

A COMPLETE GUIDE ON

# HOW TO FIX CONGRESS

**\$27 TRILLION IN FEDERAL DEBT? (\$196,000 PER TAXPAYER?)**

**THIS IS BEYOND INSANE! CONGRESS' UNCONTROLLED SPENDING HAS TO STOP!  
IT'S TIME TO PUT POLITICS ASIDE AND JOIN FORCES! (300 MILLION VS. "535")**

**IT'S TIME FOR EVERY AMERICAN TAXPAYER  
TO STAND UP AND SHOUT -**

**"I'M AS MAD AS HELL AND I AIN'T GOING TO  
TAKE IT ANYMORE!"**

**"IF YOU DO NOT TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF  
YOUR GOVERNMENT, YOU ARE DOOMED TO LIVE UNDER  
THE RULE OF FOOLS" - PLATO 426 B.C.**

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## 20 Problems and 20 Common Sense Solutions



### 7 | The Movement

The American Common Sense MOVEMENT is simply a movement designed to unify all Americans under one banner. If you're tired of what's going on (or not going on) in Congress, please know that you really can make a difference. Together we can MAKE CONGRESS FUNCTIONAL AGAIN!



### 10 | Vote

Most Americans don't take time to vote because they assume their one vote won't matter. And those who do vote, vote mainly along party lines. It's time to become educated voters. It's time to become Bi-Political.



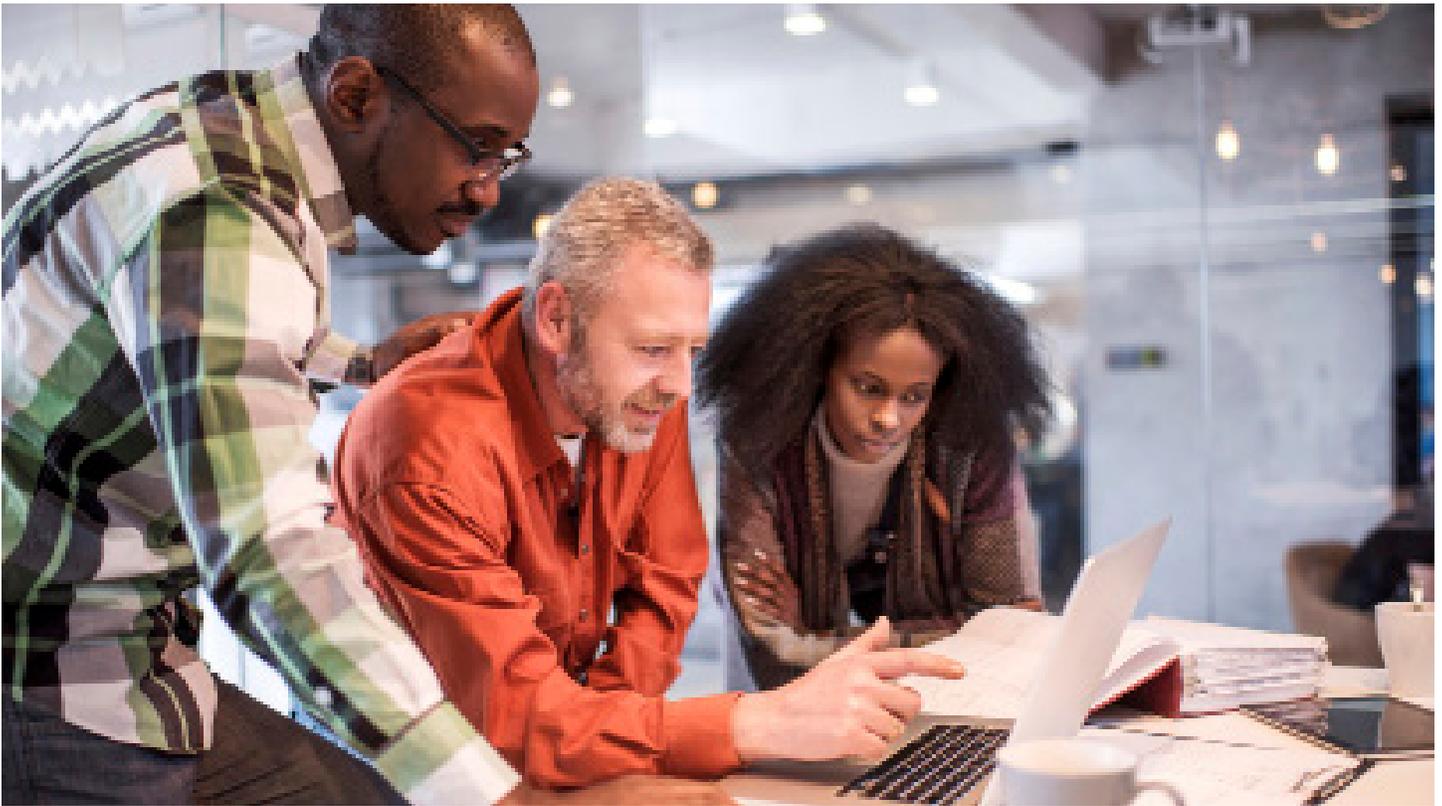
### 12 | World's largest revolution

Let's change the course of American history together. Let's take back our country and do it peacefully.



### 19 | How to fix Congress

How can we Make Congress Functional Again! How can we fix our totally dysfunctional Congress, and in turn, fix America! It's easy! Campaign Reform!



## 25 | One Site

We need one central location where the American voter can go to find out everything about every candidate. This website would not just contain the candidates' platforms, but would also allow us to rate the candidates as to how their overall views compare to ours. It's time for Congress to build **[www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov)**.

## 29 | The High Cost of Taxes

The bigger our federal government grows, the more money it needs. The more money it needs, the more money it takes from every American worker's paycheck. Enough is enough!

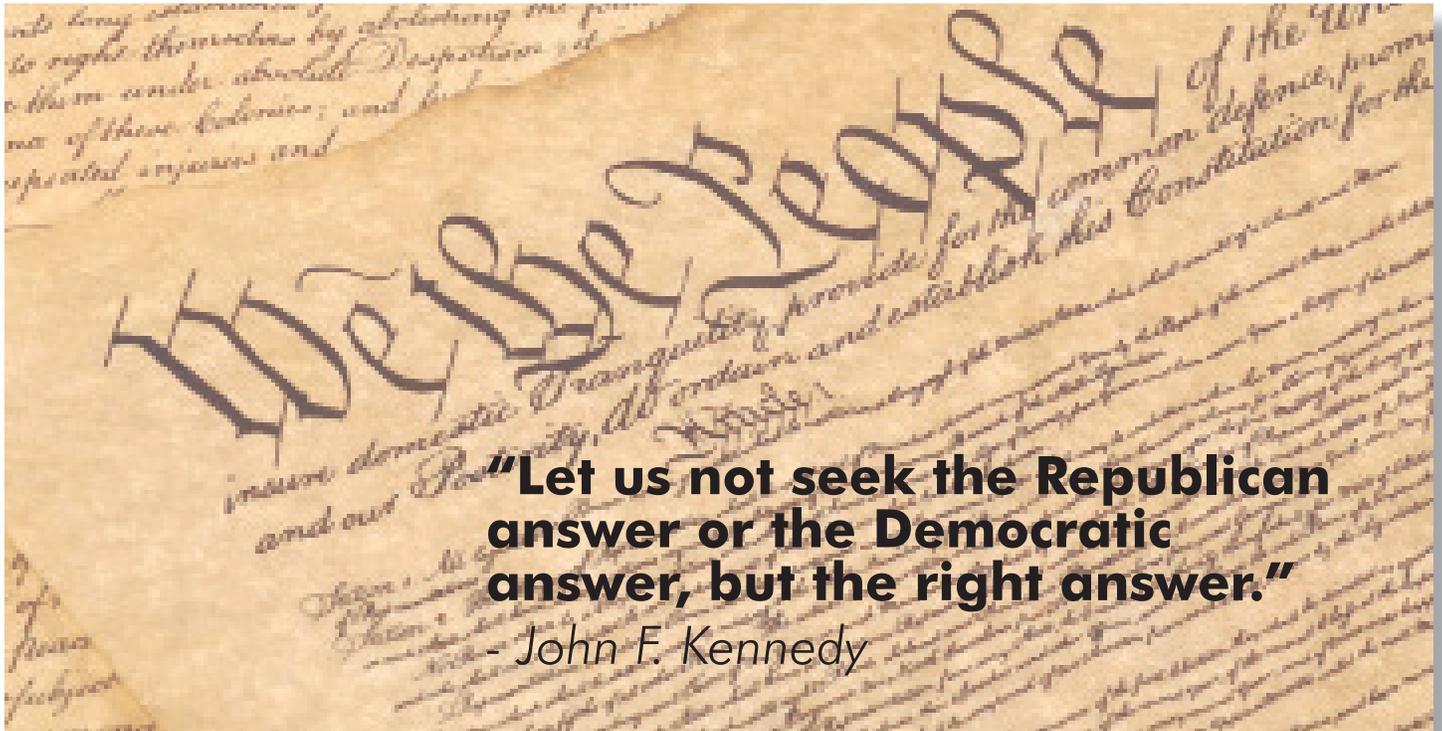


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## Twenty Common Sense Solutions

Each of the 20 reforms listed in this section cover a major problem facing our country today. If one Common Sense American can come up with solutions, why can't 535 members of Congress?

# WELCOME, MY FELLOW COMMON SENSE AMERICANS



**S**ince you're reading this, I assume you're not one of the 13% who approve of the job Congress is doing.

That being the case, how would you fix Congress if you were in charge? Would you first identify, then fire, every one of our managers on Capitol Hill who aren't doing their jobs? Would you replace them with some Common Sense (Democrat and Republican) business people, accountants, educators, and entrepreneurs; individuals who know how to fix problems, who know how to work well together, and who really want to serve the American people? Well, it looks like you and I are on the same page.

## LET'S TAKE BACK OUR GREAT COUNTRY!

### Why did I write this book?

I'm tired of politics as usual. I'm tired of listening to all of the arguing, name-calling, finger-pointing, and fighting between not only Democrats and Republicans, but now between blacks and whites, men and women, Christians and non-Christians, everyone. It's time we stop this insanity. I'm tired of political machines running our country and our lives. I'm tired of our managers on Capitol Hill serving their political parties instead of serving the American people. I'm tired of them fighting each other, instead of working together as Americans to fix the problems. They talk, talk, and talk, but they never solve any problems. I simply want them to shut up and do what we hired them to do – listen to the American people. I simply want things fixed, but it looks like the only way that's going to happen is if you and I get involved and make things happen.



# HowToFixCongress.com

## HowToFixCongress.com was designed to:

1. bring all Americans together (regardless of race or political affiliation), give us one unified voice, and help us focus the frustration we have with our elected officials in a positive, peaceful, and constructive direction!
2. put Congress on notice (our 535 “hired” employees) that they can either shape up and become Common Sense elected officials (managers) immediately, or be fired at their next election review!
3. encourage those members of Congress who are actually trying to make a difference to stand up and be counted, identify themselves and call out their dead-beat colleagues, so we know who to keep and who to fire!

## Where to Start

- Start on page 34 with 20 Reforms to Fix America. There you’ll find at least one Common Sense solution to each of 20 major problems that Congress refuses to fix. Pick one that interests you the most. Read how I would fix the problem, then start thinking really hard about how you would fix the problem if you were in charge. In other words, what guidelines would you give our managers up on Capitol Hill to help them fix the problem?

Remember, they’re not our leaders (like they think). They’re our managers; they work for us! We hired them and we sure as hell can fire

them! I don’t expect you to agree with all of the solutions I’ve offered, but hopefully you agree with most of them, and hopefully you come up with some even better solutions.

- Now get the word out on social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, everywhere! Let the world know how you feel the problems should be fixed. Let’s get a constructive dialog going all over social media. If we want to get the attention of our managers up on Capitol Hill, we have to make things go viral. Ask your friends to respond to your tweet, your Facebook post, etc. with their viewpoints and their solutions to fix the problems. Blow up social media with solutions to each and every one of the 20 problems I’ve listed. You may even come up with some problems that I’ve missed, so put them out there too.
- Next, read pages 7-18 to find out what the American Common Sense Movement is all about. As the name implies, we’re a MOVEMENT, not a Political Party. You’ll find out how to become a Common Sense voter and how to become a part of the world’s largest peaceful revolution. You’ll even find out how to run for political office as a Common Sense Democrat or a Common Sense Republican, if you so choose.
- Check out our section on pages 19-28 on Fixing Congress where we encourage sending a message to Congress and advocating to

set up a National Campaign Information Website ([www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov)) to make it easier to find out about the candidates we're about to hire. Don't forget to take a look at *Smaller Government, Less Taxes and "Taxes, Taxes, and More Taxes"*, written by Charley Reese for the *Orlando Sentinel* on pages 29-33.

- And finally, visit our website, [HowToFixCongress.com](http://HowToFixCongress.com), and click on "Our Founding Father" and "The Philosopher Plato" to see what they have to say.

It's criminal what's happening to this great country and especially to the American worker. Those in power have constantly lied to us. They've embezzled, or at the very least, totally mismanaged our money, and by their failure to address the problems, not only is our Social Security system now close to bankruptcy, but so is our country. Our managers and their predecessors are both morally and criminally responsible and should be held accountable for their actions. What would our forefathers do in this situation? They would fight for their freedoms.

What a powerful message it would send to the American people if we could once again have a functioning Congress! Think about how it would uplift our spirits. This is what America really needs now: confidence in our government and confidence in our elected officials. No more bickering, no more broken promises, less dependence on big government, and lower, not higher taxes

for everyone. It's time we demand that the members of Congress drastically cut back on their spending and cut all the waste! And it's time the American people remember that we're a democracy, not a socialist or communist country. Why are we allowing our elected officials in Congress to lead us in that direction?

O.K. now that we're armed with some Common Sense solutions to the problems that need to be fixed, are we ready to hire some Common Sense managers to put these Common Sense

solutions into place? Are we ready to really Make America Great Again™?

It's time every American enters the battle. It's time we fire the shot heard 'round the world; it's time we rally the troops all over social media; and it's time we win the war at the polls.

It's time we start electing only Common Sense representatives to Congress and to all branches of government on all levels. No violence, no looting, no kneeling when our National Anthem plays, no burning our flag, no protests in any form. Just light up social media, then get out and vote! This movement will go down in history as the last American Revolution, the most peaceful revolution this world has ever seen. Let's make history together.

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**I wrote this book because I still believe there's time to take control of our government, and take it back in a peaceful manner. It's time for We the People to once again rule ourselves! It's time we declare a non-violent WAR on our self-proclaimed rulers in Congress. It's time we take back this great nation. It's time we fix Congress.**

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# WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMON SENSE MOVEMENT?

As the name implies, we're a MOVEMENT, not a Political Party. Our Mission is simple, to unify all Common Sense Democrats and all Common Sense Republicans.

**The American Common Sense Movement's sole mission is to take back our Congress. The fighting and the division has to stop. It's time to start ignoring the extremists on both sides, the far left and the far right. United We Stand, Divided We Fall.**

Once we come together as Americans, we can then start hiring the right managers to Congress. That's it. Once we have the right managers working for us, we can truly Make America Great Again™. Then and only then will we be able to lower our taxes, provide jobs for everyone, offer more opportunities, safer communities, more equality, and a better way of life for all.

## **Are we soliciting donations?**

No, we will never solicit or accept donations. Do we want you to fill out forms so we can sell your personal information? No, there are no forms to fill out and we will never collect any of your data. Do we want you to volunteer your time? Nope! Then what's the angle? There is no angle!

We simply want you to do one thing for yourself, your family, your friends, and for all of America: we want you to help us rebuild a totally dysfunctional Congress (with some Common Sense candidates of your choice) and we want you to go out and vote in the upcoming election and every future election. We want you to take an interest in the affairs of your government and help shape the course of American history.

## **Is the American Common Sense Movement an independent third party?**

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**Our mission is simple: to infiltrate both the Democratic and Republican parties in both Houses of Congress with Common Sense free-thinking American business people, educators, and entrepreneurs.**

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No, we're simply a movement, hopefully the unification of 225 million Democrat and Republican taxpaying American voters, just like you and I. Think of us as an American Taxpayers' Union.

How do we get 225 million Democratic and Republican voters to unify and become one voice for Common Sense? It's simple. We change the mindset of every American Democrat voter and every American Republican voter by immediately stop listening to anyone who

tries to divide us, whether it be the media, the Democratic and Republican political machines, or the radical extremists on both sides.

## How do we get Democrats and Republicans to unite and start working together?

We change the way we vote. We stop voting straight down party lines. We vet the candidates and we vote for the candidate with the most Common Sense (albeit a Democrat or a Republican). To do so, we have to first realize that we're all in this together. It's not us against each other; not Democrat against Republican; not black against white. We're all taxpaying American citizens, we all share the same dreams and aspirations, and we all share the same disappointments. It's time we all start sharing the same responsibility – the responsibility of fixing America.

When we start viewing ourselves as united and as members of the same party (let's say an American Bi-Political Common Sense Party),

only then will the fighting stop, and only then will we be able to once again make America the greatest nation on earth. Let's work together to secure our liberties and our freedoms, not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

## How did Congress get us in debt in the first place?

At one point they took it upon themselves to stop working within a balanced federal budget. Common Sense dictates that you can't spend money that you don't have. Congress totally ignores this fact. They just spend and spend,

with no limit in sight. They keep adding more and more entitlement programs each and every year, and they have no money to fund these programs.

When they want more money, they simply increase the debt ceiling. Debt ceiling sounds harmless enough, right? Wrong, wrong, wrong! How stupid do our managers in Congress think the American people are? Borrowing money is taxation, no matter how they spin it!

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**Our platform is simple: lower taxes and provide more jobs, more opportunities, safer communities, more freedom, more equality, and a better and more efficiently-run federal government.**

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Our managers on Capitol Hill aren't stupid by any means. For God's sake, most are Harvard lawyers. They just don't care about the little people; the taxpaying American citizens that they actually work for; the people like you and I. They knew exactly what they were doing when they started borrowing. They knew quite well that if they looked us straight in the eye and asked for more of our hard-earned tax dollars, we would say, "hell no!" They also knew that if they raised taxes without asking, the American people would revolt! Since neither way would give them what they wanted, they came up with another way to separate us from our hard-earned money, and their plan worked.

They totally blind-sided us without our even realizing what was happening. They simply raised the debt ceiling and borrowed, borrowed, and borrowed. To fund their over-spending, they basically forged the names of every man, woman, and child on \$27 trillion worth of taxpayer promissory notes that you and I, and our children, and their children, are now obligated to pay back. Pretty ingenious to say the least, but not right!

### Why would Congress take the American people into debt to the tune of \$27 trillion?

Your guess is as good as mine. Worst case scenario, they seek power, and what better way to stay in power, than to trade entitlements for votes? What better way to stay in power than to plunge us into debt, and force the American people to rely on their government for their basic needs? Best case scenario, they screwed up and didn't want to take it on the chin. They should have fixed the problem when it first occurred, before things got so out of control. Either way, they've created a mess that needs to be fixed, and fixed now!

### How many honorary Democratic and Republican members do we have in our Bi-Political Party, our American Common Sense Movement?

If we count all Americans who want things changed up on Capitol Hill, including both you and I, the number would be around 261 million. This is based upon the fact that 87% of our 300 million population (261 million) disapprove of the job that Congress is doing. I'm sure we all agree that to fix Congress, we need to replace a lot of our managers in Washington with some Common Sense business people, accountants, educators, and entrepreneurs. Now that you've been made an honorary member of the American Common Sense Movement, how about becoming a participating member. All you have to do is become an American Common Sense Bi-Political voter.

And if you're tired of what's going on (or not going on) in Congress and want to really make a difference, become an American Common Sense Bi-Political candidate. If you agree with our movement and the majority of the reforms we support, America could really use your help. America needs Democrat and Republican candidates with Common Sense to challenge every incumbent manager up on Capitol Hill who isn't doing his/her job. Thanks in advance for your service.

#### Approval of the U.S. Congress

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?



