually hear members of our various groups continually asking for special treatment, especially when it is due to injustices that occurred to those that left this earth many years in the past.

### Where We All Came From

Factually, if you go back far enough in history, you will see that all of our pre-America ancestors were severely oppressed by someone, at some point. And many were oppressed more than once by those inside, not just outside of their own country!

Many of those groups were treated very poorly when they first immigrated to this country (the Irish for example, and God love them). But they worked and learned and like the other groups, blended into American society thus enriching themselves, their families, and the country. They did not come here to be a \_\_\_\_\_-American. They desired to be an American – period! And that is what we will demand of people going forward, or they are missing the point and do not need to be here. Is that plain enough?



Most ethnic and religious group members came to colonial America fleeing terrible conditions and/or following the hope that it offered. My father's family left England for the colonies in the late 1600's; my mother's family (the Neely's) left Ireland to come here in the early 1700's – which was well before America became America. And you can bet they did not leave the Old World behind, as did so many others that came here in those primitive years, and sail across that dangerous ocean because their lives were a Tea Party back home. It was not.

The ancestors of today's American-Blacks were taken (with the direct involvement of and benefit to people in power in their native countries) by force from their lands and brought to these shores. Even that community that by far has had the most difficult struggle for social and economic equality in America has attained the opportunity for common status within American society. That practical observation will make some people of both sides of that issue groan.

That is exactly what I'm talking about. We all need to acknowledge our differences of opinion on issues such as this – about social and economic equality, in particular. This is precisely what our Second American Revolution is all about. We must finally start to see all Americans simply as Americans. The men, women, and children that comprise the 300 million American citizens, must accept that we are all on this national voyage together. We must encourage each other, help each other when needed, and expect if not demand the same level of civil consideration on the part of every citizen.

The bottom-line is that **going forward**, American society should not care about how someone's ancestors were treated, how their parents treated them, how the community treated them, etc., because that is called **life!** For every person that blames their bad circumstances, inappropriate or even criminal behavior on such factors, there are far more people of an identical or worse backgrounds that are good and responsible citizens. Again, the *pity parties* are very old, boring, and frankly we do not care to hear about nor can we afford them anymore.

The practical point is this — All original members of the groups that today comprise American society, those that preceded us faced hard conditions, but *persisted*. Their struggles and eventual success in overcoming their challenges created a place for their descendants at the table in the greatest country in the world. And how many of us would want to go through what our ancestors did or even to live in the countries they left behind? Think about that. Obviously, we see people still trying to get out of some of those countries, today!

It is time for all groups in this country, and each of us individually, to take responsibility for where we are in the great circle of life in America — even though we may not want to take that responsibility. It is always easier to blame things on society or somebody else, rather than our own lack of personal motivation.

We will best honor their hard struggles and sacrifices by working together to build a better America for all of our people to live and prosper in.

To Preserve, Protect, and Defend the Common Good of All of our Citizens.

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## **It is Who They Distrust**

### **Taking on a Global Perspective**

*The People of a given country do not fear and/or distrust the People of other nations.*

*However, they can feel that way about the Political Leadership of other nations, and too often with good cause.*

*This realistic perspective simply declares that the Few are not representing the Common Dreams and Desires of the Many.*

*The fruitless actions of the Few that causes intrigue, distrust, and too often war, versus an attainable world condition of trust, cooperation, and Peace.*

*That is the world's regrettable situation today,  
And it is being made worse as opposed to better  
Because the Few maintain the Power over the Masses,  
by the perpetuation of needless hatreds and fears!*

*And that Old World Order tradition could be Replaced...*

### **We Make Them Look Bad**

The reason why the living example of America's open Democracy attracts such disdain from certain governments and certain influential people in the world's troubled countries with their failed societies, is that we make them look bad! They especially do not like that some of their young desire to leave for America or another "freer" society.

At times such dysfunctional, foreign leadership acts to blame the poor and often oppressive conditions in their countries on us. This is a bad joke on their people! It is pure domestic propaganda to distract their people away from those really in power that are responsible for the continued hard conditions that exist there — the *real* political, religious, and economic leadership of their own country. The devious, negative, self-serving power brokers that are the dictators, monarchs, and the real religious "leadership" behind pseudo-elected national leaders such as exist today in Iran and Iraq. Internal chaos is preferred over order.

