

Government of the People, by the People, and for the People:

*The Next Governing Majority and the Transformation of
American Politics and Government*

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PREMISE

The current political and government system is failing to create the changes necessary to enable America to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Only a new, historic transformational movement can create the dialogue needed, create the solutions that are required, and educate and arouse the American people so they impose these changes on politics and government despite the hostility and resistance of entrenched interests.

ASSUMPTION

As an historic fact, America has a deep and continuing history of popular movements forcing change on failing, reactionary systems of power and government:

1775-1783 – Founding Fathers
1785-1789 – Federalists
1796-1808 – Jeffersonians
1824-1836 – Jacksonians
1856-1868 – Lincoln Republicans
1896-1914 – Progressives
1932-1940 – New Deal
1980-1997 – Reagan and the Contract with America

CORE PROPOSALS

There are three key areas of substantive policy transformation.

1. From the imposed politically correct elite values to the core beliefs of the overwhelming majority of Americans;
 - 91% believe Americans should have the right to say "One Nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - 89% believe American workers should have the right to a secret ballot election before being forced to join a union.
 - 93% believe Americans should have the right to know the price and quality of healthcare before making a decision about it.
 - 85% believe English should be the official language of government.
 - 78% believe we should abolish the death tax permanently.

and the classic lessons of success in America, such as the work ethic which began in 1607 with the first permanent English settlers who landed in Virginia and who heard the admonition of John Smith (echoing Saint Paul) addressed to those gentlemen who refused to do real work: "if you do not work, you will not eat".

2. From the failed world of incompetent bureaucracies and destructive policies to the world that works of Drucker, Demming, Juran, markets, incentives, metrics, entrepreneurs, Toyota production system, 6 Sigma and lean manufacturing.
3. From confusion and uncertainty that the world is dangerous and ambivalence about defending America to a firm conviction that there are dangers in the world and a deep conviction that America and her allies must be protected and our enemies must be defeated.

PROCESS

Such a deep widespread movement for fundamental transformation has to focus on all 511,000+ elected officials from school boards to county commissions to city councils to state legislatures to federal office. The presidency and Congress would be too narrow and shallow an effort.

To affect 511,000+ elected officials would take the effort of at least 5,000,000 Americans.

Such a movement is made possible by the Internet.

Such a movement can have an interactive, self organizing and self learning capability on the Internet.

Today's introductory speech will be followed later this summer by a six hour introductory workshop on American Solutions.

Beginning in early July there will be an online wiki approach to developing a new generation of American Solutions.

On September 27th (the anniversary of the Contract with America) and September 29th (the following Saturday) there will be a participatory workshop on the Internet open for free to anyone who is interested in the concept of American Solutions.

This will be the first annual "Solutions Day" workshop and will be followed by future internet based workshops.

In January a compendium of the best solutions will be published as "Solutions for America".

THE KEY CHALLENGE TO THE INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY

For 75 years American intellectual effort has been dominated by a left wing coalition that believes in bureaucracies, dislikes markets, favors administrators over entrepreneurs, prefers redistribution to economic growth, cherishes imposed group definitions over individual liberty, seeks to secularize American culture, rejects the lessons of American civilization, and fears America more than her enemies.

Yet no real transformation can occur without enormous intellectual effort. The efforts of Hayek, Friedman, Murray, Kristol, Podhoretz, Kirkpatrick, Decter, and scores of others were the intellectual launching pad for the Thatcher-Reagan-Contract with America cycle of change.

Creating a new fundamental replacement of the intellectual structure and policies of the left will take an even more robust intellectual effort.

The work of Alex Pollock, Steven Hayward, Christopher Levenick, Mark McClellan, Clifford Winston, Robert Hahn, Michael Novak, Michael Ledeen, Amity Shlaes, Peter Ferrara, David Frum, Danielle Pletka, Joe Antos, Nicholas Eberstadt, Claude Barfield, John Goodman, John Bolton, Scott Gottlieb, Robert Rector, Bob Moffit, Fred Kagan, Sally Satel, John Yoo, Andrew McCarthy, Ilan Berman, Daniel Blumenthal, James Glassman, Charles Murray, Cliff May, Matthew Spalding, Michael Rubin, Richard Vedder, Marvin Olasky and their colleagues across America have to join together and deepen and accelerate in confronting the failures of the elites and creating the new solutions.

They will be an essential engine of energy and arguments for a successful American Solutions movement.