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# BE AN AMERICAN COMMON SENSE VOTER

Demand that our managers immediately enact campaign reform so we can better educate ourselves on the candidates.

## How can we become Common Sense voters?

First we have to push for campaign reform, then educate ourselves on the candidates, and finally we have to get out and vote! The main reason America is in trouble is that we, as Americans in general, are lazy and apathetic when it comes to voting. Many of us don't take the time to vote because we assume our one vote won't matter. This was me for over 30 years.

And those who do vote, vote mainly along party lines. They know very little about the person they're voting for because there's no place where they can view the candidate's platform.

Just like most Americans, I would love to not get involved in the affairs of our government, but as Plato said: "If we don't get involved in the affairs of our government, we are doomed to live under the rule of fools". It would be nice to just live our lives and leave the running of our government to our managers on Capitol Hill. We should be able to trust that our managers are looking out for the best interest of every American taxpayer. They should be honest, fiscally responsible, and make good business decisions on our behalf, but they aren't and they don't.

They keep telling us that everything will be just fine! How's that working out? We're \$27 trillion in debt, crime and poverty is everywhere, our infrastructure is deteriorating, corruption is in all branches of government, and they constantly want more taxes. Everything is not fine! I firmly believe the old adage that "without change, nothing changes". Well, it's time for some real change!

I'm sure we have a few Common Sense managers up on Capitol Hill who really care about the American people, but as a group, they are either incompetent or complacent. We can continue to sit on our asses and let our managers run our great country into the ground, or we can change

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direction, change Congress, and in turn, change America. We as Americans still have a chance to really change things, but time is running out! It's time we all do our part. It's time every hard-working American taxpayer gets involved in the affairs of our government.

**Q: Who can we hire to do a better job than our current elected officials?**

**A: Almost anyone.**

Educators would be a good choice. They're well-respected and intelligent. They have degrees; they have ethics. Furthermore, most educators get into the field, not for the money, but because they want to make a difference in the world. Economics teachers are versed on the economy, while math and accounting teachers know numbers and can surely create and balance a budget. And here's the good thing about teachers: they don't compete against each other; they work together for the common good of the people they serve, our children. How hard would it be for them to switch over to serving the American people as our elected representatives?

Another good choice would be business people and entrepreneurs. They not only know how to start up, but also run a successful business. They would be much better equipped to run a country than a bunch of lawyers.

### How do we know who to vote for; who to hire?

In the business world when we're hiring, the prospective candidate is required to fill out an application and then sit for an interview. We ask them specific questions to make sure they're the right candidate for the job. This makes Common Sense, yet when it comes to filling some of the most important positions in our government, when it comes to hiring managers to run our country, we really have no clue who we're hiring. We hardly know anything about them.



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This has to change. We have to start running our country like a business. Case in point: we hired 535 managers to Congress who can't get along with each other, who can't work together, and who can't even set-up, much less work within, a balanced budget.

Hell, they even group together in gangs and sit on different sides of the aisle, to avoid being near each other, and each politically segregated group feels they're better than the other. They're arrogant, they don't respect the American people, they feel the working-class taxpaying Americans are beneath them. They take every hard-working American's money (tax dollars) without our consent and give it to not only lazy Americans who don't want to work, but to non-Americans who came here illegally, and to dictators in other countries - to everyone. It's not the government's money they're squandering, it's the American workers' money! Is there any doubt but what we hired the wrong people to manage our affairs? Is there any doubt but what we need real campaign reform? And once we have campaign reform, is there any doubt but what we can indeed fix Congress, and in turn fix America?

## **THIS IS AN APPEAL TO THE 261 MILLION AMERICANS WHO ARE NOW HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMON SENSE MOVEMENT**

I ask that in all upcoming elections, each and every one of us deeply consider firing all elected officials who refuse to tell us, in plain English (and in detail), what they will do to start fixing the problems, using simple Common Sense. I ask that we replace these individuals with American business

people, educators, entrepreneurs, and any responsible individuals (from any party) who know how to successfully run a business, and who can give us a concrete plan of action that will fix the problems - anyone with Common Sense!

# THE WORLD'S LARGEST PEACEFUL REVOLUTION

Let's change the course of American history together. Let's take back our country and do it peacefully. Let's vote for real change in all upcoming elections, not just more talk!

## What is a peaceful revolution?

Unlike a traditional revolution, which is defined as a forcible overthrow of a government or social order in favor of a new system, think of a peaceful revolution as a reformation. A reformation is defined as the action or process of reforming an institution or practice with the intention of setting it back on the right path. We don't need a new system of government; we simply need to reform Congress and get our managers back on the right path, plain and simple. Our forefathers gave us a great system of government, a system where the people (if they elect to participate) can truly rule themselves.

We have a chance to change the way things are done in Washington and rebuild the American people's confidence in their government, but only if we unite as one America. But first, we have to know who we're hiring; first, we need to demand that Congress enact Common Sense campaign reform.

## "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore."

This is actually a quote from the 1976 movie *Network*, but I think it's how most American taxpayers feel today. Here's another quote I came across in *Freeman's Perspective* that is so

true: "It works in the favor of the corrupt people running our political structures if honest people think they can't make a difference and 'opt out' of even trying."

In the old days, to enact change, we would have needed to shout our message from the rooftops: "I'm mad as hell, and I ain't going to take it anymore". Not today. Social media has brought the power back to the people. Let's use that power to recruit Common Sense candidates to Congress.

Here's another wise old saying: "without change, nothing changes, at least nothing ever changes for the better." Don't you think it's about time we make a lot of changes on Capitol Hill?

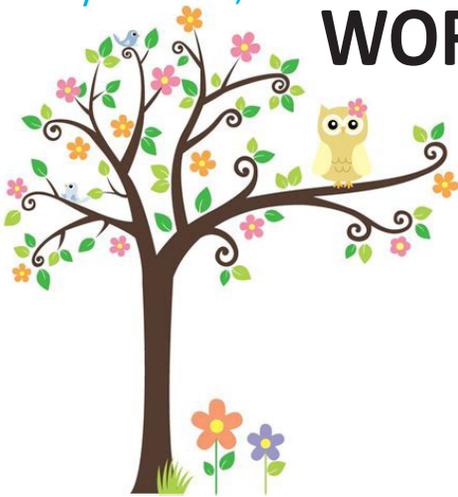
Just like you, I've sat back and waited patiently for someone else to solve the problems. They haven't, so it's time we take the lead. The stakes are high, and our economic and personal freedoms are at risk. I think we all realize that America has been heading down the wrong path for quite a number of years. A lot of someones aren't doing the jobs we elected them to do. If they can't do their job, then we sure as hell should be looking for someone else (to vote in) who can!

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# REVOLUTION

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**Encourage all my fellow Americans to join me in a peaceful revolution (reformation). Go to the polls and vote, and vote only for candidates who support Common Sense reforms.**

No demonstrations, no protests, no violence, no burning of the American flag, and no kneeling when the National anthem is played. Continue to identify as either a Democrat or a Republican, but as a Democratic or Republican member of the American Common Sense Movement.

We have enough political parties, and since all that any of the political parties seem to want to do is fight amongst each other, let's not go there. Let's simply think of ourselves as a movement. Let's demand Common Sense campaign reform, educate ourselves on the candidates, and vote into office only Common Sense candidates. Let's stop voting straight down party lines and simply vote for the right person for the job.

When did we give our government (our elected officials) permission to start all the entitlement

programs and spend our money as if it were their money? When did we tell them that if they need more money for more programs, no problem, just print it or tax us more? Who authorized our elected officials to take out a U.S. credit card and charge \$27+ trillion on it without our approval? Who authorized them to embezzle \$40-50 trillion from our Social Security and other dedicated funds?

This is what happens when you have no idea who you're electing to represent you; when you have no way of making an informed decision; when you vote straight down party lines. Responsible citizens live within their means. They balance their expenses with their income. Heck, some even save.

We assumed our managers would run our government the same as they would run their personal lives or businesses. We assumed there were checks and balances in place that prevented those in power from abusing their power. Wrong! These irresponsible actions have the U.S. on the brink of bankruptcy. It's not their money they're spending. It's not their money they're wasting. It's our money! If we stand united we can take back control of our country, and do it peacefully!

Just a reminder: our government officials work for you and I, the people, and it's about time they start understanding that! Those in power seem to believe that we are beneath them; that we should

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**“A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.”**  
- Thomas Jefferson

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have no say in what services they provide for us, nor what those services cost; that they can demand more and new

taxes from us anytime they choose; and that they can even forge our names on a line of credit for any amount they choose.

**United we stand, divided we fall.**

# If we really want to fix America, we need to address our problems as if we were putting a puzzle together.

- We can't be overwhelmed by the large number of pieces (problems) in the box.
- We have to first see the big picture. What should the whole puzzle look like when completed? What should America look like when fixed?
- We have to then make sure that we have managers on Capitol Hill who also see the big picture; managers who really want to work for the people!
- We have to divide the puzzle into 20 sections (the top 20 problems that need to be fixed).
- And finally, our managers in Congress need to draw straws, divide into 20 individual groups, and work tirelessly until they can put all of the 20 major sections of the puzzle together. They and their predecessors broke the puzzle; they broke America, and it's time we demand that they put it back together!

If our managers on Capitol Hill can't see the big picture (which most can't), then we need to replace them with some Common Sense American business people who can!

There's strength in numbers, so it's time we stop pitying ourselves; it's time we stop feeling helpless; it's time we take back America! Crazy? Not nearly as crazy as the idea our forefathers had when they led a revolution against the British Empire 240 years ago and won! They fought and died for our freedoms. We only have to drive to the polls and vote! Our revolution is easy!

With 240 million Americans over the age of 18, who not only pay taxes, but have the privilege and the freedom to vote (150 million registered and another 90 million not registered), we have our elected representatives outnumbered 448,000 to 1. That's pretty good odds. There's no doubt we can win, but only if we put aside our differences and our party lines. We have to stop fighting with each other and we have to start hiring some Common Sense representatives.

Let's forget about the donkey and the elephant for the time being and make this the year of the American eagle; the year we unite as Americans; the year we end up with a functioning Congress made up of Common Sense representatives.

To get things turned around, we're probably going to have to start micro-managing our elected officials, at least for the time being. We'll need to define what services we want them to provide and what we are willing to pay for those services. It's time we define a budget for them to work with. Let's set the numbers, not them. No more blank checks, no more credit cards, no more lines of credit. We need to call a management meeting (congressional session) to define the problems, offer solutions, and then set deadlines for them to finish their assigned tasks.

Since our American values were built on *In God We Trust*, please allow me to share this quote: "God helps those who help themselves". People, it's time we started helping ourselves. We've sat on the sidelines way too long. I don't think there's anyone out there who doesn't see where we are and where we're heading. History is about to repeat itself and another great nation is one step closer to economic collapse. If things don't change, a few hundred individuals are about to destroy this great nation from within. Remember the song lyric: "This land is your land, this land is my land, from California to the New York island"? It doesn't say a damn thing

about this land being “their” land! The problem isn’t with our way of governing; it’s with those that *We The People* have chosen to manage our affairs. We’ve made some really terrible choices lately. Our forefathers were very wise when they set up our great nation; when they set up a means for the American people to govern themselves. They even gave us the tools we need to take back America without having to resort to violence.

Let’s make the American Common Sense Movement go viral on social media! If the voice I’m resonating is your voice, then get off the sidelines and spread the word. Be the next Paul Revere and shout out to those in Washington: “The Americans are coming! The Americans are coming!” Get the word out through all channels on social media. Talk to your friends. Pledge to vote across party lines, if necessary. Pledge to vote only for candidates who are committed to doing their jobs; candidates who will either support the American Common Sense reforms, or who can offer reforms that work better.

The next time you get into a political conversation of any kind, with anyone, make it more constructive, make it educational and keep it civil. Stop getting upset, stop pointing fingers, stop blaming the other political party, and stop arguing with each other. Instead, play the “how would you fix it?” game. How would you fix unemployment? How would you fix education? How would you fix immigration? How would you fix the drug epidemic? How would you decrease crime, etc.? Take turns coming up with Common Sense solutions that will actually fix problems.

When you’re finished, recruit the person you’re talking with into the American Common Sense Movement. Have them check-out our website at [www.HowToFixCongress.com](http://www.HowToFixCongress.com) for more things to think about. And finally, have them join our Peaceful Revolution by sharing their own “how to fix it” ideas on social media. Once enough Common Sense Americans get involved, our managers on Capitol Hill will have to listen.

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**JOIN**

Encourage your friends to visit our website and join the American Common Sense movement.

**EDUCATE**

Demand Congress enact campaign reform so every American can easily become an educated voter.

**VOTE**

Vote in each and every upcoming election, and vote for the candidate that aligns him/herself with your Common Sense views, even if it means you have to vote across party lines.

# BECOME A COMMON SENSE CANDIDATE

Step-up and become an American Common Sense candidate today! Democrats, Republicans, and Independents are all welcomed! The American people need you.

## There's a very good reason why Congress only has a 13% approval rating.

It's because we hired the wrong people to represent us on Capitol Hill. What we need are Common Sense managers who will work tirelessly for the American people. Remember, your political affiliation isn't important. What is important is your willingness to put the needs of the American people above all else.

## When a politician is running for office, why is it that we never hear in detail what they will do to fix the problems once they get elected?

We hear about how they're going to change things, make things better, blah, blah, blah, but they never lay out a plan as to how they're going to actually fix anything. They need to stop saying what they think it takes to get hired, and instead, stand up and tell the American people exactly who they are, what they believe in, where their passions lie, and what specific things they intend to change. If we like their ideas and ideals, we'll hire them. Then they can stay true to themselves and the American people. Then and only then can they really make a difference.

I believe that most Americans enter into politics for the right reasons but something changes down the line. Once in office, they seem to worry too much about re-election; too much about voting within party lines; too much about pleasing the other good ole boys and scratching each other's backs; too much about paying back the big money people who got them elected. They seem to forget that they were hired to serve their fellow Americans; that they are in office to solve problems for the people (politically correct or not). They seem to forget that they are morally indebted to no one but themselves and their fellow Americans!



# THE AMERICAN COMMON SENSE PLEDGE

*I, your dedicated and elected civil servant, pledge to work only for you, the American taxpayers and citizens of the United States Of America - not for any political party or special interest group. I will help you take back control of our great country.*

*I am humbled to serve you and to help make a difference. I am a Common Sense America candidate first, then a Democrat, Republican, or Independent! I will spend every waking moment working with my fellow colleagues (Democrats and Republicans) on Capitol Hill on the following reforms:*

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 - Budget Reform           | 11 - Infrastructure Reform  |
| 2 - Campaign Reform         | 12 - Labor Reform           |
| 3 - Criminal Justice Reform | 13 - Legislative Reform     |
| 4 - Drug Reform             | 14 - Refugee Reform         |
| 5 - Education Reform        | 15 - Social Security Reform |
| 6 - Entitlement Reform      | 16 - Tax Reform             |
| 7 - Foreign Aid Reform      | 17 - U.N. Reform            |
| 8 - Gun Reform              | 18 - V.A. Reform            |
| 9 - Healthcare Reform       | 19 - Voting Reform          |
| 10 - Immigration Reform     | 20 - Women's Choice Reform  |

*We will solve the problems once and for all) using the Common Sense solutions the American people have suggested, or we will come up with even better Common Sense solutions we feel the American people will approve.*

*As an American Common Sense candidate, I realize the task at hand is enormous, but I am 100% up to the challenge. I, as a prospective representative of the American people, cannot fail the American people by simply conducting politics as usual on Capitol Hill. I realize that arguing with the other managers or worrying about pleasing my political party or its leaders isn't going to get America back on track. I know that we must work together as a team if we're going to see the results of our efforts. I know that we can win back the confidence of the American people; the confidence that we, your elected officials, are finally here to serve the people, only the people, and no one else.*

America needs candidates who can think outside of the box, work together, and use simple Common Sense to find solutions to the problems we face. America needs Common Sense managers, not only in Congress, but in all branches of government.

If you have the time, step up and run for local, state, or federal office. Declare yourself an American Common Sense Democrat, Republican, or Independent. If you don't have time to devote to politics, then at least vote. Vote for any candidate currently in office or seeking office; anyone that will step up and declare themselves an American Common Sense candidate.

Our current managers on Capitol Hill seem to have forgotten that they work for the American people. They seem to feel that they answer to no one. They set their own salaries and benefits packages, and they take way too many recesses. We the American taxpayers are the ones paying their salary, and I for one, think it's time to renegotiate their contracts. It's time we start paying them a fair salary and a fair benefits package, and its time we demand that they start working full time, like the rest of us.

There're way too many problems that need to be fixed for them to even consider taking a recess. It's time they roll up their shirt sleeves and fix the mess they and their predecessors have gotten us in! You and I can't set our own salaries and our own benefit packages at our companies. We can't retire with benefits after a few years. We can't take off for recess whenever we want or simply not show up for work. Why should they? Enough is enough!

## The Politician's Handbook

The following, I'm told, is an excerpt from the *Politician's Handbook*, which is currently being used by both political parties on Capitol Hill. I just wanted to give you a heads-up on who you'll be running against.

How to get elected to Congress in 5 easy steps  
(a guide for self-serving career politicians):

1. Just watch what you say. Be very careful not to offend the illegals, the unions, big business, small business, the unemployed, gays, Muslims, Christians, Atheists, those for abortion, those against abortion; basically anyone whose vote you might lose. And don't go against your own party or the special interest groups that are helping you get elected.
2. Talk about reducing unemployment, lowering the price of gasoline, increasing Social Security and all of the other entitlement program benefits, protecting us from terrorists, fixing the illegal immigration problems, free college, free phones, free this and free that, and so on, and so on.
3. Don't worry. You don't really have to come up with a definitive plan about anything.
4. Once elected, just talk about the mess you inherited and how you could fix things, but the other party has now become the party of "NO". Again, don't worry. The party leaders will keep the American people distracted by fighting over who's right and who's wrong, and about this and that.
5. And finally, don't forget to find a way to repay everyone for their kindness (pay for play). That's it in a nutshell. Sit back and enjoy the ride. The American people are way too dumb to know what's happening. After all, if they let you and your predecessors run up a tax debt on them to the tune of over \$27 trillion, and haven't fired or prosecuted anyone yet, they'll let you get away with anything, right?

During the interview process, all candidates need to inform the American people what planks of the American Common Sense platform they support and what planks they oppose. Be honest, speak from the heart. If you're really a Common Sense candidate and you share our views, *We The People* will hire you to represent us. You'll no longer be beholden to any political party or special interest groups. You'll be able to be your own person and actually fix the mess your predecessors have gotten us into.

Lawyers need not apply! We definitely don't need any more lawyers working for us on Capitol Hill. We need regular working class people, business people, educators, non-politicians, and men and women of integrity who will graciously serve our great country and who will work tirelessly to implement the changes needed to get us back on track, not simply make empty promises to get elected!

Think about it. We only need two Common Sense American business people, educators, or entrepreneurs like you from each state to finally have a 100% Common Sense Senate. To fill the House Of Representatives with Common Sense managers might be a bit more difficult (since the numbers vary based upon population within the state), but even in California, we should be able to find 53 Common Sense Americans.

A strong Congress, made up of Common Sense business people, accountants, educators, and entrepreneurs, not Harvard lawyers, can truly reshape America beyond our wildest dreams and help lead the way to building a stronger and safer world.



# HOW TO FIX OUR DYSFUNCTIONAL CONGRESS

How do we Make Congress Functional Again?

How do we fix our totally dysfunctional Congress, and in turn, fix America?

**13%**  
**Approval**  
**Rating**

Congress's approval rating is at an all-time low.