At the same time you can look around the world and find places where there is a peaceful blending of ethnic groups, as well as differences within a given religion.

For example, Shiite and Sunni Moslems live and worship in peace in our country. They work together and can even socialize if they so desire. This is because here they are not under the watchful eye and control of authority hungry, dominating, and civilly irresponsible religious “leaders” (clerics) telling them to hate and/or to blow each other up! That *in a nutshell* is what is going on in Iraq right now! Again, this is not rocket science — just the freewill, calculated manipulation of the masses by way of religion to sustain political power and control — nothing more.

***And it has nothing to do with God.***

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Forget about full-blown Democracy. Just a simple *outbreak of Peace* would stun the Middle East populations and transform those Old World Order societies. However, this is not permitted to happen by the true political leadership! And it is all very transparent. For a moment look at the sad status quo in Iraq, Iran, Israel with her nasty playmates, and others – as if you knew nothing of their history. Freely analyzed all of those political situations have the same roots.

It always comes down to influence, ownership, power, and control – *over* — people, business, and property. That is the heart and soul — the Dark Side of the *Old World Order*.

*My perspective* on Iran’s current leader with a name that is too long, is that he is a classic example of a presidential puppet. The real powers in Iran, are often seen standing behind him in cleric robes. Simply put, if they had not approved of him he would not be in power in the first place, and if he did not serve the clerics every dictate, he would simply be removed (*dead or alive*). And he knows it.

That pretty-well sums up the governing mentalities of the Old World Order societies – again the Few that the rest of the world is struggling to deal with today. And is a current day example of why our ancestors got the h\_\_ out of there when they could!

### **America’s Social Progress**

Over the last 50 years, America has taken tremendous steps in social maturity. Again, just think of what it was like in 1957. Think of the laws and social conditions that did and did not exist at that time — the economic and social prejudices on the parts of all groups – racial, ethnic, gender, physically challenged, etc. Yes, all groups have prejudices — there are no exceptions or exemptions. It would be prudent to consider how many countries (e.g., in the

Middle East and Africa) that have made zero or negative progress over those same 50 years! And how many of those same countries are a problem for the world and their own people today?

However, to America's credit and as an undeniable example to the people of the world, of the power of Democracy, we have struggled through some of our national problems, matured as a free society, and are the better nation for it. And there are two basic factors that made it all possible.

**The first** is the underlying character of the nation that is rooted in the non-denominational, Christian-based core beliefs and values of our fore-bearers. It was the basic American compassion for the struggles of others, which motivated some regular citizens to lead the fights to secure equal Rights, treatment, and opportunities for them. They worked diligently to make civilly responsible Changes to the National System — they succeeded and our nation was improved.

**The second**, being our beloved national charter — the U.S. Constitution, providing the vehicle by which the National System could legislatively be Changed to correct bad policy and open doors to more of our fellow Americans. And, usually, without firing a shot!

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### **The Interests of Citizens and Other Legal Occupants (OLOs)**

The proposal on American Population Management that addresses Immigration Control follows shortly, but I felt it worth emphasizing a few points here. In CS2 the interests of the 37-plus million American-Latino citizens (2002 Census numbers above) are considered and protected the same as any citizen group, since they indeed are our fellow American citizens – plain and simple.

Some thoughts from my conversations with American-Latinos include:

- They are both irritated and embarrassed over the whole illegal flow of Latino IOs into America giving them a bad image with other Americans. And the situation has only worsened considerably in the Bush II years.
- They are rightfully concerned that people may think of them as being an IO just because they appear to be Latino.
- They know that IOs from (non-Latino) countries all over the world are also here, but are unfairly flying low, under the public radar because they just blend in easier and frankly there are fewer of them.
- They know that not all Latinos can move to America and they do not want them to!
- The hard reality is that many Latinos came to this country partly to

escape the less than desirable fellow citizens of their native country. And frankly as more of the *lower forms* of humanity from those countries enter our country illegally and insert themselves in American-Latino communities the quality of life in those neighborhoods (and the nation) is degraded.