**F**irst, we need to remind all members of Congress that they're not the ones in charge, we are.

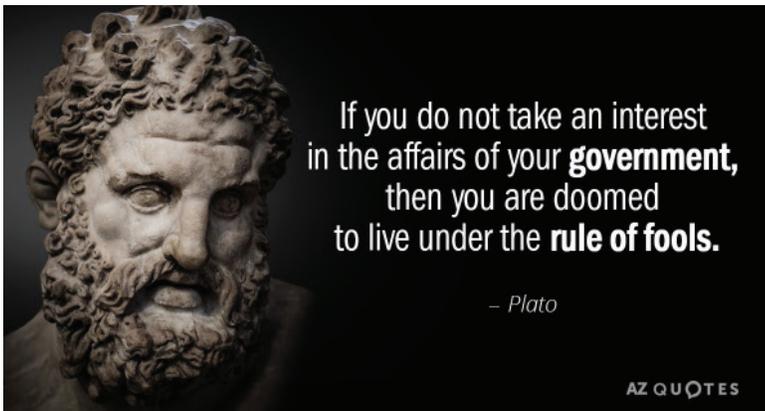
Next, we need to remind ourselves that since this is our America, it is our responsibility to hire (vote into office) the right managers. It's time we take our responsibilities more seriously! Let's change the way the political game is played. Let's win back Congress and in turn win back America!

It's time we take an interest in the affairs of our government. Five hundred thirty-five members of Congress were hired by the people to do a job, and it's about damn time they started doing what they were hired to do. Again, we hired them, and we can fire them! It's that simple. They fix the

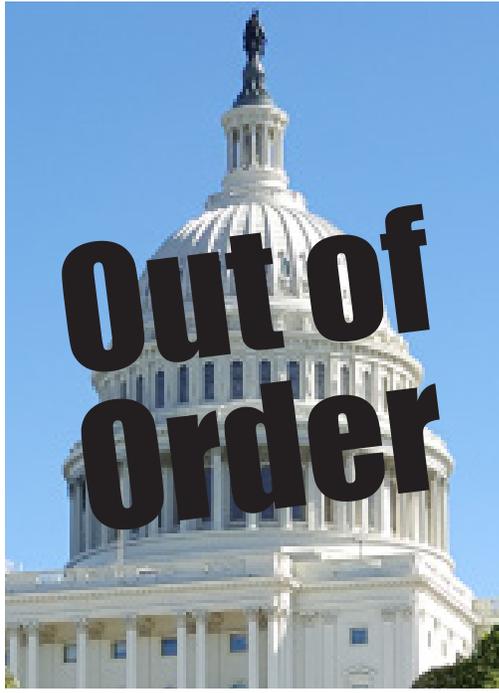
problems, or come election time, we vote someone else in who will.

Candidates are notorious for evading the issues and telling one group one thing and another group something different: whatever it takes to get and stay in office. That's why nothing ever gets done and Congress's approval rating is at an all-time low of 13%. Things need to change and *We the People* are the only ones who can make change happen.

If *We the People* - 225 million taxpaying American voters strong - stop fighting each other and unite, we can drain the swamp. We do have a few honest members in Congress who actually care about our great country, but there are far too many who only care about themselves. Those hard-working representatives who are honest need our help, and it's time we do our jobs and send them the help they need. It's time to replace a hundred or so of their



Harvard colleagues with some Common Sense businessmen and women who know how to balance a budget and who actually want to make America better. Only after totally rebuilding Congress can we truly start rebuilding our great nation.



money of its own to spend so they spend our money; taxpayer money. Our government has no money of its own to waste, so they waste our money; taxpayer money. And our government has no money to pay off the national debt. It's our money (taxpayer money) that will be needed to pay off the national debt (over \$700 billion a year for the next 30-40 years).

While draining the swamp and replacing the swamp creatures with Common Sense Americans sounds great, how do we know who to fire and who to replace them with? Won't the replacements be just as bad, or become just as bad, once in office? No, not if we do our jobs and hire the right people.

A lot has been said about term limits recently. If you're a business owner and you have good employees, you want to keep them with your company as long as they want to stay, as long as they care about your company, and as long as they work hard to make your company better. Once the American people finally have the right employees working for us, we should keep them. Again, we don't need term limits; we just need honest, hard-working managers on Capitol Hill.

Most Americans have become desensitized to the terms Government Spending, Government Waste, and National Debt. What do these terms really mean? Our government has no

Since every penny the government uses to operate on belongs to the 225 million American taxpayers, we need to realize that this makes each of us a joint stockholder/joint owner of this great country. There's an old saying: "the ones with the money are the ones in charge". That makes us, the American people, the ones in charge.

It's time we hire the right managers and start running our country like a business. To make a more informed hiring decision, we need to know more about those interviewing (campaigning) for the position. We need to know their position on budget reform, entitlement reform, labor reform, campaign reform, etc. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a Congress that was made up of nothing but like-minded, hard-working Americans who could actually work together (both Democrats and Republicans) to fix the problems? We can, but we need every American to do their part to make this wish become a reality.



**225  
Million**

Number of  
taxpaying voters  
in America

First, we need to identify the major problems that Congress doesn't seem to be able or willing to fix. Next, we need to give our managers at least one baseline Common Sense solution to each of the major problems. And finally, we need to vote into office only candidates who either: (1) agree to fix the problems using American Common Sense baseline solutions, or who (2) can submit to the American people a better and/or more fair and efficient solution to the problems. If they are not willing to do either, then they should not serve the American people in Congress. All of our problems can be fixed, but only when we have a 100% functioning Congress; a Congress made up of nothing but Common Sense hard-working Americans.

### What is a baseline solution and where can I find a list of the major problems that need to be fixed?

Check out "20 Reforms to Fix America" beginning on page 34. The baseline solution we offer to each of the twenty problems is simply a workable Common Sense solution that will indeed fix the problem. The solution we offer is not necessarily the best solution, but it is at least one solution.

We challenge those in Congress, those who want to be in Congress, and every American, to offer a better, more fair, and more efficient solution to each of the major problems. All we want are the problems fixed! It doesn't make Common Sense to address the same issues over and over, year after year, and never come up a definitive resolution to any of the problems.

### How do we get our Democratic and Republican managers on Capitol Hill to join the American Common Sense movement?

To stand up and declare their allegiance? To stand up and tell the American people exactly what their position is on each of the major issues?

To pledge to enact legislation that will reform our campaigning process? To commit to building a centralized National Campaign Information Website ([www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov)), a place where every American can view the planks and platforms of every congressional candidate? Visit our DEMO site [www.NCIW.us](http://www.NCIW.us).

It's simple: peer pressure! Once one elected official or one candidate complies, it will then put pressure on their opponent to also comply. When one candidate stands up in front of a microphone

and starts talking about Common Sense solutions to each of the 20 different major problems, others will follow.

It's also time for the media (talk

show hosts included) to do their part in helping us fix Congress; helping us fix America. It's time they stop promoting sensationalism and division. It's time they stop being part of the problem and start becoming part of the solution. It's time they camp out on Capitol Hill and grab every member of Congress heading toward their Mercedes and ask them the hard questions; the boring questions, such as: What are you doing to fix the problems? Will you vote to enact budget reform, entitlement reform, labor reform, campaign reform, etc.? Are you going to start being a team player? Are you going to start acting like an American first, then a Democrat or Republican?

Ask those candidates seeking office: If elected, will you initiate and/or support Common Sense legislation to fix the twenty major problems the American Common Sense movement has identified?

We can sure use all the help we can get to make an informed decision as to who we keep, who we fire, and in turn, who we hire to help us finally *Make Congress Functional Again*.

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**"Wouldn't it be nice if we had a Congress that was made up of nothing but like-minded, hard-working Americans who could actually work together and who could actually fix the problems?"**

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# A MESSAGE TO OUR MANAGERS IN CONGRESS

A special thank you to all of our good managers up on Capitol Hill

**I would like to first address all of our good managers up on Capitol Hill. Thank you for your service!**

I would like to personally apologize to you on behalf of the American people for letting you down. We've set back on our hands and expected you to take on the political machines in Washington, all by yourselves. It's an impossible task. You're totally outnumbered. It's time we get involved and send you some reinforcements. It's time we do our jobs.

The days of the good ole boys running Washington, running our country, are now over. Pay for play is now over. Their political fraternity is no longer welcome on our campus. Those who refuse to do their jobs and serve the American people are going to be fired and replaced. We don't need any more lawyers working for us on Capitol Hill. We need regular working people - business people, educators, non-politicians, and men and women of integrity - who will

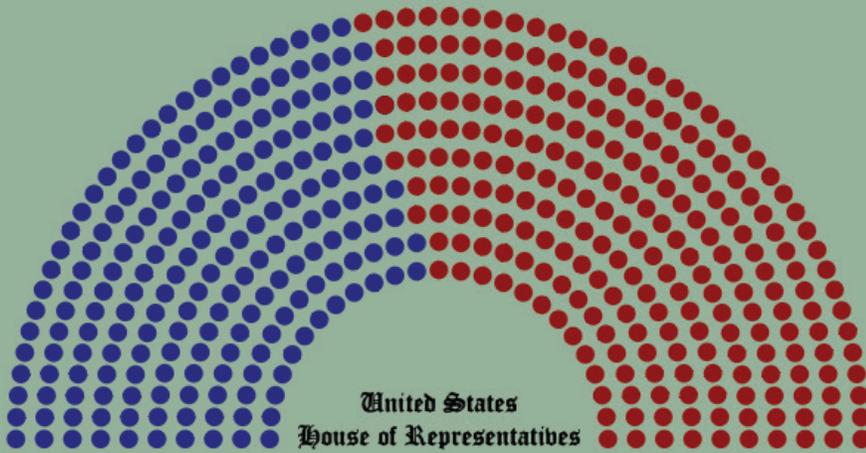
graciously serve our great country and work tirelessly to implement the changes needed to get us back on track, not simply make empty promises to get elected and then never follow through on those promises.

As elected officials, you work for the American people. You're our managers, not our leaders. You were hired by us, your salaries are paid by us, and it's about time all of you did the jobs you were hired to do: properly manage our country for us. To properly manage our country, you have to first be able to set up and work within a balanced budget.

It's a crying shame what many of our managers, those who we have entrusted to represent us, have done and are continually doing to our great country. Most of our managers (past and present) should be brought up on embezzlement charges or at the very least mismanagement of funds. Forcefully collecting and spending \$2.4 trillion of our hard earned money each

year (in the form of taxes) is bad enough, but borrowing and wasting an additional \$1.4 trillion more each year is criminal. Your predecessors, and some of your current colleagues, have been doing this year after year to the tune of over \$27 trillion, and now you want us to allow you to raise your credit limit again. Hell NO!

As if a \$27 trillion national debt weren't bad enough, let's talk about the Ponzi scheme called social security. Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme was nothing compared to what your colleagues in Congress have done to social security. The Lord only knows how many tens of trillions of dollars have been diverted (stolen) from our Social Security account to fund other programs. How about giving the American people total transparency? How much has been paid in and paid out of Social Security since its inception? How much is really left in the fund? How much has been stolen and now needs to be repaid?



Here's an idea to integrate Democrats and Republicans in both houses. Let's randomly assign seats in the Senate using the following Common Sense process:

1. Place the numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, etc. (all odd numbers between 1 and 100) in a red container.
2. Place the numbers 2, 4, 6, 8, etc. (all even numbers between 1 and 100) in a blue container.
3. Have the Republicans draw a seat assignment from the red container, and the Democrats draw a seat assignment from the blue container.

It's that simple. Now every Republican has a Democrat to their left, a Democrat to their right, a Democrat in front of them, and a Democrat behind them. Every Democrat is surrounded by Republicans too. This way, they may get to know each other a little better and actually start getting along. After all, they're Americans first, then Democrats and Republicans. Use the same procedure for seating assignments in the House of Representatives.

If you're one of our managers (Democrat or Republican) who really cares about America, then it's time for you to finally stand up, turn around, and point your finger at those (even in your own party) who aren't doing their jobs. It's time you identify all of the individuals who shouldn't be there: the corrupt, self-serving politicians who are standing in the way of you doing what you were elected to do.

Tell us which Democrats and which Republicans should be voted out of office. Don't be afraid of pointing them out and telling America why you feel they should be fired. It's time you stopped worrying about being loyal to your political party or to the special interest groups that got you there, or even about getting re-elected. It's time you simply did what you were hired to do: serve the interests of the American people.

It's time to take a close look at all of the major problems our country faces and come up with some Common Sense solutions. Take a look at the solutions we present and then either implement them, or come up with a better solution - the optimum word here is solution. All we want are the problems fixed. Tell us you have Common Sense; that you know how to fix the problems. Show us you're one of the good guys. If we can't tell the good guys from the bad guys, we'll have no other alternative but to fire everyone, to roll the dice and hire 535 new managers to run our country for us.

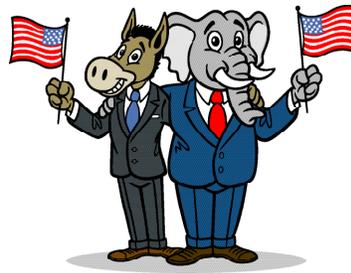
At some point in the near future, we will get campaign reform passed. When we do, we'll be able to know more about the candidates we're hiring, so that in future elections, Common Sense American voters will only be voting for Common Sense American candidates. Beat the rush and get onboard now, identify yourself as a Common Sense Democrat or a Common Sense Republican, and encourage your fellow colleagues to join you. There's strength in numbers, and the American Common Sense voters will prevail. We will take back Congress, and when we do, you're either with us or you're out of a job.

Why is Congress politically segregated? We wouldn't think about putting blacks on one

side of the aisle and whites on the other; gays on one side and straights on the other; men on one side and women on the other. So why the hell do we have Democrats on one side and Republicans on the other? This produces an adverse environment from the start.

And while we're at it, let's have our managers break up into groups and play the "What Would I Do?" game. We have 100 managers working for us in the Senate and 20 problems (100 Senators divided by 20 problems = 5 Senators per problem). Once seating assignments have been drawn, take those Senators who drew numbers 1-5 and assign them to #1 - Budget Reform.

Take the Senators who drew numbers 6-10 and assign them to #2 - Campaign Reform; assign those who drew 11-15 to #3 - Criminal Justice Reform, etc. Have them evaluate our solutions and come up with even better Common Sense solutions for each of the problems.



Do the same for our 435 managers in the House (435 representatives divided by 20 problems = approximately 22 representatives per problem). Assign those Representatives who drew numbers 1-22 also to #1 - Budget Reform, etc. Pull them back in from recess and put them to work. I think if they know that they can go home when they're finished, they should be able to wrap things up in a matter of days. Compare the Common Sense solutions the Senate comes up with to the Common Sense solutions that the House comes up with and take a vote. See, it's not that hard to actually fix problems if you just use some good old fashioned Common Sense.

# MAKE CONGRESS FUNCTIONAL AGAIN



# NATIONAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION WEBSITE

We need one central location where the American voter can go to find out everything about every candidate ([www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov)).

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**We need to build a National Campaign Information Website ([www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov)) for the American people.**

This website would not only contain each candidate's platform, but would also allow us to actually rate the candidates as to how their overall views compare to ours. It should be clean, simple and easy to navigate.

On this website you enter your zip code and an election page opens with pictures of each of the candidates who are interviewing (campaigning) for specific positions in government on the federal, state, or local level. Click on a

candidate's picture and a drop-down menu opens listing all of the major issues. Click on one of the issues and a video opens with the candidate personally explaining what they would do to FIX that specific problem.

You then simply rate, on a scale of 0-5, how their views compare to yours. Then click on their opponent, listen to their views, and rate them. You now have a side-by-side comparison of each of the candidate's views on each of the issues, enabling you to make a more informed decision as to who you want working for you on Capitol Hill.

### **The grading system**

Each candidate simply gives you their views on a given issue, and you give them a score between 0 and 5, based on how strongly you agree or disagree with their view:

The higher a candidate's

Political Performance Test (PPT) score, the more their views match yours. It shouldn't matter whether we hire a Common Sense Democrat or a Common Sense Republican, as long as their views are most aligned with ours.

- 5 - Strongly Agree
- 4 - Moderately Agree
- 3 - Somewhat Agree
- 2 - Somewhat Disagree
- 1 - Moderately Disagree
- 0 - Strongly Disagree

In the example on page 26, we've highlighted in red the candidate's score on each of the 20 American Common Sense reforms.

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**Educate yourself on each of the 20 reforms, then rate your Congressperson's answers.**

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All campaigning sessions and debates should also be uploaded to the NCIW website as well as social media. It will then be quite easy to educate ourselves on the different candidates, determine their PPT, and have a much better idea as to who to hire to manage our affairs in Washington.

Don't just sit back and wait until our Congress finally gets [www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov) online and operational. Email your representatives TODAY and ask them to give you their views on each of the 20 Common Sense reforms that



we have listed on our website [www.HowToFixCongress.com](http://www.HowToFixCongress.com). Inform them that we don't want to accidentally fire the wrong people. Now, this is the sensible way to properly conduct a job interview.

This is the way to become truly informed on the candidates and their views, rather than strictly voting down party lines. This is the way to actually fix Congress and in turn fix America. This is also the way to fix our state and local governments. This is the way to end corruption and take back America!

*The following is an example of how the rating system works. It is not intended to necessarily reflect Senator Pelosi's actual political views.*

## Senator Nancy Pelosi (D) California



YOUR CONGRESSPERSON'S PPT SCORE WILL SHOW HOW CLOSE THEIR OVERALL VIEWS ARE WITH YOURS.

KNOW EACH CANDIDATE'S SCORE BEFORE YOU VOTE AND CHOOSE THE ONE WHO BEST REPRESENTS YOUR VIEWS, WHETHER IT BE A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN.

## GRADE YOUR CONGRESSPERSON

1. Budget Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Campaign Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Criminal Justice Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Drug Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Education Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Entitlement Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. Foreign Aid Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. Gun Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
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17. U.N. Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
18. V.A. Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
19. Voting Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
20. Women's Choice Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0

*In this sample, the PPT score shows the candidate's views are nowhere close to the views of the voter: only 21%.*

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# A SPECIAL REQUEST TO THE MEDIA

It's time the media starts becoming part of the solution. It's time they stop driving political and racial wedges between the American people.

**I would like to address the entire news media, all talk show hosts, and Hollywood.**

Stop driving political and racial wedges between the American People. I know sensationalism raises your ratings, and with higher ratings comes job security and more profits, but how about for once, you forego all of that and put your country and the American people first? Please help us fix the problems. It's time those in the media start becoming part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

I know those in media and those in the actor's guild are a tight-knit group, just like

the politicians up on Capitol Hill, but it's time each of you start thinking for yourselves. It's time you call out your colleagues when they start acting like arrogant asses. You most likely got into your profession to make a difference in the world. How's that working out for you? Do you really feel a sense of accomplishment every time you crack on someone? Do you really want to follow in the footsteps of the National Inquirer just for ratings? How about leading the American people down a positive road for a change?

How about instead of trying to dig up dirt or embarrassing someone, you try



**Talking about fixing Congress or America is quite boring, but I would rather be bored, and get things fixed than be entertained and never get anything accomplished.**

to help the American people really fix Congress? How about you help us coax Congress into enacting campaign reform so that we can learn more about who we're hiring to manage our country? What a worthwhile achievement: playing a role in making our country and our world a better place! If you help us pull this off, the American people will give each and every one of you a Pulitzer or an Emmy. Hell, we'll give you one of each, and we'll even throw in the same lifetime benefit



packages our Congress gets. If you want to get rid of the label “Fake News”, then it’s time to step up to the plate and help the American people help themselves.

## How can you help, you say?

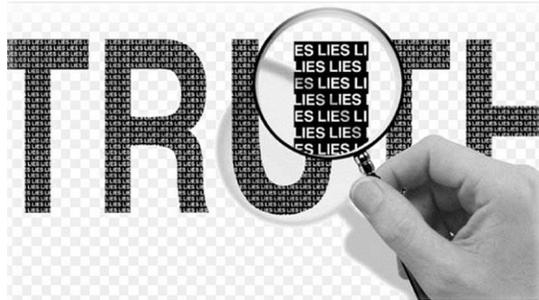
I thought you’d never ask. Start by getting the word out about the American Common Sense Movement, and what we’re trying to accomplish. Encourage everyone in your listening audience to email their representatives and demand that they pass campaign reform, that they build [www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov) now! This is the cornerstone piece of legislation (the first phase) that will give the American people the ability to hire the right candidates to manage our country.

The next phase is to push for voting reform. Our country belongs to every American citizen, and we need to make it easy for everyone to become involved in the hiring (voting) process. That’s it. Once we have quality managers in place; managers who can work well together, they’ll be able to knock out all of the problems in no time.

Until Congress enacts campaign reform, we’re going to have to gather the information we need on the candidates the old fashioned way. That’s where the media comes into play.

We need the press corps and every available reporter in Washington to camp out on Capitol Hill.

Stop every member of Congress as they are coming and going and ask them all the same 20 Common Sense questions:



- Are you for Common Sense campaign reform? If not, how would you suggest we reform the campaigning process?
- Are you for Common Sense budget reform? If not, how would you reform the budget process?
- Are you for Common Sense Entitlement reform? Labor reform? Education reform? Immigration reform, etc.?

When they’re at home, camp out on their front lawns. Follow them everywhere until they tell the American people what they intend to accomplish if we re-hire them during the next election process.

Contact every new candidate who’s campaigning against them and ask that candidate the same identical questions. And finally, broadcast the unbiased

results of the interviews. This way, the American people will know who to hire/re-hire come election day.

The American people are tired of all of the finger-pointing and the name-calling. We just want to know how each of the candidates would fix each of the problems, so that we know who we’re hiring to the most important positions of government. We simply want to become informed voters.

I would also like to ask that all the talk show hosts start playing a more positive role in helping the American people fix Congress. It would be greatly appreciated if they would stop all their smart-ass comments, and instead start asking the same “are you for this issue, and if not, what would you do?” questions of all of their political guests. And if they don’t like the Common Sense solutions we offer, they can feel free to offer their own solutions. It’s time we all join together and actually focus on fixing the problems instead of complaining.

We sincerely thank the media in advance for this service to the American people. Do this and the new hashtag will be #Media-Helps-Fix-Congress-Helps-Fix-America. Now this is how to get rid of the term “Fake News”!

**#MEDIAHELPSFIXCONGRESSHELPSFIXAMERICA**

# A SMALLER GOVERNMENT MEANS LESS TAXES

The bigger our federal government grows the more money it needs. The more money it needs the more money it takes from every American worker's paycheck.

**M**ost of our managers on Capitol Hill and in our state capitals seem to think they run the Country, and maybe they do, but that's about to change.

They feel they can spend our money any way they like, on any programs they want, and that they can pass any laws they choose. Someone needs to remind them that they work for us, not the other way around. It's our hard-earned money they're spending (not theirs), and nowhere in the Constitution does it say, "They the People". It says, "We the People"! We don't need leaders on Capitol Hill; we just need really good managers!

Our federal government has grown way too big, and it still continues to grow. The bigger our federal government grows the more money it needs. The more money it needs the more

money it takes from every American worker's paycheck. That's why our taxes are so high, and that's why we're \$27 trillion in debt.

## What services should we expect from our government?

We need a strong military, a good education system, a good transportation system, safe conditions for factory and office workers (OSHA), safe food (FDA) and air (EPA), a working judicial and penal system, a simplified set of right and wrong laws, safe streets, and an emergency fund to help out state governments when natural disasters hit, but that's it. It's time we downsize our federal government and turn more programs back

over to our state and local governments. This will also take away some of our federal government's power. They will no longer be able to use our money as leverage over our state and local managers.

Needless to say, when we turn these programs over to the states, we will have to pay higher state taxes, but that will be offset by a reduction in our federal taxes. It's our money and it's time for the American people (those of us who work and pay taxes) to inform our managers in Congress which



federal programs we want to keep, which need to go, and the percentage of our hard-earned money we are willing to spend to fund those programs! It's also time to tell our managers on the state and local levels the same.

Our government taxes everything. The only thing they haven't yet taxed us on is the air we breathe. No wait, I think some areas now have a pollution tax in place. Does anyone know why we have to pay property taxes, personal property taxes, luxury taxes, death taxes, municipal taxes, county taxes, state taxes, federal taxes, income taxes, corporate taxes, fees to park, fees to cross bridges, fees to drive on certain highways, hunting licenses, fishing licenses, business licenses, marriage licenses, driver's licenses, boat licenses, auto registrations, auto tags, etc.? Did you or anyone you know instruct our elected officials to put these taxes into effect? Why are they there?

As you can see, they sometimes disguise the taxes as fees, licenses, or even tolls. We need to get rid of them all with a Constitutional amendment. We only need three taxes: a federal income tax, a state income tax, and a state sales tax). That's it, period.

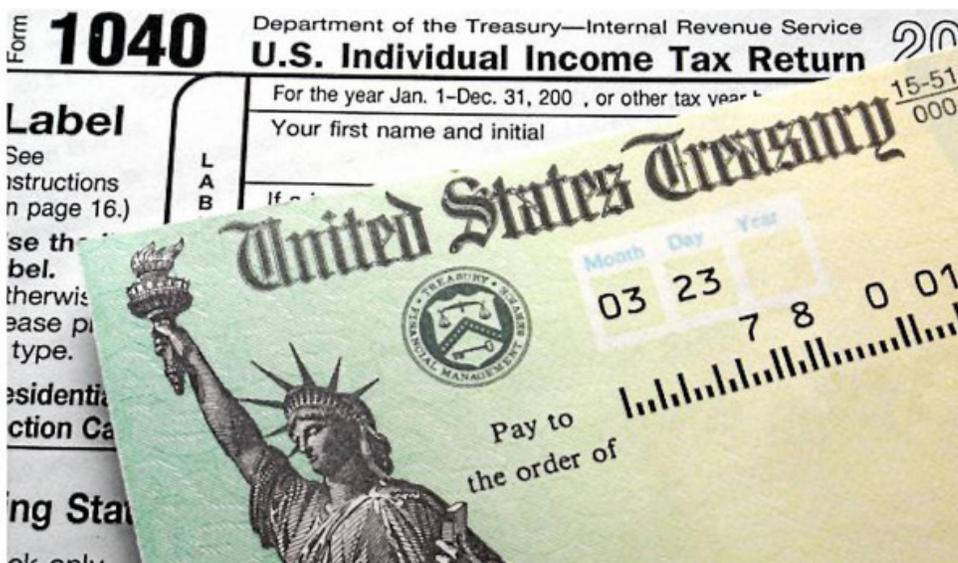
I think a total of 20% of our hard-earned money (if spent wisely) should buy us the services we need (10% into the federal collection plate and 10% into the state collection plate). After all, God only asks for 10% of our income. If our managers on Capitol Hill and in our State Houses disagree with the split (10% each), they can hash out the details on who gets what. Once they agree upon who gets what percentage, we then lock-in those percentages with a Constitutional amendment.

**It's time we require all of our managers to work within a balanced annual budget, each and every year, and no more borrowing!**

The revenue they collect in a given year is to be used for the following year's budget. When a budget is finalized, all money allocated for a specific fund (line item in the budget) is to only be used for that expense. Money allocated for national defense is to be only used towards national defense; money allocated for education is to be only used towards education; money allocated towards social security is only for social security, etc. No more general fund; no more borrowing between funds; no more borrowing from the Federal Reserve; no more borrowing at all.

By the way, what the hell is the Federal Reserve and who the hell needs them, especially since our managers are no longer going to be allowed to borrow any money, from anyone, on behalf of the American taxpayers? If we have any reserve (money left over within a specific fund), that money is to stay in that specific fund until needed by that specific fund.

It's going to be a little tough on our managers to balance their budgets without an unlimited supply of money to work with. It may mean getting rid of all unnecessary spending, all waste, all corruption, and all non-essential agencies and programs, but so be it. These are things that should have been done years ago.





# 545 people are responsible for the mess, but they unite in a common con

February 3, 1984 | By Charley Reese

Orlando Sentinel

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits? Have you ever wondered why, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does. You and I don't have the constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does. You and I don't write the tax code. The Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy. The Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy. The Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices - 545 human beings out of 238 million - are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Bank because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered but private central bank.

I exclude all of the special interest and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it.

No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Don't you see now the con game that is played on the people by the politicians? Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of Tip O'Neill, who stood up and criticized Ronald Reagan for creating deficits.

The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it. The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating appropriations and taxes. O'Neill is speaker of the House. He is the leader of the majority party. He and his fellow Democrats, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto.

Just 545 Americans have fouled up this great nation.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 235 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted - by present facts - of incompetence and irresponsibility.

I can't think of a single domestic problem, from an unfair tax code to defense overruns, that is not traceable directly to those people.

When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise complete power over the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair. If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red. If the Marines are in Lebanon, it's because they want them in Lebanon.

There are no insoluble government problems. Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take it.

Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation" or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people and they alone are responsible. They and they alone have the power. They and they alone should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses - provided they have the gumption to manage their own employees.

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Responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

- Real Estate Tax
- Service Charge Tax
- Social Security Tax
- Road Usage Tax
- Recreational Vehicle Tax
- Sales Tax
- School Tax
- State Income Tax
- State Unemployment Tax
- Telephone Federal Excise Tax
- Telephone Federal Universal Service Fee Tax
- Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Taxes
- Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax
- Telephone Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges Tax
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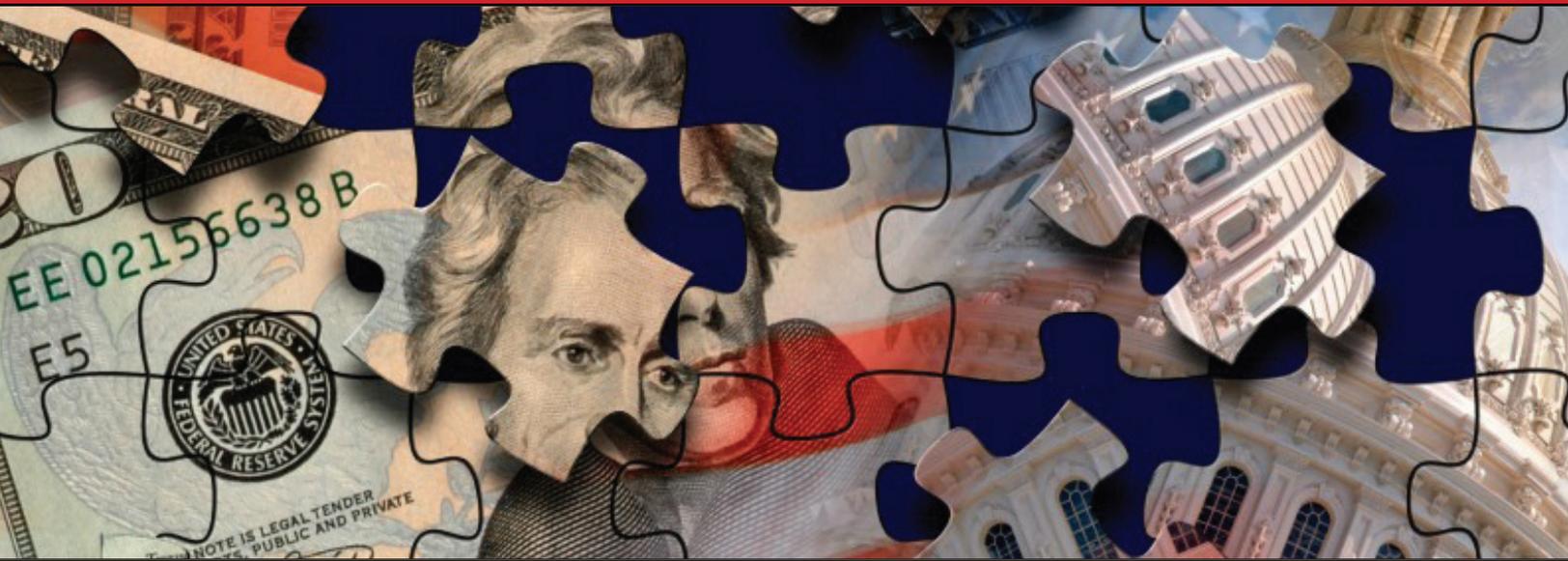
- Tax
- Utility Taxes
- Vehicle License Registration Tax
- Vehicle Sales Tax
- Watercraft Registration Tax
- Well Permit Tax
- Workers Compensation Tax

**Still think this is funny? Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, and our nation was the most prosperous in the world.**

We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom, if agreed, stayed home to raise the kids. What the heck happened? Can you spell 'politicians'?

**“It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted...of incompetence and irresponsibility.”**

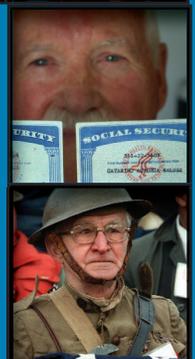




# 20 REFORMS TO FIX AMERICA



Each of the 20 reforms listed in this section cover a major problem facing our country today. Each reform also contains a baseline Common Sense solution to the problem. Many intertwine and need to be addressed at the same time. If one Common Sense American can come up with a solution to each of these 20 problems, why can't 535 members of Congress? Why can't they come up with even more and even better solutions? That said, don't you think it's about time Congress did their jobs and fixed the problems?





# Budget REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU FIX OUR BUDGET CRISIS?

Would you require our managers in Congress to stop spending money that we don't have, stop borrowing, and set up a pay-off plan for our national debt? Would you require them to operate within a balanced budget every year?

How do we balance the budget? We stop the waste, stop the corruption, and we cut out all the pork (earmarks) from every piece of legislation. We downsize government so that finally the revenue needed each year isn't greater than the revenue generated (Accounting 101). No more over-spending; no more debt. It's that simple!

Wouldn't you think that our managers on Capitol Hill

would know how to setup and balance a federal budget and set up a payment plan to pay off our national debt, especially since half of them are supposedly well-educated Harvard lawyers? It's not that complicated! Wouldn't you have thought that Congress was smart enough to not get us into that kind of debt in the first place? It's time *We The People* demand that Congress do their jobs.

### Would you require our managers in Congress to stop spending money that we don't have?

In Accounting 101, most of us learned that to have a balanced budget, expenses can not exceed income, right? In real life, we've learned that you can't spend what you don't have. You can't max out your credit cards and not worry about how or when you'll pay them off. That would be totally irresponsible; yet, that's exactly what Congress has done!

Most average Americans, at some point in their life, have experienced a drop in their household income. What do we have to do when this happens? We have to cut back on our spending! If we don't cut back, we can get ourselves into serious debt real quick. If we don't take control of our finances, we can actually go bankrupt and lose everything.

Well, the people in Congress aren't average Americans. Most have never been in debt or have ever had to learn this life lesson the hard way. No wonder they just continue spending and spending, as if money grows on trees; as if they have an unlimited supply. They just continue racking up the debt, now to the tune of over \$27 trillion! Why? Because they feel they have no one to answer to.

It's not their money and if they run out, they can just print or borrow more. They can just kick the can down the road and continue to make it someone else's problem. They've got nice cushy high-paid jobs, with great benefits, and plenty of

perks, so they don't want to rock the boat. They love the power and prestige! They're more interested in keeping their jobs than fixing problems. They know that when they give away free stuff to people, they get votes. They need the votes to stay in power, so they buy them at any cost, even if it means plunging us further and further into debt.

How many of us realized (until a couple of years ago) that our federal and most of our state governments were running at a deficit; that our elected officials were spending more of our money than they were taking in each year? I remember back in the '70s and '80s when government workers were making far less than their civilian counterparts, but the trade-off was better job security and good benefits.

Nowadays government workers are making 1 1/2 times the salary of those of us in private industry, and they receive extraordinary benefit packages. Keep in mind that this is all paid for by the American taxpayer. Our government workers (our employees) have practically set their own salaries, and this is just plain wrong! The U.S. is bankrupt! We have no money to fix our infrastructure, our schools, our inner cities, and we wonder why!

Shame on every member of Congress for allowing our

country to get into such debt. Shame on those members of Congress who really want to make a difference, for not speaking up and calling out their colleagues! The actions and in-actions of many members of Congress are downright criminal! They should be charged with embezzlement, or at the very least, mismanagement of funds.

Growing and growing the federal government to where they have to forcefully collect \$3.4 trillion of our hard earned money each year (in the form of taxes and tariffs) is bad enough, but borrowing and wasting close to another trillion dollars each year is criminal. They've been doing this year after year to the tune of over \$27 trillion so far, and now they want us to stand still and watch them raise the debt ceiling (their credit card limit) again. This insanity has to stop!



**Since it's evident most of our members of Congress didn't take Accounting 101 much less budgeting 102, let's you and I teach them how to balance a budget and pay off a loan.**

### Step 1

First, tally up the last five years of revenue that you received from the American taxpayers and excise taxes. Then divide that number by five to determine average Annual Federal Income. Use the average annual federal income as next year's budget, plain and simple. This number goes on the left side of your federal balance sheet under Federal Government Income.

### Step 2

Next, divide the \$27 trillion federal debt (you know, the money you and your fellow politicians borrowed from other countries on our behalf; the money you squandered away on more and more entitlement programs; on overspending; on pay for play, etc. just to get votes), by 30 years to determine the Annual Federal Government Mortgage Payment. Now put this number on the right side of your federal balance sheet, under Federal Government Expenses. If we have a good negotiator who can get the interest rate down to 1%, the number should be just over \$900 billion - \$1 trillion a year (including interest).

### Step 3

Finally, make a list of all our other federal government expenses. Place those items in the column titled Federal Government Expenses as well, and place them directly below the \$1 Trillion annual federal

mortgage payment. Review and adjust each federal government expense, as needed, to make the numbers on the right side of the federal balance sheet equal the number on the left. It's that simple!

To reduce the numbers on the right side of the balance sheet, you may have to freeze federal employee bonuses and raises for a while, or even eliminate jobs that aren't really needed. You may have to revise benefit packages. You may have to revise or even eliminate redundant or unnecessary government programs, at least until we have money to pay for them; whatever it takes to run this country as if it were a business and get it back in the black. You may have to revisit every bill passed over the last 20 years and trim out all the pork and all the pay for play money, cutting out anything and everything that doesn't absolutely have to be in the budget.

In short, to get the expenses in line with income, you may have to actually downsize the federal government drastically! This is your job, Congress, and you've been avoiding it way too long. If you continue to neglect your responsibilities, we'll be forced to find new managers.

## LET'S LOOK AT A HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION



Let's put things in perspective and take a look at a hypothetical situation that mimics the American people's relationship with our managers in Washington. We'll keep the ratios the same and divide the above numbers by one billion.

What would happen if you hired me to manage your non-profit company? You hire me to collect monetary donations from the good people across the state and purchase food for those truly in need. Everything goes fine for many years. On average, we collect around \$2.4 million each year and with that we buy \$2.4 million in food to feed the hungry. At some point I start believing the company is mine and the donations I'm depositing in the bank account from all the good Samaritans belongs to me to dispose of in any way I choose. I decide I want a higher salary, a new car, a new home, a vacation home - all of which isn't in the \$2.4 million annual budget.

The volunteers that have been helping me see my lifestyle and want to get paid too. I start paying all of the volunteers; again, not in the budget. Prices for the food slowly go up, but I still order the same amount for

each family; again, not in the budget. By now I realize that I've totally blown the budget, so I don't worry about keeping track of anything anymore. I'll deal with it later. Other families see their neighbors getting help and now they want help too. I can't say no.

When I go to pay the invoices at the end of the year, I notice that I'm out of money, and I need another \$1.4 million to cover all the added expenses. Hoping that I can find more good Samaritans to donate, or assuming those currently donating will give more, at some point in the future, I go to the bank and borrow some money. I borrow \$1.4 million to put back in the account to cover my reckless spending for the year. This recklessness goes on year after year until now I owe the bank \$27 million!

You finally sit down and look at the books and notice that it's going to take 30-40 years to pay back the debt that I ran up. Your reaction would be to say, "What the hell were you thinking? You idiot, you've ruined my company. You're fired!" Does this hypothetical story hit home yet?

Also, while they're at it, let's have Congress put money back in our Social Security fund. Where did all our money go? The Ponzi scheme that Bernie Madoff put together a few years back pales in comparison to what our elected officials have done with our Social Security fund. The Lord only knows how many trillions of dollars have been diverted (stolen) from our Social Security accounts to fund other programs.