- The increasing numbers of IOs with their lesser values, paranoid attitudes, and criminal habits help to re-enforce the very culture the legal immigrants came here to get away from.

Therefore, it must not be assumed that all American-Latinos, as well as the OLOs from many other countries around the world, are supportive of the constant illegal immigration by their former countrymen.

The unchecked (by our Congress) invasion America has been enduring from all parts of the world must be stopped and reversed until we have our national house in order. It will take us several years to accomplish that national housekeeping, but then it took much longer to get it in this condition.

Logically speaking, we cannot complete that required housekeeping until sometime after it finally begins?

The hard bottom line is that the political advantage the IO invasion “has enjoyed” with both Republicans and Democrats in the halls of the U.S. Congress must come to an abrupt end in 2008. **The “Bush Open Door to All Illegal Immigrants” policy — must be cancelled by Congress, and ASAP.**

Congress knew well enough the last week in June 2007 to drop the amnesty-type Immigration Bill, even when Bush II tried one more half-hearted run at it. They are smart enough to know that passing such a bill would end their time in office! And it probably will not see the light of day until 2009!!!!

Cynically, and for the Silent and Disgusted Majority I must observe that all of the rhetoric that has been spit-out on the Immigration Bill in 2007 has accomplished nothing. Face it sports fans, this is exactly what the Status Quo lovers wanted — to have Congress do nothing. They have won yet another victory. Mexico happily keeps shoving people and drugs right up and across the border. The IOs keep coming and American society continues to degrade.

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**Not a Great Wall – A Practical Fence**

The well-lobbied U.S. Congress and Bush administration have studied and worked so very, very hard to conceive of and approve building a highway sound-barrier type wall “in sections” that are a combined 700 miles in length (the sum of all its parts IF it gets built) across a 2,000 mile border. They have literally delivered us a less than half-as \_\_\_\_, non-solution!

We will demand that they begin building a real Southern Border Fence in 2008 and it will be 2,000 miles long. It will be constructed of parallel chain link fences topped with razor wire.

The entire IO problem that has slowly worsened since Congress’ last “amnesty” legislation in 1986 — is a classic example of what is wrong in the relationship between the American public, business interests, and the Common Good. The U.S. Congress must be harshly reminded that it is supposed to be the defender of the *We the People* – NOT — They the Illegal!

And they expect to keep their jobs...

Those points cannot be re-enforced enough. The historic fabric of American society is at direct risk. These are bone-marrow issues we are reviewing.

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## **Our National Challenges**

As Thomas Paine started the fourth paragraph of *Common Sense*,

*“The cause of America is in great measure the cause of all mankind.”*

A true statement then, and with regard to America’s role to the world it is even more so today. Therefore, considering some of the deteriorating conditions in our nation and parts of the world today, whatever We the People determine to do (or not to do) over the next seven (7) years is just as critical as at the time of our nation’s birth.

And considering that our destiny is currently not under our control it is fair to say it is even more important...

## **For Them Only One – For Us So Many**

It was not simple. It was simply magnificent. The American colonists struggle against the oppressive, powerful, and self-serving British Empire to secure their new nation’s independence and to control their own destiny.

And it was not easy.

In January of 1776, Thomas Paine published the radical revolutionary pamphlet, *Common Sense*. In that magnificent, radical document that was so critical to igniting their revolution, Paine challenged the English colonists of the thirteen American colonies to come together and make a “declaration of independence” as a *united people* -- to boldly and historically take control in determining the form and substance of their common future.

The American colonists our national ancestors mainly comprised of farmers and craftsmen bravely stood up and answered the challenge of their time! To repeat, there were less than 3 million colonists at the time of the Revolution and some 25,000 of them died in that multi-year armed struggle.

We cannot complain about the comparatively minor personal sacrifices that we will be facing as the status quo of today is confronted and constructive national Change is made to happen. And I do not refer to our people dying and wounded in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the other places they are serving around the world right now.