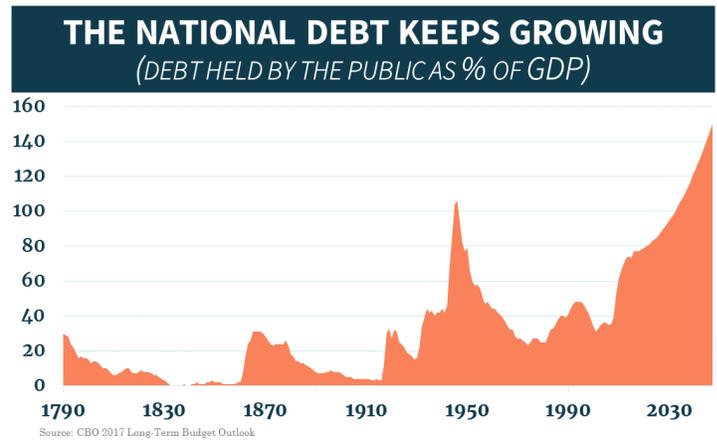
Since Congress seems to love special councils, I think it's time we call for a special council to investigate Congress and their role in the Social Security theft. We need to demand transparency and demand Congress show the American people exactly how much has been paid in and out of our Social Security fund since its inception, and what is really left in the fund versus what should be left in the fund. They need to determine how much money needs to be repaid to the fund over what time frame and then set up a line item in the federal budget to repay that money back into our Social Security fund.

People, we need to cut up Congress's credit cards and void their blank checks and their lines of credit now! The interest alone to repay our current debt over the next 30 years, is over \$3 trillion. That's at a mere 1% interest rate, and that's if we don't let Congress borrow any more money. We

are in deep trouble and this could be our last opportunity to turn things around. It's time we insist that our elected officials do their job or we get rid of all of them!

We can't blame this on our presidents. Presidents come and go every four to eight years. We can't blame this on just the Democratic Party or just the Republican Party. This problem was created by both Democratic and Republican members of Congress and their predecessors!

I don't know about you, but I'm totally dumbfounded as to how the hell our elected representatives in Washington got us into debt to the tune of \$27 trillion. That's over \$196,000 that every American Taxpayer owes to China and other countries around the world. Why didn't they stop spending and borrowing when our national debt got to \$1 trillion? Why didn't they at least stop spending when we hit \$5 trillion and set up a payback schedule? Why didn't they stop at \$10 trillion, \$15 trillion, or at least when they hit \$20 trillion? Have they lost their minds? Have we, the American taxpayers lost our minds? Why are they still working for us?



What is their master plan: to bankrupt America, collapse our economy, and/or destroy us from within? Enough is enough! It's time all American taxpayers unite and put an end to the senseless wasting of our money by our elected officials! It doesn't matter if you're a Democrat or a Republican; whether you make minimum wage or are in the top 1% of earners. If you pay any kind of tax, even sales tax, it's your money they're wasting!

We need to demand, by way of a Constitutional Amendment, the following:

- The U.S. government will operate under a fixed annual budget that we the people approve.
- Congress will operate under a budget that is based upon an average of the previous five years' of revenue collections.
- Congress will allocate a fixed percentage of the revenue they receive each year to each of the major funds/accounts, i.e.: the armed forces, education,

Social Security, entitlement programs, foreign aid, etc. (including a fund set-up to pay back the national debt over the next 30 years).

- Congress will set-up and keep separate every major financial fund/account (including Social Security).
- Every department will follow individual line-item budgets (the way it used to be).
- Congress will drastically downsize their so-called general fund account and not take one penny from one fund/account to supplement another fund/account.

In other words, it's time Congress uses Common Sense to run our country the same as any responsible businessperson would run a business:

- Reorganize and renegotiate the national debt (if possible) and set up a 30-year payback plan.
- Freeze and/or reduce all spending levels, government employee salaries, etc.

Why is it so hard for our managers to use some simple math and set-up a balanced budget? Let me again repeat this: We need to insist on a Constitutional Amendment that requires Congress to work within a balanced budget each and every year, and no more borrowing!

It's also time we demand that each and every state live within their means and balance their state budget and that they also set up a pay-off plan for their state debt!

### One final note:

Since military spending accounts for the largest portion of our federal budget (over \$700 billion a year), we may want to re-think our role on the world stage. Safety does come with strength, but I think we're pretty strong with over 4,000 active nuclear warheads. No one is going to come over here and mess with us. If we truly want world peace, it may be time for us to stop flexing our muscles so much.

It may be time we join forces with the other big players – Russia and China – and have the U.N. invoke a couple of simple rules for the entire world to play by.

1. No country may commit genocide on any of its citizens.
2. No country may disperse chemical or biological weapons.
3. No country may invade another country for the purpose of taking over territory or resources.
4. Any country that does not currently possess nukes may not develop nukes.
5. No country may harbor terrorists or promote or sponsor terrorists.

Any country violating these rules would face the wrath of the entire world. Think of what we could do with the money saved by reigning in military spending. Wouldn't it be great to bring home our young men and women and have them help us rebuild America? Wouldn't it be nice if we could place these extraordinary individuals into



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# Campaign

# REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR CURRENT ELECTION PROCESS?

Would you remove Super PACs (political action committees) and SIGs (special interest groups) from the process, so that our Congress only answers to the American people? Would you change the campaigning process so that no one has an unfair advantage? Would you require every candidate to go through the same interviewing process? Would you provide each candidate with equal air time and require that they share every plank of their platform with the American people? Would you require that every candidate provide this information to the American people on one easily accessible National Campaign Information Website ([www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov))? Visit our DEMO site [www.NCIW.us](http://www.NCIW.us).

Why do the political machines in Washington spend billions on politics and elections? Because they want to stay in control, and they want more and more power. Does anyone really want to hear or watch another negative commercial? I simply want to hear a candidate, for once, stand up and tell me who they are and how they're going to fix each of the top 20 problems. Once in office, what laws are they going to pass or remove that will fix the problems and Make America Great Again™? Then, simply keep their promises!

### Would you remove all of the Super PACs (political action committees) and SIGs (special interest groups) from the process?

It's time we take the big money out of the campaigning process: no more Super PACs; no more lobbyists; no more SIGs controlling our representatives in Congress; no more winning an election simply because one candidate can raise more

money than the other; and no more winning an election because one candidate can put out more negative ads than the other. It's time we the taxpayers take control of (and pay for) our own election process to guarantee our voices are the only voices heard by our representatives.

The number one reason America is in trouble is that a lot of Americans are lazy and apathetic when it comes to voting. We assume our one individual vote doesn't matter. How do I know? Because I too spent many years feeling this way and finally realized what was really happening.

### Would you change the campaigning process so no one has an unfair advantage?

Now that my eyes are open and I see the mess we're in, I promise you that I will never miss any election ever again. Promise me the same. Now that we've decided to get just a little bit more involved in the affairs of our government, what do we do? How do we determine who to vote for (who to hire and

who to fire)?

If we're ever going to have a functional Congress again, American voters need a better way to interview the candidates. We need an easier process in which to determine the right candidate for the job. We need to become more informed. We need to know how (in detail) each candidate proposes to fix the problems that they or their predecessors created. How are they going to reform our labor programs, entitlement programs, budget process, tax system, criminal justice system, immigration, education, etc.?

### Would you require every candidate to go through the same interviewing process?

Here's a 5-pronged system that once in place, will remove all outside interference from politics, and make an informed voter out of every American citizen. Here's how we can reform the campaigning process, rebuild Congress, and in turn rebuild America.

### Would you provide each candidate with equal air time?

#### 1. EQUAL AIRTIME

The American people (or should I say, our

representatives) would negotiate with each of the major television networks for the purchase of campaigning airtime. Each of the major networks would bid on an annual campaign package (the same as they do with major league sports). The campaign package would only be needed on even (election) years and would include both federal, state, and local campaigning, and all air time would be paid for by the American people.

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Once campaign reform is implemented, it would be illegal for special interest groups, political machines, or anyone, aside from the American people, to run campaign ads, etc. Campaigning and the election process would finally be turned back over to the American people.

#### 2. NO MORE NEGATIVE ADS

Presidential, congressional, and gubernatorial election campaigning would begin 12 weeks prior to Election Day. Each candidate would receive one (1) hour of personal air time each week to tell us who they are and layout their platform (their list of action items). The hour would be broken down

into four 15-minute sessions. Air time for both candidates would be scheduled back-to-back four times each week (alternating who goes first each time).

Local campaigning would begin eight (8) weeks out. Each candidate would receive 30 minutes of personal air time each week, and that time would be broken down into two 15-minute sessions.

In each 15-minute session, the candidate would simply tell the American people who they are, what they stand for, and what (if elected) they would do to fix a specific problem. That's it! Enough of the negative ads!

#### 3. DEBATES

The candidates would participate in six 90-minute debates, one every two weeks. During the first 60 minutes, the commentator would ask the same questions of both candidates: "What would you do to fix problem 1? How would you fix problem 2? What's your plan to fix problem 3?" The candidates would alternate turns answering the questions. That's it. Only constructive "how would you fix it?" questions.

During the last 30 minutes, the candidates would take turns directing questions to each other. Local campaigning would be limited to four 45-minute debates, one every two weeks. During the first

30 minutes, the commentator would ask the questions; during the last 15 minutes, the candidates would take turns directing questions to each other.

#### 4. NATIONAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION WEBSITE

We need to build a National Campaign Information Website ([www.NCIW.gov](http://www.NCIW.gov)) for the American people. It would be a site that not only contains information about the candidates' platforms, but also a site that allows us to rate the candidates as to how their overall views compare to ours. It should be simple and easy to navigate. Visit our DEMO site [www.NCIW.us](http://www.NCIW.us).

Here's what I envision: Enter your zip code and a page opens with pictures of each of the candidates who are interviewing (campaigning) for specific positions in government on the federal, state, or local level. Click on a candidate's picture and a drop down menu opens listing all the major issues. Click on one of the issues and a video pops up in which the candidate personally explains, in detail, what they would do to fix that specific problem.

#### 5. GRADING SYSTEM

How do we choose the best candidate? We use a simple grading system called the Political Performance Test

(PPT) to grade each candidate running for political office on all levels of government. Each candidate gives you their views on a given issue, and you give them a score between 0 and 5 on that specific issue:

- 5 = Strongly Agree
- 4 = Moderately Agree
- 3 = Somewhat Agree
- 2 = Somewhat Disagree
- 1 = Moderately Disagree
- 0 = Strongly Disagree with their answer

The candidate with the higher PPT score is the candidate that best supports your overall views. It shouldn't matter whether you hire a Common Sense Democrat or a Common Sense Republican, as long as their views are most in align with your views.

*The following is an example of how the rating system works. It is not intended to accurately reflect Senator Pelosi's actual political views.*

### Nancy Pelosi (D) California



## POLITICAL PERFORMANCE TEST (P.P.T.)

YOUR CONGRESSPERSON'S PPT SCORE WILL SHOW HOW CLOSE THEIR OVERALL VIEWS ARE WITH YOURS.

KNOW EACH CANDIDATE'S SCORE BEFORE YOU VOTE AND CHOOSE THE ONE WHO BEST REPRESENTS YOUR VIEWS, WHETHER THEY BE A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN.

1. Budget Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. Campaign Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Criminal Justice Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. Drug Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. Education Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Entitlement Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. Foreign Aid Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. Gun Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
9. Healthcare Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
10. Immigration Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
11. Infrastructure Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
12. Labor Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
13. Legislative Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
14. Refugee Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
15. Social Security Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
16. Tax Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
17. U.N. Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
18. V.A. Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
19. Voting Reform	5	4	3	2	1	0
20. Women's Choice	5	4	3	2	1	0

- 5 - Totally Agree
- 4 - Moderately Agree
- 3 - Somewhat Agree
- 2 - Somewhat Disagree
- 1 - Moderately Disagree
- 0 - Totally Disagree

*In this example the candidate's PPT score shows that their views are nowhere close to the views of the voter: only 21%*

21/100

All campaign sessions and debates should also be uploaded to the NCIW website, along with being uploaded to social media. This is the way to properly conduct a job interview on a federal, state, or local level. This is the way to become truly informed on a candidate and their views, rather than strictly voting straight down party lines. This is the way to fix Congress and in turn fix America. This is also the way to fix our state and local governments. This is the way to end corruption and take back America!

Another thing we might want to consider would be to stop

disclosing early voting results, which could possibly sway an election. We might want to wait and release early voting results a couple of hours after the polls open on Election Day.

Campaign reform will stop “pay for play” and finally give us the ability to vote into office some honest representatives; individuals who owe nothing to their political parties or to any SIGs; representatives who only answer to the American people.

It’s time we demand that every candidate submit their position on each and every issue so that we, the American voters, can make informed decisions.

When Congress finally builds a centralized NCIW website that includes the means to easily rate the candidates, it will be easy to educate ourselves on the different candidates and easy to determine their PPT score.

In the meantime, email those in office and ask them to visit our website, [www.HowToFixCongress.com](http://www.HowToFixCongress.com), and give you their views on each of the 20 Common Sense reforms. Inform them that we don’t want to accidentally fire the wrong people. Links to your representatives can also be found on our website [www.HowToFixCongress.com](http://www.HowToFixCongress.com).

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*Campaign Reform!*



# Criminal Justice **REFORM**

## **IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM?**

Would you work toward making our current system more self-supported? Would you implement a *Will Work for Freedom* program? Would you redesign our prisons, build labor facilities, and teach work ethics and a trade to those who are incarcerated so that when released, they will be able to not only find a job, but become a more productive part of our society?

Wouldn't it be nice if there was less crime, less jails, and rehabilitation actually worked? Wouldn't it be nice if it didn't cost the taxpayers \$30,000-\$60,000 a year to incarcerate one inmate? Wouldn't it be nice if we had a self-supportive penal system? Well, we can!

It's time we totally rethink how we handle those who commit crimes.

The main goal of incarceration should be to rehabilitate the individual so that when released, that individual would be able to actually function as a productive member of our society. Here's how we accomplish this goal and at the same time, drastically reduce our tax burden. For starters, we cut out all non-essentials. These people are incarcerated for God's sake, and incarceration isn't supposed to be pleasant! We are only morally required to provide them with a safe and sanitary environment, preventive hygiene and medical care, and three hot meals a day. They're not supposed to be comfortable.

**When released, we want them to dread the thought of ever coming back!**

What's up with exercise rooms? If they want to exercise, they can do jumping jacks, push-ups, and jog in place, in their

cell. The last thing we need back on the streets are stronger criminals! We shouldn't be providing them with TV or Internet service either. We can pipe in music and provide them with books to read.

And what's up with taxpayers paying for their college degree? When they get out, they can work hard and pay for their own college, just like everyone else! What idiots came up with these ideas? They should only be provided basic essentials. We should only give them water, juice, and simple inexpensive foods that contain the proper nutrients, like peanut butter, beans, potatoes, greens, etc. They don't need steaks, pork chops, or even meat loaf. And what's up with conjugal visits? Hell no!

**We should implement a "Will Work for Freedom" program.**

It's time we start requiring every person incarcerated to actually work and support themselves while in prison. We have to work to support ourselves, they should too.

Enough is enough. This hard-working American taxpayer is tired of footing the bill to take care of the bad guys. They should be required to grow their own food, build their own housing, and manufacture anything and everything that goes into our penal system. The new motto should be: *will work for freedom!* It's only fair they pull their own load; that they work off their time in prison by doing something constructive.

### Here's how we change our current system: we convert their sentences into work-hours.

If someone is convicted of a crime and is sentenced to 1 year in prison, they would have to actually work 2,080 hours (40 hours/week multiplied by 52 weeks/year) before being released. In order to avoid competition with private industry, none of the products produced would be sold on the open market. Everything produced by those incarcerated would only be used by those incarcerated.

To produce the products needed to support our penal system, we would need to relocate some of our prisons to rural areas and build labor facilities around them. Our prisons should be secure, yet cost-effective and simple in design.

To provide safety for every inmate and correctional officer (and to lower costs), we should build simple containment cells: 12'x12'x8' individual cells with a bathroom, lined up in rows, six feet apart (on all sides), placed inside a climate-controlled, secured building. The containment cell is where the prisoners would eat, sleep, read, and exercise, when not working their 8-hour shifts (M-F) in the highly-supervised labor facility attached to the



prison. The top half of each containment cell would be constructed of bars, so that the inmates can engage in conversation with each other. The bottom half would be constructed of solid material for privacy.

To keep drugs and contraband out of our prisons, we need to do two simple things:

- We need to pay our correctional officers better so they're not tempted to take bribes in the first place, and
- We need to stiffen the penalties against any law

enforcement officer (or correctional officer) that violates the peoples' trust.

We need to double or even triple the jail time for any correctional officer caught breaking the law. If they allow any drugs or contraband in the prison, they'll be staring at the inside of a containment cell themselves, for a very long time.

### While we're at it, we need to also abolish parole as we know it.

At times in the real world we all have to work harder (put in more hours) to make our lives easier, so why shouldn't they? I'm for letting everyone out early, but not for good behavior; for working harder. One should

expect them to be on their best behavior anyway. If an inmate wants out early, they simply put in some overtime. They will receive time-and-a-half for all hours worked over 40 per week and double-time for all hours worked on Sundays.

For example, if an inmate who receives a one-year sentence chooses to work 60 hours/week, they will be released in eight months. If they receive a two-year sentence and work 60 hours/week, they're released in one year and four months.

An inmate that works 60 hours/week with a five-year sentence will be released in three years and four months, etc.

If they don't want to work off the hours they were sentenced to, that's their choice. They can sit in their cells and rot, until they do decide to work off their sentence. End of discussion! We'll see how long they enjoy bread, water, beans, and broccoli.

### Where will they work and what kind of work will they do?

Initially, inmates will work as laborers to help build the labor facilities.

### What are labor facilities?

Labor facilities will be built around every prison. Labor facilities will manufacture and/or produce everything needed to make every penal facility in the U.S. self-supportive. Some labor facilities will be designed around the cotton industry: the growing of cotton and the manufacturing of clothing,

bedding, mattresses, etc. Some labor facilities will be designed around the logging, lumber, and building industry. Other labor facilities will be designed around farming, agriculture and the growing and preparation of food. Everything produced at these labor facilities will be used only to support the penal systems across the U.S. No items will be sold on the open market.

It's time we stop rotating criminals in and out of the system. Repeat offenders become more and more violent. Our law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges, and the American people deserve a criminal justice system that actually works!

Under the proposed Will Work for Freedom program, when someone is released from prison, they will have a much better chance of actually being rehabilitated. They will be viewed differently by prospective employers. They will have a skill or trade, learned work ethics, and will have a much better chance of finding a

job and becoming a useful part of society. Imagine the morale boost a system like this would give law enforcement, when they can actually witness the positive results of their efforts! Needless to say, this system will not be offered to really violent criminals.

Again, we need to get rid of all corruption within our penal system. We need to lock up and throw away the keys on any correctional officer or any other trusted government worker who violates the peoples' trust; anyone who brings or allows anyone else to bring contraband into any correctional facility.

As an American taxpayer, aren't you tired of sending in your hard-earned tax dollars to support criminals? Isn't it time the criminals started working to support themselves?



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*Criminal Justice Reform!*



# Drug REFORM

## **IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS OUR DRUG EPIDEMIC?**

Would you first secure our borders and then further cut off the supply of drugs by taking the war on drugs to the cartels' home turf? Would you then take the war on drugs to the streets of all our inner cities? Would you increase the penalties for drug-trafficking, especially by members of law enforcement and members of our medical communities? And finally, would you crack down on the over-prescribing of legal (prescription) drugs by our medical professionals?

**Would you first secure our borders and then further cut off the supply of drugs by taking the war on drugs to the cartels' home turf?**

It doesn't matter whether you love or hate our current president; his stand on securing the border makes Common Sense. We have to stop the flow of drugs into our country and we have to stop it now! We have a drug epidemic, and since the overwhelming majority of drugs are coming in from south of the border, it might be smart to seal the border, don't you think?

It begs the question that if our managers on Capitol Hill really want to win the war on drugs, why are so many of them opposed to the idea of securing our borders (building a wall) and stopping the flow of drugs into our country? Is it because they've found an easy way to stay in power election after election? Is it because they know that if they keep their constituents impoverished (especially those in inner cities), they can simply trade welfare for votes?

All Americans everywhere should be deeply offended

(especially those who are impoverished) at what the political machines in Washington are doing! It seems as though welfare for votes has become their new slogan! The hell with those in poverty; the hell with reducing crime, providing jobs, providing opportunities, providing hope; and the hell with the American taxpayers who have to pay for the entitlement programs.

If we're ever going to stop the flow of this poison into our country, our managers in Washington need to listen to the American people and immediately move forward with securing our borders! They need to go after the big fish if they really want to win the war on drugs. They know where the drugs are coming from; they know who runs the cartels; they know where they live; and they even know where every one of their poppy (opium) fields are.

Why have they not taken the fight to their turf? How about we drop warning flyers on all their poppy fields and give all of their workers one

hour to evacuate? Once we get the all-clear, we call in air strikes and incinerate all of the poppy crops. This should send a strong message to the drug lords to retire and invest their money in another line of business.

If that doesn't work, next we drop warning flyers on their villas, give them one hour to evacuate, and then level their villas! If they still don't get the message, then we send our SEAL teams in to sink their yachts and hunt down and capture each and every one of them! We end this crap once and for all. This is how you wage and win a war on drugs! Congress also needs to put forth legislation that doubles, or even triples, the penalty for any police officer, DEA agent, border patrol agent, or other trusted government official who is involved in drug trafficking in any way!

### Would you then take the war on drugs to the streets of all our inner cities?

While we're at it, it's time to clean up our inner cities, one block and one city at a time. Here's how we do it. We recruit a few hundred former Army Rangers and Navy SEALs into local law enforcement. We

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### If we're going to declare a war on drugs, let's really declare a war on drugs!

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then place them in a special anti-drug task force and send them into the streets of one of our major crime-ridden cities - like Baltimore - to fight crime. They'll throw a net around the entire city and go block-by-block rounding up drug dealers and gang members.

Community leaders will follow the task force, block-by-block, starting revitalization projects. Drug rehabilitation centers will be set up to help all the addicts

get clean and get their lives back together. The anti-drug task force will then head to Chicago to clean up that city, then on to New York, LA, and Detroit, city by city, until we once again have our streets and our lives back.

### Would you increase the penalties for drug-trafficking, especially by members of law enforcement and members of our medical communities?

Finally, we need to crack down on the control of prescription drugs, especially painkillers. We need to limit their prescription. We also need to identify any and all medical professionals - doctors, pharmacists, nurses, etc. - who are involved in the over-prescribing or illegal sale of these legal drugs. Once identified, we toss their asses in jail and throw away the keys! Last year, more Americans died of drug overdoses than died in the entire Vietnam War (59,000-65,000). Opioids accounted for more than half of the deaths!



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*Drug Reform!*



# Education

## REFORM

### IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM?

Would you provide our students with an environment that's safe and conducive to learning? Would you add more teachers and make class sizes smaller? Would you get every child involved in music, theater, sports, and other academic and social clubs? Would you offer free college or would you first get our students ready for college, or at least ready for a trade? Would you shift the focus away from free college for the time being and focus more strongly on improving conditions in our primary and secondary education schools?

**Would you provide our students with an environment that's safe and conducive to learning?**

The future of America lies in properly educating our youth, and to do so, we need to provide them with a proper learning environment. We need to get rid of the drugs and the violence in all of our schools, and put a stop to disruptive behavior. No student should have to go to school in fear for their safety. When politicians talk about getting rid of every gun in America, it makes us feel more safe, but it's not realistic. Unfortunately, violence in our schools can only be stopped by educating our students on the danger of bullying, and by putting more resource officers and more security systems in place.

I like the theory that no child should be left behind, but disruptive students greatly impact the learning process. It's time we go back to what actually worked when I went to school. Unruly students need to be removed from our public learning institutions. We need to place them in schools that are much better equipped to deal with their special needs.

We need to provide counseling and integrate them back into our standard institutions only when they are ready; only when they are no longer disruptive to those who truly want to learn. Private schools definitely don't allow disruptive behavior. Maybe it's time we model our public schools after our private schools.

It seems unbelievable that in the 21st century, we have nice modern schools in some areas with multi-million dollar athletic fields, while many of our inner city schools still have no air conditioning. This is shameful. No wonder our inner cities are turning into slums. We need to greatly improve the conditions in every one of our public schools.

Our kids also need to be well nourished. Instead of spending money on free college, we should spend the money on providing a free nutritious breakfast and lunch to all our students. The key word is nutritious. Get rid of soda, juices, pizza,

candy, chips (everything with empty calories). If taxpayers are providing the money for the meals, let's fight obesity while we're at it; at least while our kids are at school. If we're successful, it will save us a lot of money on healthcare in the future.

We should also consider providing pre-school starting at four years of age, maybe even at the age of three. This would give our kids a head-start and allow their parents to get back into the workforce earlier.

# 40-60

## percent

High school graduates that aren't prepared for college.

### Would you add more teachers and make class sizes smaller?

Our educators also need more help in the classrooms. What if, after a strict background check, we place thousands upon thousands of unemployed individuals in our classrooms as teacher's aides? We're already paying them to sit home and do nothing. Why not have them help our teachers? This would allow our educators to provide one-on-one help to those students who might not be progressing quite as fast as the others.

We should also consider introducing mandatory classes that teach about life in general. Class topics would not only be about anti-bullying and suicide prevention, but also public speaking, relationships, how to get a job, how to balance a checkbook, how to balance a budget, how to avoid credit card debt, etc. Maybe we could have our members of Congress attend the classes on how to balance a budget and how to avoid debt.

The more knowledge we acquire, the better life we tend to have, or at least the more stuff we're able to buy. If we had the money and weren't \$27 trillion in debt, it would be great to provide a free college education to every American citizen. I think that before we consider spending our hard-earned taxpayer dollars on free college for everyone, we should first get everyone ready for college, and we should make sure we have jobs waiting for them when they graduate!

We need to reform our labor program, bring our jobs back from overseas, and dig ourselves out of debt before we think about free college. National statistics show that 40-60% of all high school graduates are not ready for college. If we have an over-abundance of taxpayer money to spend on education, how about we spend that money more wisely? How about we use Common Sense and not waste

it by simply giving everyone free college? How about we focus on spending the money on preschool, elementary, and secondary education, especially in our impoverished inner cities (the areas with the most crime)? How about we get everyone ready for college, or at least, ready to enter a trade?

### Would you get every child involved in music, theater, sports, and other academic and social clubs?

The early years are the formative years and set the direction that a child will take. When a child grows into adulthood, they will either be part of the solution or part of the problem. At times we focus too much on academics and not enough on wholesome social team-building, which comes from sports and the arts. If we want our kids to avoid falling in with the wrong people, getting into a local street gang, ending up in the system, or dead, it's simple. Let's get them into a gang that loves music, a gang that loves to dance, a gang that loves acting and the theater, or a gang of sports enthusiasts. Let's expand the arts in our school systems!

### Would you offer free college or would you first get our students ready for college or a trade?

Keep in mind, once we offered free health insurance, the insurance companies started jacking up our premiums every

year. If we offer free tuition, the universities will follow suit and jack up the cost of tuition each and every year too. Also note that even if taxpayers had the money to provide free tuition, those individuals who choose to live on campus would still need to pay for room and board, which is quite expensive.

If and when we have enough money to consider giving away free college, we should at least be selective as to who we give it to. We should only give free tuition to those whose families can't afford it, and we should tack on one other condition. Since we desperately need more educators, more police, more doctors and nurses, and more firefighters, we should only give free college tuition to those who choose to serve; those who want to get a degree and serve in law enforcement, serve in the medical field, in firefighting, or in education. To have their tuition paid, they must maintain passing grades and after graduation, they must serve/work at least six years in one of the above designated fields. If they do not meet the above conditions, they would have to reimburse the taxpayers for the tuition we invested in them.

Here's what I feel would be a better approach to educating our society. In today's world, you don't need to attend a college campus to gain knowledge. We live in the 21st century! There are more

economical ways to educate our citizens. The cost to provide an online college education would be a drop in the bucket compared to the cost to provide an on-campus college education. Why not make all college courses available on the internet?

Set up a government website simply called, U.S. College. Seek out and hire the smartest, brightest, and the best professors. Set up simulated classrooms and videotape their seminars. Negotiate a fair price (a price that we the American taxpayers are willing to pay) and purchase the exclusive rights to use the videos. Then upload the seminars to U.S. College. Also, negotiate a fair price with the authors/publishers of all college textbooks, and purchase the exclusive rights to make their textbooks available for free pdf download from the U.S. College website.

Students would be required to take their final exams online at local libraries, high schools, community colleges, etc. for a modest fee. Educators and staff would check IDs, monitor the tests, and sign off on the results. Our public libraries could serve as study centers for those who do not have access to the internet at home or at work. We could eventually offer the same service for master's degrees, and even PhDs. We should also consider making classes available online for all types of vocational training. Doesn't this make Common Sense?

While we're at it, let's consider bringing the Pledge of Allegiance back to our schools. It's time we remember what our country stands for and honor all those who serve. We're a free nation and anyone who doesn't want to participate while others stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance should not be required to do so. They should, however, be required to show



respect and sit quietly (and no kneeling). Hopefully, in time, we can all once again unite as Americans in support of our great country and in support of all who serve and protect.

I agree wholeheartedly with the separation of church and state, but God isn't affiliated with any specific church. The fact that we can't say the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools because it has God's name in it is crazy. Why do the 97% of us who believe in some sort of God have to give up our rights, so as not to offend the atheists (who make up less than 3% of the U.S. population)? What's next? Are we going to take *In God We Trust* off our currency?

I'm not overly religious, but I don't see why giving thanks to or honoring an entity of good should be considered wrong or offensive. We don't force people with different beliefs to come to America, nor do we force them to worship

the way we worship, but we should expect them to respect our beliefs and our way of life. After all, America was built on the belief in God, and to the best of my knowledge, we are still a God-loving country.

Here's something else to really think about. I'm sure you've heard the old saying that nothing in life is free. Have you ever wondered why politicians talk so much about free college tuition, forgiving college loans, and raising the minimum wage instead of talking about how they're actually going to fix problems? Here's why! The group they're catering to are 18-22 years of age and can now vote. Most of these young Americans haven't really entered the workforce yet, and most have absolutely no clue as to what they're signing on for; no clue of the price they're going to pay for all of this free stuff. All they know is that getting free stuff sounds great!

They have no idea that the politicians are simply trying to buy their votes. When they enter the workforce and become American taxpayers, their perspective is going to change drastically. They too (like the rest of us) will be paying for Congress's irresponsible entitlement spending for the next 30-40 years. They'll be paying their fair share of the \$27 trillion debt that Congress has racked up by giving away free stuff for votes (\$900 billion - \$1 trillion a year for the next 30-40 years). Surprise!

On a somewhat positive note, they can have it paid off by the time they reach retirement age; that is, if Congress stops their irresponsible and unrealistic spending immediately and doesn't run up the debt any higher.



# THIS IS COMMON SENSE *Education Reform!*



# Entitlement

## REFORM

### IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS?

Would you replace our broken unemployment compensation program with a new “right to work” program, and get everyone off unemployment?

First, everyone needs to understand that no one is entitled to anything that belongs to someone else. A person who doesn't work isn't entitled to any portion of the income of someone who does work, plain and simple! Everyone is entitled to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the opportunity to work and make a living so they can take care of themselves and their family. America was founded as a land of

opportunity, not a land of entitlement.

Wouldn't it be nice if more people actually wanted to work, rather than collect entitlements? Since every penny given to those on entitlements comes from the American people (American taxpayers

**“The Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.”**

- Thomas Jefferson

and American taxpaying companies), I think it's only fair that those receiving our money help us in return. I think it's only fair that they help our taxpaying companies grow and help take some of the workload off the tax-paying Americans who work for these companies. I think it's only fair that they help relieve the burden of funding government training programs. I think it's only fair that they help our non-profits rebuild and revitalize our

impoverished communities, and assist our non-profits in caring for our homeless and our aged. I think it's only fair that they work for the money we give them.

We as taxpaying Americans are a compassionate and caring people, willing to help those in need; those who are willing to help themselves, but

I don't think it's unreasonable to require that our tax dollars be spent more wisely. I don't think it's unreasonable to demand that our hard-earned dollars not be given out to able-bodied people who could work, but who simply choose not to.

**The abuse is out of control.**

I don't want my hard-earned tax dollars going to people on drugs either. I want the drug addicts placed in treatment

facilities, where they can get the help they need for their addiction. I want them to get clean and then go out and find a job. I'm sorry if they feel a little uncomfortable or embarrassed, but I don't think that random drug testing is an unreasonable request. If it's okay for employers to require drug testing of their employees, then I think it's okay for the American taxpayers to require drug testing of those that we support. If they don't want to follow our rules, no problem. Go out and find a job that doesn't require drug testing!

Entitlement programs cost the American taxpayers billions upon billions of dollars each and every year. When did we change from a land of opportunity to a land of entitlement? Every American citizen should be afforded an opportunity to work and provide for themselves and their families, but the key words here are *opportunity* and *work*! Most Americans want to be independent; they don't want their government to take care of them. They want to be creative, think for themselves, and accomplish things on their own. They want a hand up, not a hand-out! They simply want a job!

**Would you replace our broken unemployment compensation program with a new "right to work" program?**

Wouldn't it be nice if we could provide jobs for all our unemployed American citizens, and at the same time, help our small businesses grow, lower our taxes, and rebuild the American economy? What if we could do all of this in 90 days? Well, we can, by simply converting our broken unemployment compensation program to a new "Right to Work" program.

Think about what the terms entitlement and unemployment compensation have come to mean over the years. People now feel entitled to be compensated for being unemployed! This is just plain wrong! How about we stop the insanity and implement a Common Sense "right to work" program? We could even call it a "Will Work for Money" program.

During these trying economic times, a lot of companies are struggling. They could use additional help to expand and grow their businesses, but they simply can't afford the cost of additional employees. We have the means to provide every American-owned company the workers they so desperately need, while providing every unemployed American (who wants to work) a job. By adding millions of unemployed volunteer workers to the workforce over the next 24 months, businesses

will start to grow, and the U.S. economy will boom and hopefully provide permanent jobs for all of our unemployed workers. This is a win-win situation for every American. We also have thousands upon thousands of non-profit organizations that could use more volunteers to provide the much-needed services within their communities.

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**We should teach those in need how to fish, not have to supply them with fish for the rest of their lives!**

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What's this "right to work" program going to cost the government (I mean the American taxpayers)? Nothing. Not one penny more than what our current broken unemployment system is costing us now. Everything is already in place! We're already paying these individuals every week for not working (in the form of welfare and unemployment checks). It's time they start working for their paychecks the same as every other American! They'll learn a trade or profession, but most importantly, they'll learn work ethics. We should teach those in need how to fish, not have to supply them with fish for the rest of their lives!

Here's how we convert our current broken unemployment (entitlement) program into a new "right to work" (volunteer worker) program.

## Step 1

**The first step is for our representatives in Congress to announce the termination of our current unemployment compensation program.** They will inform everyone that the old program is being replaced with a new “right to work” (volunteer worker) program; that everyone currently on unemployment will continue to receive a weekly unemployment check during the estimated 90-day transition period; that everyone enrolled in the old program will automatically be converted over to the new volunteer worker program in 90 days; and that those converted over to the new volunteer worker program will be sent a complete packet explaining every detail of the new program within the next 60 days. It’s that simple.

To receive money from the American taxpayers under the new volunteer worker program, all a person has to do is, work for the money we give them. All they have to do is help us grow our economy and revitalize our communities. They simply volunteer their services to a licensed business or non-profit organization! They simply knock on the door of any business or non-profit organization and ask to interview for a job; identify themselves as a volunteer worker and show their worker’s ID card.

Out-of-work trades people will

most likely seek employment with businesses within their own trade; out-of-work teachers might wish to apply at local schools (we can always use more educators and teacher’s aides in our classrooms); out-of-work firefighters could seek employment at local fire stations; and our out-of-work and homeless veterans could assist law enforcement and border security.

Other unemployed Americans might choose to help rebuild our infrastructure, while others might choose to help revitalize



our communities, or help out at local food banks and shelters. Other out-of-work Americans might choose to help build homes for Habitat for Humanity, help Wounded Warriors, or help grow and process food for the hungry in newly designed state-run agricultural centers. The choice is theirs. It might even be a good time for some of the unemployed to learn a new trade, profession, or career.

They would inform their perspective employer that there is absolutely no cost to

the company for their services; that the American taxpayers will be footing the bill. The volunteer worker will receive compensation each week from our newly renamed State Employment Offices for the number of hours that they actually worked that week.

Their hourly rate would be determined by dividing what they were entitled to each week under the old system, by 36 hours not 40. If they work 36 hours, they would receive the same take-home pay as they were receiving under the old

system. If they choose to work 40 hours, they would make even more money than before. Sorry, no time-and-a-half or double-time. They can only receive straight time and only up to 40 hours per week.

If they want to make more money, they would need to seek full-time paid employment from their current employer or look for permanent (higher salaried) employment elsewhere. An unemployed individual would be allowed to work as a volunteer worker for no more than 108 weeks (within a 5-year period) or as defined under the old unemployment system. Once they have drawn for that allotted number of weeks, they will no longer have volunteer worker status and must seek out paid employment.

## Step 2

**A company or non-profit organization would interview different volunteer workers (unemployed applicants) to find the best fit for the needs of their company or organization.** When they find a fit, they would hire the volunteer worker (at no cost), train them if need be, and have the extra resources needed to grow their business.

As a safeguard against businesses abusing the system, and to guarantee that all companies are on the same playing field, they would have to comply with the following:

- Once the program is announced, a company would lose one allocation for every employee they fire or who quits. They would only regain that allocation once that employee is replaced with another employee at or above that employee's salary.
- If a new volunteer worker works out and the company's business grows, the company might choose to actually hire the volunteer worker (at a standard rate of pay) to prevent the volunteer worker from seeking and finding permanent employment elsewhere.
- When a non-profit organization finds a fit, they would bring that volunteer worker on board, teach them a trade, if needed, and utilize the volunteer to help rebuild the local community.

- Even after the volunteer finds permanent paid employment, they may continue to put in time serving their community.

## Step 3

**At the end of each week, the employer simply calls the state employment office, enters their tax or non-profit ID number, the volunteer worker's ID number and the number of hours they worked.**

This can also be done online. The money will automatically go on the volunteer worker's debit card. That's it. Simple, right? Unskilled volunteer workers would be taught skills by their employer, and at some point hopefully be able to work themselves out of the system.

Every company or non-profit organization would be allocated a minimum of at least (1) free volunteer worker. The size of the company would determine how many more free volunteer workers the company/organization could hire. Their allocations would be based upon the total number of employees they had on their payroll at the time the program was announced. To build an allocation chart, all you have to do is divide the total number of employees currently in the American work force by the total number of Americans currently on unemployment.

To prevent employers from firing or laying off employees before the program actually goes into effect (just to get more free labor), compare the

number of employees they had on their payroll at the time the program was announced with their current payroll. If they have "x" number of fewer employees, they lose "x" number of allocations.

We also need to provide incentives for a company to transition their volunteer workers to permanent employees. Once a company's sales numbers have increased by a specific percentage, they would be required to either hire a proportional amount of new permanent employees (at a proper base salary), or lose that number of free (volunteer worker) allocations.

What happens if you hire a volunteer worker who is lazy and who really doesn't want to work? It's simple. You fire them just like anyone else. After being fired a few times, and once they understand that there are no more free rides, they'll get with the program; they'll learn work ethics. If an individual doesn't want to work, they're no longer going to be able to just sit at home, do nothing, and receive a free check from the American taxpayers.