Each of us will be required to assume some amount of short-term, non-physical sacrifice(s) in our coming legislative struggle that will Change the National System and in the end determine the nation’s future — for the Common Good.



Indeed, *We the People*, are already enduring such individual and common discomforts or this entire presentation is complete nonsense – purely, foolish rambling. But, it is not and we all know it!

I don't know about you, but I am beyond being tired of *We the People* being treated by our elected and the non-elected national leadership like *powerless peasants*. Are you?

The Plain Truth is that we are being viewed and so considered — and under the current National System's Power structure we functionally are just that! Haven't you had enough of that status quo?

Our national ancestors took the bold and sometimes physically sacrificial actions required to benefit their families, their neighbors, and their fellow colonists, and **after years** of actual warfare they became the first Americans. Those *Chosen Few* were the very first people to feel the Freedom, the Liberty, and the absolute Blessings of being an American.

Today, you and I – We the People of all 50 states, and DC, are challenged to take action for the Common Good of all those that are now American citizens. While we will not need to resort to physical warfare to resolve the national issues presented herein, it will prove to be an absolutely historical test of our desire for a Common Vision — the united resolve to force positive Change to actually happen. And happen rapidly!

It will be a policy and legislative war presided over by our U.S. Constitution. The contest will directly determine who will really be in control of America now and for “as long as we all shall live.” We already live in the greatest nation the world has ever known. Our blunt challenge is to *do whatever it takes* to keep it that way!

We have our Democracy and our beloved Constitution that allows America to mature and self-correct our society's course as we sail on our national voyage. Once again it is time for us to come together, to unite in Common Purpose, and put steadier hands upon our ship's wheel, because we have been led off our desirable and prudent course.

We only need to get back to some of the basic values, common responsibilities, and shared principles that made America a great nation to start with. We the People need to clarify the basic set of civil responsibilities and expectations of our citizens and our society. We must be absolutely firm in calling those to task that do not honor those Common Responsibilities, and in so doing, we will declare our resolve to make America's destiny one that will serve the Common Good of us all.

Should, after open public debate the proposals presented are found to be commonly acceptable to the vast majority of the People – and I do solemnly believe that acceptance will be the end result — We have it within our Power and our Rights to Demand that our elected officials implement them.

And to do it now!

It is our time to take action, to lead our leaders, and as a result reaffirm American Democracy as the model for the world, of the ultimate system of government — a free and open society built upon the basic principle that every man, woman, and child **matters**. That we are all indeed created equal in the eyes of God and each other.

As 230 years of U.S. history demonstrate, once We the People come together to confront any situation foreign or domestic that threatens our national well-being, and agree that the approach declared to resolve it is fair and prudent for the Common Good — We can do and accomplish anything.

### **The Challenge**

Our national challenge and the binding, national reconciliation we are about to engage in today is far more complicated a struggle than they faced in 1776.

*We are now* challenged to take American Democracy to the next level of maturity.

*We are now* challenged to fairly and forcefully resolve our internal issues to make America all it needs to be for itself and the world.

*We are now* challenged to acknowledge the ongoing, avoidable, international foolishness that has caused the world to become *a far worse place* over the last several decades rather than the better place it should be — and that we will now determine to make it.

America needs to honestly admit our role in some of that international foolishness — to call other nations and their real leadership to task for their irresponsibility toward the Common Good of their own people and others as well.

WE THE PEOPLE, will begin to do these Right things because WE have the power, the ability, the Privilege, and the National Obligation to do whatever needs to be done. The people of so many other nations do not have our U.S. Constitution and a national history of actually correcting wrongs in our National System that are in the Common Interest of the Masses.

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It has been said that, *“Those to whom much is has been given, much is expected.”*

It has also been said that, *“We do these things not because they are Easy, but because they are Hard.”*

We the People can and will do these hard things because we are Americans!

And while I am challenging all Americans to answer this call, I am speaking to my fellow Baby-Boomers in particular — for it is now our watch.

Therefore, just as our national ancestors did when they stood and struggled together, won their war, and created our nation,

**We Americans must now stand together,  
to take the actions that will Define and Insure  
our nation’s proper Destiny,  
and make our children proud of us...**

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