What happens if a volunteer worker works really hard and helps a company grow? Well, if the company grows and starts looking for a permanent employee, who do you think they will hire? They'll hire the employee they just trained.



don't like the rules, they can get assistance elsewhere. Think of how many hard-earned taxpayer dollars we could save on unneeded medical prescriptions and procedures, not to mention the better quality of life we would be providing for those in need!

### How do we change our current welfare program?

No, we don't go back to the old program of passing out peanut butter and cheese at government-run offices. We do, however, need to control the nutritional value of the foods we choose to provide those needing our assistance. We need to help those in need eat and stay healthy, and in the process, save the taxpayers billions.

Here's how we accomplish both. We design dozens of different free nutritious frozen

breakfast, lunch, and dinner packages, in both adult- and child-specific sizes, and in 1-day, 3-day, and 7-day individual and family size packaging. We assign and mark a point value on each package based upon the items inside. A point value would also be assigned to other individually packaged nutritious items, i.e. peanut butter, potatoes, bread, milk, eggs, cheese, etc. Many of these items could be offered in bulk. A point value would be assigned to a one week's supply of baby food/formula and other baby needs based upon the baby's age.

We then contract with all major food stores to carry these items. When an approved item is rung up against a government-issued food card, the approved item(s) would simply show up as "no charge" on the receipt. The government (the American taxpayers) would be sent a

bill for the approved item(s). These nutritiously approved items would also be available for everyone to purchase. This way the entitled won't feel embarrassed when putting the items in their cart. Who knows, we might even get all of America eating healthy again and solve our healthcare crisis!

Each adult and each child in the family would be assigned a specific amount of points per week. All of the points would go on a Family Food Card. Both parents would be listed on the Family Food Card and either could do the shopping for the entire family. Infant points (needed for formula, baby food, and baby supplies) would be kept separate from family points.



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## *Entitlement Reform!*



# Foreign Aid

## REFORM

### IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR FOREIGN AID POLICY?

Would you stop giving away our hard-earned taxpayer dollars to dictators and drug lords around the world, calling it foreign aid? Would you instead distribute food and supplies directly to those in need? Would you also stop paying farmers to not grow food? We should instead start paying them to grow more food, expand our domestic agriculture industry, put all Americans back to work, and then distribute that food (instead of taxpayer money) directly to the hungry both here at home and abroad. We don't need to stop the help, but we do need to stop all monetary aid to all countries, immediately.

### Would you stop giving away our hard-earned taxpayer dollars to dictators and drug lords around the world, calling it foreign aid?

We're a compassionate people and it's great that we help those in need, but we need to stop giving away hard-earned taxpayer dollars to corrupt political leaders of foreign countries for favors. If we really want to help the needy people around the world; if we really want to promote goodwill; if we really want to be seen as the good guys; then it's time we change how we do things.

Remember, it's taxpayer money that Congress is giving away, and that has to stop. We should be the ones to say how our money is spent, right? Again, let's stop using it to bribe

foreign leaders. If we really want to help countries in need, let's help them by giving their people food, equipment, and training. Let's distribute the supplies directly to the people, and let's proudly display the American flag so we get credit for our generosity. America is an extremely generous nation and it's about time all the world finally sees us in a different light.

### Would you also stop paying farmers to not grow food?

Here's what we need to do to not only reform our foreign aid policy, but also our domestic aid policy. We need to first stop paying farmers to not grow food. Instead, let's pay them to





the hungry, both in this country and around the world. We can get millions of our urban and rural Americans off unemployment and put them to work in the agricultural centers.

grow excess food to feed the hungry here and abroad. Let's put Americans back to work and let's pay Americans to grow foreign aid crops to feed the world's starving people. This would be a much better way to spend our hard-earned taxpayer dollars, rather than simply giving our money to corrupt dictators and warlords.

We then need to:

- Set up state-sponsored and managed agricultural centers/farms and grow food for the sole purpose of feeding the hungry; not sell on the open market. We need to distribute the food, not taxpayer dollars, to feed

We should strategically place most of the agricultural centers/farms reasonably close to impoverished metro areas. We should place other agricultural centers/farms in every rural area that has lost its local industry.

- Use the National Guard to pick-up and distribute the food to the needy in our country.
- Use our military to distribute food and supplies directly to the people of starving countries around the world (if and when we

ever get back to a peacetime military). It's simple. We send our military into a needy country to set up portable distribution centers throughout the country. We then use our military to guarantee that the supplies go directly to the people, not to warlords or dictators.

We should also supply the impoverished people with rudimentary tools to grow their own food and teach them how to eventually provide for themselves. The people see the American flag on our soldiers' uniforms; they see American soldiers passing out the food and supplies they so desperately need; they see and appreciate the real America!

If we really want to help needy people around the world; if we really want to promote goodwill; if we really want to be seen as the good guys; it's time we change the way we do things. It's time we use some Common Sense.



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*Foreign Aid Reform!*



# Gun REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS GUN CONTROL?

Would you take guns away from millions of law-abiding citizens? That wouldn't fix the problem. Ask Martin O'Malley, former governor of Maryland, how gun control is working in Baltimore. Ask Barack Obama, former senator from Illinois, how it's working in Chicago. What will work is enforcing the laws we already have on the books. Let's take away the guns from the "bad guys" and while we're at it, the drugs too. Let's take back our inner cities (block by block) from

the drug dealers and the gangs and give them back to the American people. It's time we liberate all of America, one city at a time, and let's start with Baltimore or Chicago.

### How about our elected officials focus their efforts on fixing the real problems?

If we want to reduce crime and really protect the American people, we need to focus on getting rid of drug dealers and gangs, rather than taking away guns from law-abiding citizens. The number of citizens killed each year by semi-automatic weapons pales in comparison to the more than 14,000 American

citizens killed by the bad guys with Saturday night specials.

### How about our elected officials stop trying to rewrite the Constitution; stop trying to take away our Second Amendment rights; our right to protect ourselves and our families from the bad guys with the guns?

The police can't provide around-the-clock protection to each and every American citizen. The bad guys will always prey on the weak, the elderly, the helpless, and the unarmed; however, the bad guys will think twice before preying on armed American citizens! We might not always be able to protect ourselves or



A WELL REGULATED MILITIA BEING NECESSARY TO THE SECURITY OF A FREE STATE, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

-- THE 2ND AMENDMENT



our families, or stop a terrorist attack or mass shooting by being armed, but we have no chance in hell if we're unarmed!

Why allow those who work for us to tell us what type of weapons we can buy, carry, or use to protect ourselves? We should be allowed to protect ourselves with the pistols and rifles of our choice. Some of our elected officials must have a hidden agenda to be fighting so hard to take away our guns. One has to wonder why they want to disarm millions of honest, law-abiding citizens. They politicize things every time a bad person uses a gun to do bad things.

If they really want to stop thousands of gun-related murders, go into the inner cities and take guns away from criminals! One has to think, "Do our lawmakers really give a rat's a\*\* about "those" people?". If we really want

to reduce violent crime, we have to get rid of the drugs and the poverty, and to do so, we have to improve our education system and provide opportunity to our youth.

They tell us that we should not be allowed to own the same type of rifles that we provide to our military; what they call "weapons of war". Why? Throughout history Americans have always owned the same weapons as our military/militias. When Samuel Colt sold the first six-shooters, they weren't sold just to local sheriffs and the military. They were sold to all Americans.

When we transitioned from the single-shot flintlock and percussion rifles to the Winchester Model 1873 lever action repeater rifle, the average citizen wasn't restricted from owning and carrying them either. And our managers on Capitol Hill want us to turn

in our ARs and Glocks for muskets and six-shooters? Muskets were fine when everyone had muskets. Six-shooters were fine in the Wild West, but we live in the 21st century.

## Would you take guns away from millions of law-abiding citizens?

In today's world, with tens of millions of semi-automatic pistols and rifles (owned by law-abiding American citizens), I don't think anyone should be told by the government that they have to give up their Second Amendment rights! Those managers on Capitol Hill who don't like and respect our Constitution, shouldn't be in office. Hell, they shouldn't even be allowed to live in this great country!

It wasn't law-abiding American citizens who used these weapons of war to slaughter all the buffalo, starve and kill the Native Americans, and then steal their land - it was our military! Native Americans might have held onto their country, their freedoms, and their way of life, had they had comparable weapons of war, rather than just a bow and arrow!

And the same politicians who want to disarm us want our trust. I don't think so! One has to ask why some of our elected officials want to disarm the 5-10 million law-abiding Americans that own AR-style rifles. Why did President Obama push for a U.N. Arms Trade Treaty that would have disarmed citizens around the world? What is the master plan?



Remember Nazi Germany, where gun registration was put into effect, followed by a law requiring citizens to voluntarily turn in weapons, followed by door-to-door confiscation? You know the rest of the story. Lesson learned! To justify taking away our guns, some of our politicians want to call our Constitution outdated. If we want to remain a free country, we must protect our Constitution and all of its amendments.

Even if you don't own guns or even like guns, if a situation were to arise, wouldn't it be nice if your neighbors with guns could help protect you? Police officers can deter crime, but they can't be in all places at all times. Their main job is to catch criminals after the crime has been committed. I simply ask those who don't own guns to allow those of us who do (and have been properly trained to use them), to exercise our Second Amendment right and keep them. You never know when America's freedom fighters (the largest armed citizen group/militia/army in the world) might be called into service to protect America. Wouldn't it be nice if we had our guns to accomplish the task?

As one of the more than 5 million law-abiding, gun-owning National Rifle Association (NRA) members, I thank NRA leaders for fighting for our Second Amendment

## 5 major cities with the most murders in 2017



SOURCE USA TODAY analysis of police department crime data

rights. The NRA isn't controlled by gun manufacturers, as some would have you believe. It's made up of over 5 million law-abiding American citizens, like myself, who simply want to prevent our Second Amendment rights from being taken away. Bad guys will commit bad deeds with or without guns.

Ask former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley how gun control is working in Maryland, especially in Baltimore City. Last year was the deadliest year in Baltimore's history, with 343 homicides. Ask former President Obama how it's

working in Chicago. According to a *USA Today* article by A. Madhani on February 19, 2018, in 2016, shootings in Chicago rose by more than 88% and the murder rate rose by 72%. In 2017, there were 650 homicides in Chicago, almost double that of Baltimore!

Chicago is now #1 in the nation, with Baltimore in second place, and they have the strictest gun laws in the country. Guess which cities are next in line? Philadelphia, New York, and Los Angeles round out the top five deadliest cities. Do you see a pattern here? Bad guys can always get guns.

Criminals love it when law-abiding citizens in major American cities have no way to protect themselves. It makes crime so easy! Individuals with no moral compass and individuals who have a mental illness will always find ways to do bad things. It's sad when our elected officials exploit these tragedies to promote their own political agenda: to disarm all law-abiding American citizens. Do your jobs for a change; disarm the "bad guys" in the inner cities!

Those in power constantly ask us not to judge all Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics, and I agree! But here's where I'm extremely confused: out of the other side of their mouths they say we should judge all gun-owners by the actions of a few lunatics. Something just doesn't add up. Why are a

select group of our managers in Congress, along with select mayors, ex-mayors, and governors, trying so hard to legally confiscate all of the guns from the American people? What's their plan after they disarm us? Your guess is as good as mine!

If our elected officials are so serious about gun control, here's a suggestion: enforce the laws that we currently have on the books. Take the guns away from the felons. In areas of high crime, stop and frisk again. Go into the bad areas in all of our cities where thousands upon thousands of Americans are getting shot and killed every year, and take guns away from the felons and the gang members. And while we're confiscating the guns from the right people (the bad guys), let's confiscate the illegal drugs too.

Everyone hates to hear about any loss of life, especially our youth. Everyone wants the school shootings to stop, but taking away guns from millions of law-abiding American citizens isn't the answer. The world is a different place than it was when most of us were growing up. Cyber bullying, broken homes, poverty, crime, gangs are just some of the problems that need to be fixed before our students can once again feel safe going to school.

In the meantime, we have to assume that the threat of a deranged individual coming to a school and harming our kids still exists, and we have to prevent that by whatever means possible. We need to upgrade school security with technology and more resource officers. We may have to even rely on our teachers (those with legal carry permits) to protect our kids for us. Again, times



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*Gun Reform!*



# Healthcare

## REFORM

### IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR HEALTHCARE PROGRAM?

Would you start by focusing on preventive healthcare rather than treatment? Would you develop a sustainable plan to lower medical costs? Would you create more competition in all areas of healthcare with more doctors, more nurses, and more medical facilities?

The Affordable Healthcare Act has caused healthcare to become anything but affordable. Numerous insurance providers have pulled out, thus reducing competition not only in the public, but also in the private sector. This in turn has caused premiums for most Americans to skyrocket. Young Americans who are healthy are the ones who are forced to subsidize the

cost of treatment for those with chronic health problems related to smoking, excessive drinking, drugs, obesity, and other poor lifestyle choices.

Hasn't Congress learned anything from their Social Security and government retirement plan debacles? You can't put a program in place that is unsustainable. We can't kick any more cans down the road. No more Ponzi or pyramid schemes!

### Would you start by focusing on preventive healthcare rather than treatment?

Here's how we save big on healthcare in the long-term, which is what we really should be focused on. Let's use some Common Sense. Let's help Americans get and stay healthy so we don't have to waste taxpayer's hard-earned money on the treatment of preventable diseases!

Three hundred thousand Americans die each year due

to obesity; another 570,000 due to alcohol, tobacco, and drugs! We need to start focusing on prevention. We can start the needle moving in the right direction by offering only healthy food choices in our taxpayer-owned school cafeterias, and in every other cafeteria that is located on government (American taxpayer) property. We remove all the junk food out of these facilities, and if the kids don't

**570,000**  
**Americans**

Deaths each year from alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

like healthy food, that's fine; let them pack their own unhealthy lunches and snacks. Let's start teaching them about healthy choices early on, and continue the process into adulthood! The same goes for government employees!

Wake up America! We have some severe healthcare problems that need to be addressed, especially obesity! Everyone tries to skirt the issue. Big is beautiful. Yes, but big is also unhealthy. If the taxpayer is expected to cover the cost for healthcare, then we're entitled

**300,000**

**Americans**

Amount of obesity-related deaths per year.

to have a strong say in the early and continued prevention of healthcare problems.

We need to set aside at least one class period each week in all grades (1st-12th) to teach different social, personal, and fiscal responsibilities and skills, along with health and fitness. Students would not only learn how to get healthy and stay healthy, but they would be better equipped to move into adulthood, and better equipped to succeed in life.

Teaching our students how to balance a checkbook, how to balance a budget, how to interview for a job, how to exercise, how to eat healthy, and other life skills will do nothing but good for all of America! As far as healthcare goes, this is one of the smartest ways we could invest our

taxpayer dollars. The healthier we get America, the less money we'll need to spend on healthcare. The less money we spend on healthcare, the more taxpayer dollars we all get to keep in our paychecks.

### **Would you develop a sustainable plan to lower medical costs?**

Every cost associated with healthcare is outrageous, whether it be the high cost of malpractice insurance for physicians, doctor visits, procedures, nursing, hospital stays, hospital equipment, prescriptions, everything! To reduce these costs, we need competition in all areas! To get the cost of malpractice insurance down, we may need to set some realistic limits on litigation. We definitely need to find better ways to weed out those in the medical field that are unqualified. We also need to find ways to get insurance companies to actually compete against each other, rather than playing leap frog with price fixing.

### **Would you create more competition in all areas of healthcare with more doctors, more nurses, and more medical facilities?**

To reduce the costs of services rendered, we need more doctors, nurses, nursing homes, and hospitals. Competition drives costs down. One of the things I suggested in my discussion on free college

education was that if the American taxpayers are going to pay for someone's college education, we should pay to get more people in the medical field. Let's flood the medical field with quality doctors and nurses. Let's encourage the building of smaller medical facilities with lower overhead. This is how we drive down the cost of services.

Now let's talk about prescription drugs. This industry is totally out of control! People are dying because they can't afford life-saving drugs due to the greed of pharmaceutical companies. We have to get prices down whatever it takes. We have to find ways to open up the market to create more competition. We may need to change the way we deal with medical and pharmaceutical patents.

Instead of awarding a company exclusive rights to manufacture a specific drug, we may want to change the patent laws to allow all FDA-approved facilities to manufacture the drug. The company that does the research and comes up with the patent would receive a fixed 10% royalty on all sales from each and every manufacturing facility.

By having all companies compete, the cost of pharmaceuticals would drop drastically. More people would be able to afford their meds,

and less people would die. Enough greed! It's time for the pharmaceutical companies to check their moral compasses! Their main priority should be to provide affordable medicine to the sick, wouldn't you think?

Our managers on Capitol Hill are supposed to be fighting a war on drugs. If so, they're losing the battle. They need to take their fight, not only to the streets, but to pharmaceutical companies and medical professionals. In 2016, more than 64,000 American citizens died from drug overdoses. Legal drugs kill as many people each year as illegal drugs.

It's time we do a better job regulating these controlled substances. It's time we really crack down on the over-prescribing of painkillers and mood altering drugs. It's time we lock up and throw away the key on any and all medical personnel who are making a



profit from the distribution of these so-called "legal drugs".

And let's not forget about our veterans. It's time to get rid of veteran hospitals and issue every veteran a special "veteran medical card", an insurance card accepted by any doctor, any pharmacy, and at any medical center. Benefits would start when a soldier is discharged and would be valid for the same number of years

that the soldier served their country. If they served their country for four years, the card would be valid for four years from the date of their discharge. If they served 20 years, the card would be valid for 20 years from the date of their discharge, etc. The veteran medical card would have no expiration date for the treatment of any injuries sustained during the service of our country, either physical or psychological.



# **THIS IS COMMON SENSE** *Healthcare Reform!*



# Immigration REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY?

Would you first take away our entitlement programs, a person's main incentive to enter our country illegally? Would you then move to contain the problem by securing the border so that no one else enters illegally? Would you then and only then, figure out a way to provide conditional citizenship to those already here?

### Would you first take away our entitlement programs?

In his 1995 State of the Union address, President Clinton said, "We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws." That said, why would our managers stand by and allow any of our laws to be

violated in the first place? You and I can't simply pick and choose which laws we're going to follow. We have to follow all laws, so why shouldn't everyone else?

By not doing their jobs and enforcing our laws (by basically turning a blind-eye as to what was happening), Congress opens the door, puts out a welcome mat, and practically invites millions of illegal immigrants to flood into our country. And to make matters worse, once here, our managers give them an incentive to stay. They offer them a promise of American citizenship, and to tide them over while they're waiting for citizenship, they give them entitlements (American taxpayer dollars).

And what do our elected officials want in return? Not much - just their loyalty and their votes. Who wouldn't want 12 million more loyal supporters to help guarantee that those in power stay in power? They're not simply

taking from the rich and giving to the poor as they would have you believe. They're taking from every hard-working American who pays taxes.

As an American citizen you and I have to pay into the system, so we're entitled to draw from the system occasionally. Illegals, on the other hand, haven't paid even one penny into the system. They've broken our laws and our elected officials want to reward them with entitlements! This is beyond insane! It's time for our elected officials to start doing their jobs, start enforcing our laws, and stop giving away our hard-earned taxpayer dollars to illegal immigrants.

### Would you then move to contain the problem by securing the border?

Before determining what to do with the millions of individuals who are already in our country illegally, we need to first contain the problem. We need to stop more illegals from coming in:

1. We need to secure the border by all means possible; and

2. We need to make it less attractive to enter our country illegally.

We need to stop offering incentives for breaking our laws. We need to stop all entitlements to non-U.S. citizens. We also need to revise our law which gives U.S. citizenship to any individual born on American soil. There should be one Common Sense stipulation: that U.S. citizenship be granted only to individuals who are born on U.S. soil from parents who are here legally.

If Congress can't stop the illegals (not to mention the drugs) from coming across our

border, we should all have a major concern. How can we expect them to be able to stop a crate of surface-to-air missiles, biological weapons, or dirty nukes from coming in either? Wake up Congress and do your jobs!

### Would you figure out a way to provide conditional citizenship to those already here?

Once the problem is contained, what do we do with the millions and millions of illegals already in our country? Yes they broke the law, and yes they jumped ahead of everyone else in line for citizenship, but we can't just round up millions

and millions of men, women, and children and send them home. The genie is already out of the bottle. We now have to deal with the problem that our managers created.

We have to find a way to give them conditional citizenship. It's hard to blame someone for wanting a better life. Most of the immigrants I've met are nice, decent, friendly, and hard-working individuals. Most are laborers, in some form or another, which means most aren't taking away American jobs because most of our entitled youth don't want to do manual labor. They want to go to a free college and make

## Steps that all current U.S. illegal residents must take to be granted Conditional Citizenship:

1. All illegal immigrants must register (within 180 days) as an illegal immigrant, give their residential address, and list the names and addresses of all friends and family members who are U.S. citizens. They must also list (and show proof, if possible) of their initial date of illegal entry. If they do not comply, they will be prosecuted and deported, and will never be able to gain U.S. citizenship in the future!
2. All illegal immigrants who have never been convicted of a felony and can prove they have gainful employment and a place to live, may apply for conditional citizenship. Once they apply, they must meet all U.S. citizenship requirements (including learning the English language) within 24 months to be allowed to stay in our country. It's time we get all illegal immigrants off entitlement programs and start paying taxes.
3. All illegal immigrants who have been convicted of a felony are to be deported immediately. If they came across the Mexican border, they will simply be deported back to Mexico. It then becomes Mexico's problem. They can either foot the bill to incarcerate them in a Mexican prison, or send them back to their country of origin. These individuals will never be granted a path back to U.S. citizenship.

Once conditional citizenship is granted to an illegal resident, they may start pursuing the American dream; however, they may not receive any taxpayer-funded entitlements until they have paid taxes into the system for a period of at least ten years.

They will also be on probation for a period of ten years before being granted permanent citizenship. If they are convicted of any felony, within the ten year period, they will be prosecuted, incarcerated, then deported permanently.

If they don't like these conditions, leave, and leave now! No more free rides!

a six-figure salary when they graduate. Who wouldn't, right?

I'm fine with vetting (screening) those already here, and if they have no prior criminal history and can pass all of our immigration requirements, I think it's time we give them conditional citizenship. Once they become conditional citizens, they'll be afforded the same freedoms that this great nation offers all of its citizens: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

They'll finally be able to work legally and pay taxes into the system, just like everyone else. They won't however, be able to draw from our entitlement programs. They came here illegally, they skipped the lines, they broke our laws, but more importantly, they haven't made any contributions into the system. They can't expect to simply waltz in (or sneak across the border) and become 100% vested in America's entitlement programs, not when most of us have paid into the system for many, many years.

They are definitely not entitled to the same benefits that other American citizens are entitled to. Under conditional citizenship, an individual would not be entitled to draw anything from the system for at least ten years. If they want to work in America, pay taxes in America. They will be afforded that opportunity, but that's it. No entitlements until they've paid their dues like everyone else!

America is a melting pot of people from all over the world; however, English is our national language, and all U.S. citizens are required to read and understand English. It's time we enforce our laws! It's time for everyone who chooses to live in our great country to learn and speak our language: English! It's time our elected officials stop wasting taxpayer dollars on duplicating every booklet, government pamphlet, road sign, etc. in Spanish! Everything printed in America should be printed only in English!

I don't know about you, but I'm extremely tired of hearing celebrities and our managers on Capitol Hill condemn the rest of us for wanting to use Common Sense when it comes to protecting our property, our families, and our country. They want to force us to open our borders and allow anyone in; they want to force us to leave our country unsecured; and they want us to give up our Second Amendment rights.

Are celebrities ready to tear down the walls they had built around their mansions in Beverly Hills? Are they ready to disarm their security systems and leave their doors open for MS-13 gang members and others to simply walk in? Are they ready to give up their gun permits, turn in their guns, and get rid of their bodyguards (who, by the way, carry guns)? I didn't think so! How hypocritical! Stop listening to these idiots!



**THIS IS COMMON SENSE**  
*Immigration Reform!*



# Infrastructure **REFORM**

## **IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU FIX OUR MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS?**

How would you pay for all the repairs that need to be done when we have no money; when Congress currently spends billions more each year that they generate; when they have us in debt over \$27 trillion? It won't be easy unless we stop our managers from spending all of our money.

### **How would you pay for all the repairs that need to be done when we have no money?**

Congress should have budgeted for infrastructure repair many, many years ago. We all know that as things age, things break! What the hell were they thinking? That things last forever? The only thing that seems to last forever is their jobs, but that's about to change.

If we want to at least put a bandaid on some of our aged infrastructure, we've got to stop government waste and set up a budget that includes a line item for infrastructure repair. We'll need to free up every taxpayer

dollar that we can on the federal, state and local levels immediately if we're going to start updating our public works systems and budget for future repairs. We're going to have to drastically down-size all areas of government, period.

The only way to free up money to repair our infrastructure is for the American people to demand Congress stop all of their unnecessary spending. It's time they root out the corruption, cut every piece of pork (earmark) out of every piece of legislation, get every able-bodied American off welfare and back into the workforce, and drastically downsize not only our federal government, but also our state and local governments.



# **THIS IS COMMON SENSE** *Infrastructure Reform!*



# Labor REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR LABOR PROGRAMS?

### Would you come up with a way to provide work for every able-bodied American citizen?

If need be, would you think outside the box? Would you consider reducing the American work-week from 40 hours to 36 hours, so that everyone has a job, and no one is on unemployment? Our Congress needs to wake up and start doing their jobs! If they really want to help the underprivileged, they can help them by providing jobs, not food stamps!

### Would you consider reducing the American work-week from 40 hours to 36 hours?

Here's a simple mathematical formula that Congress should use to balance America's labor force:

### AVAILABLE WORK divided by POPULATION equals WORK-WEEK HOURS

When this equation is in balance, there is no unemployment! You've probably guessed by now that this equation is definitely not in balance, since we're still paying out over \$100 billion a year to those not working. Why isn't it in balance? For one

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**For a society to keep all of its citizens employed, their work week hours must be in balance with their society's population and with the amount of work available within their society!**

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reason, our population keeps increasing every year (lately due to increased immigration). So to keep things in balance and everyone employed, we have to

either generate more available work or decrease our work-week hours.

Let's now talk about the other variable in the equation: available work. Due to advancements in technology, we lose more and more jobs every year. Computers and robotics keep putting more and more people out of work. According to Uber's CEO, self-driving vehicles (including tractor trailers) will start hitting the roads in late 2018. This will put not only truck drivers, but cabbies, and even Uber's own drivers out of work. And let's not forget, jobs keep going

overseas where the cost of labor is much cheaper.

If we want to keep things in balance and everyone employed, we have to either reduce

our population, or reduce our work-week hours. In the past, wars decreased our population and increased available work for us, but no one wants more wars! I think

the better solution is to simply reduce our work week hours.

Lowering corporate taxes helped the “available work” part of the equation slightly, but not near enough to bring the equation back into balance. And on the “population” side of the equation, things just keep getting worse. What are our managers in Congress thinking? Open borders? Open immigration?

Hey guys, that’s the wrong direction. Just look at the damn formula! You should be promoting a zero increase in population. Duh! Build the damn wall and put the brakes on immigration until you can balance our workforce.

If we adjust our normal work week, we can free up enough hours to put every able-bodied American citizen back to work! The more bodies in the workforce, the less hours everyone has to work each week.

If we provide everyone with an opportunity to work, we also eliminate the cost to taxpayers to administrate and fund our current unemployment program. Everyone is entitled to a job; however, no able-bodied person is entitled to sit

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**If we change to a 36-hour work week, we immediately free up 500 million work-hours each week, which would create 13.9 million new jobs!**

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back on their ass, not work, and receive someone else’s hard-earned money. It’s time we adopt a 36-hour work-week, put every able-bodied American back to work, and shut down our unemployment program.

By using some Common Sense and some simple math, we can put 13.9 million Americans back to work immediately by simply switching to a 36-hour work week (10% reduction). One question you may ask is: “Wouldn’t everyone’s salary be cut by 10%?”. Not

if we do things the right way. We all know that the larger our government grows, the more tax revenue they need/demand. The opposite also holds true: the smaller our government becomes, the less taxes they need, and the more money we all get to keep in our paychecks!

By downsizing our federal government, cutting out the waste and corruption, and trimming all the pork out of every piece of legislation, our taxes would drop drastically. We start by shutting down our unemployment program. We’ll save well over \$100 billion each and every year (the money jobless Americans collect each year from unemployment benefits), not to mention the cost to administer the program. The administrative savings would go back into everyone’s paychecks in the form of reduced taxes.

All unemployment insurance money, currently paid by employers, would be required to be added into their

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## **If we were to go to a 36-hour week**

**4 less hours per week x 125 million American workers = 500 Million work-hours freed each week.  
500 million work-hours/36-hour work week = 13,888,888 new jobs!**

Just think about it, some companies could offer 9-hour, 4-day work weeks (M-Th) and if needed, an additional 9-12 hour, 3-day (F-Su) work week, or even one or more single-day shifts. Others could offer one or even two 12-hour, 3-day work weeks, and if needed, a special Sunday shift, which could be filled by those who might want some extra money to supplement their 36-hour work week.

**If we were to go to a 32-hour work week: 27.8 million jobs created.  
Here’s the math at 30 hours per week = over 41 million jobs created!**

# It makes Common Sense to balance our workforce

If a company with 40 employees needs 1,600 man-hours of work done each week, they would need each of their 40 employees to put in a 40-hour work-week, correct? This balances the labor force.

$$40 \text{ employees} \times 40 \text{ hours each} = 1,600 \text{ work-hours}$$

What would happen if they lost 10% of their normal business, requiring them to cut out 160 hours of work each week? They would now only need 1,440 man-hours of work done each week. Since available work-hours have changed, they only have two options if they want to keep the equation balanced. They can either decrease the number of employees (option 1) or decrease the number of hours in the work-week (option 2).

## Option 1

The company could elect to stay with a 40-hour work week, but they would have to decrease population. They would only be able to provide work for 36 of their 40 employees (36 employees  $\times$  40 hours each = 1,440 work-hours). They would have to layoff 4 of their 40 employees (put them on unemployment).

The employer, along with the 36 working employees, would then have to take care of the 4 former employees. Money doesn't just appear out of thin air. The government has no money. Congress has no money. All money comes from us, the American taxpayers; the American workers (in some form or another).

As you can see, if the company stays with a 40-hour work week (and keeps government involved), not only would the employer and the 36 working employees have to take care of the 4 unemployed former workers, but they now would have to send additional money (taxes) to the government to fund the entitlement program.

This doesn't seem like an efficient or fair way of doing things! This is how government grows and grows and grows: by adding more and more entitlement programs. I think the money required to fund this service could be put to a much better use by simply splitting it among all 40 workers as explained in option 2.

## Option 2

You could switch to a 36-hour work week, keep all 40 employees working and off unemployment (40 employees  $\times$  36-hours each = 1,440 work-hours).

If the company doesn't have to pay unemployment insurance (to fund a government agency), that money could be split among their employees to help offset any decrease in their net pay.

If we downsize government, we pay less tax, which means we keep more of our hard-earned money in our paychecks. Now that makes Common Sense!



employees' weekly paychecks. And with adding 13.9 million more bodies to our 125 million person work force, we add 11% more taxpayers. With increased tax revenue from an additional 13.9 million taxpayers, and with all of the other combined federal and state tax savings, we could easily end up with the same money in our paychecks.

With that being said, how would you like a 36-hour work week? How would you like shorter days? How about a Monday through Thursday, 9-hour-per-day work week? Doesn't a 3-day weekend sound great? Wouldn't you like more free time to spend with your family and friends? Doesn't it make Common Sense that the further we advance technologically as a society, the better life we should have, and the less hours we all should have to work?

**What would be the advantages to shortening the work week by 10-25% (from 40 hours/week to 30-36 hours/week)?**



- Employers could customize their work week, cut back or expand their workdays and hours as needed, have a larger employee base to draw from, and save the cost of over-time.
- Employees could spend more time with their families, do better parenting, and in general, have a better quality of life.
- If both parents work and alternate their schedules, they would be able to save on childcare and provide full-time adult supervision for their children. This could keep the kids off the streets and reduce crime.
- Workers could actually increase their salaries drastically by working extra day-shifts at their company or at another company.
- Families with a single bread winner could actually increase their standard of living (disposable income) if their partner entered the workforce, even with part-time hours.
- We could get millions and millions off unemployment and back into the workforce, build our economy, and save the taxpayers a lot of money.

**What would be the disadvantage of a shortened 30-36 hour work week?**

- An employee's gross income might drop slightly, but probably not! If we streamline our federal government and get rid of the waste and corruption, and if we get people off unemployment and back into the work force, we could actually see an increase in our paychecks. The smaller the government, the less taxes they need and the more money taxpaying Americans get to keep in our paychecks!

Congress needs to stop passing legislation that shuts down entire industries without first going into the area and figuring out what the total economic impact will be. We need to then devise a plan to replace that industry and all those jobs with another industry. We've got to stop putting everyone on welfare. It doesn't help the welfare recipients or the taxpayers who are footing the bill to force people into poverty. Look at any region or city where there's little or no opportunity, and you'll find poverty, drugs, and crime.

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*Labor Reform!*



# Legislative

# REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS?

Would you start by firing a bunch of managers on Capitol Hill who aren't doing their jobs, and replacing them with Common Sense American business men and women? Would you require that our newly re-staffed Congress work together and actually solve problems; actually become a functioning Congress again? And since they have a whole lot of work to do, would you take away their recesses and require that they put in at least 40 hours a week like the rest of us? And finally, would you ban political segregation?

### Would you ban political segregation?

When I speak of segregation in

Congress, I'm not talking about racial segregation; I'm talking about political segregation. I'm talking about the separation of Republicans and Democrats, right down to their seating assignments. Did you know that in the Senate, the political right (Republicans) all sit together on the left side of the aisle, while the political left (Democrats) all sit together on the right side of the aisle. And in the House, where there is no assigned seating, guess where members of each party sit? They sit with their own party members. No wonder they can't get along.

Democrats and Republicans need to be integrated. No more sitting on opposite sides of the aisle. They're Americans for God's sake; they work for the American people, not the political machines. Until people who are different sit together, work together, and interact with each other, they don't really get to know or understand each other. They see each other as not just different,

but sometimes as inferior, or even as a threat. Does this ring a bell? It's real easy to misjudge a group simply because they have different views than ours.

The time to desegregate Congress is now. Just as we continue to fight for racial and sexual equality, we need to fight for political equality in Congress. We're all American first, then Democrat and Republican. Let's start by rearranging the seating assignments in both the Senate and the House.

Here's how: in the Senate, number the seats 1-100. Place all the odd numbers in a blue container and all the even numbers in a red container. Have each Democrat randomly draw a number from the blue container and each Republican randomly draw a number from the red container. Now you have a desegregated Congress. Do the same to desegregate the House.

## Would you take away their recesses and require that they put in at least 40 hours a week?

While we're figuring out ways to fix Congress, let's talk about their salaries, benefit packages, and working hours. At some point our managers (our elected officials on Capitol Hill) started setting their own salaries.

They gave themselves the best medical plan, the best benefit and retirement plans, and they even cut back their hours. On average, they only work 16-24 hours (2-3 days) a week. If we do the math, even our junior congressmen receive a minimum wage of \$140-\$210 an hour (\$174,000 per year).

Something's wrong with this picture. Our managers work for us, yet they are somehow allowed to decide their own salaries and benefits packages as well as when they work. Does this make sense to you? Me either. Can you set your salary and your benefits package at your company? Can you retire with benefits after a few years? Can you take off for

recess whenever you want, or simply not show up for work? I don't think so! No wonder they never get anything done.

Enough abuse of power and position; enough acting as if there's no one to report and answer to! They answer to the American people. Maybe it's time *We The People* start telling them what we think is a fair salary and benefits package and how many hours we expect them to work in a given week.

Maybe it's time they start doing their jobs. Maybe it's time they roll up their sleeves and fix the mess they and their predecessors have us in! I, for one, feel that if they want to keep their jobs, they should be sequestered in chambers and not allowed out until they get things fixed! We'll send in some pizza and beer and even some pulled pork sandwiches.

Pulled pork is good; however, the pork (earmarks) that have been added into the thousands and thousands of pieces of legislation passed on Capitol

Hill over the years has to go. It's costing the taxpayers billions of dollars each and every year.

First, we need legislation that blocks the adding of any more earmarks to any bill, and then we need legislation that requires the removal of all earmarks from all past bills. Earmarks are paybacks to those who helped candidates get elected, or they're used for horse-trading to get a specific piece of legislation passed. I'll scratch your back, you scratch mine. If the pork is that good, let them bring it up as a separate piece of legislation and see if it passes on its own merit.

We have to quit talking about problems and start solving them. Once we get the right people in Congress, we can start addressing all of the issues, but first we need to fire and replace a few hundred managers. There's still time to take back our government, take back our country, and take it back in a peaceful manner at the voting polls.



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*Legislative Reform!*



# Refugee REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR REFUGEE POLICY?

Would you first identify and address the problems that are causing people to flee their homes in the first place; be it famine, civil war, or invasion? Wouldn't preventing the exodus be more logical than dealing with it after the fact? It doesn't make sense to fly them thousands of miles to a strange land, when they don't speak our language or know anything about our culture; when they have no means to provide for themselves or their families.

Here are some of the problems we face when we take in refugees from other countries. First, they have nowhere to live with no income. They don't speak our language, and they're thrown into an unfamiliar

culture. How are they expected to get jobs and become a productive part of our society? And, if they can't find jobs, how are they supposed to support themselves and their families? It just doesn't make sense. We either have to give up more of our hard-earned dollars to take care of them for the rest of their lives (under our ever-growing entitlement programs) or they turn to crime to live. Neither scenario is good for the American people.

Let's now address refugees from countries that produce or support terrorism; countries that hate America. Our previous president allowed 10,000 refugees to enter into our country, and Hillary Clinton wanted to bring in 65,000 more.

Let's analyze some numbers. Let's assume that 99.9% of the 65,000 refugees are not terrorists, and they love America and all the entitlements we have to offer. That leaves one-tenth of 1% (65 terrorists) who want to destroy

America and our way of life; 65 terrorists who want to blow up our bridges, our buildings, and innocent American men, women, and children, in the name of their god.

It is totally insane to welcome anyone from a country that produces or supports terrorists. Why in hell would we want to take a chance by allowing these individuals to set one foot on American soil? We can vet these individuals until the cows come home, but some will slip through the system.

## Would you first identify and address the problems that are causing people to flee their homes in the first place; be it famine, civil war, or invasion?

We, as Americans, are a caring and compassionate people, so what do we do? How do we help refugees from these war-torn countries? We help them by stopping all of the atrocities that are happening all around the world. We fix the problems that cause these individuals to flee their homes in the first

place; we fix the problems that create refugees. How do we fix the problems? We empower all of the nations of the world to become protectors of freedom around the world, not just the United States. In other words, we redefine the role of the United Nations.

We call for a resolution that states the following:

1. We, the United Nations, will protect each and every one of our member countries from invasion by any other country, including any other member country.
2. We, the United Nations, will protect all of humanity. We will prevent genocide by any government on its own people.
3. We, the United Nations, will put down any and all insurrections and will stop civil war from breaking out in any country.

While addressing the concerns of both parties, and while trying to control the fighting, we will establish a safe zone (safe haven) for

those fleeing the fighting and the persecution. The safe zone should be located within the boundaries of their own country. The refugees will be given full protection by the United Nations, and will be provided all humanitarian services. The refugees will also be provided full protection while en route to the safe zone. If their government chooses not to abide by international law, the full force of the world will come down upon them.

Once the problems are resolved (and they will be resolved one way or another), the refugees will

be able to return to their own homes, if they choose. If not, we will teach them the skills needed to rebuild their lives there in the safe zone. At least they will be together with family and friends in their own country.

In some situations, where there's no chance of different factions ever getting along; where fighting has been going on for hundreds of years, the United Nations may have to be a little creative. They might have to make some tough decisions. They may even have to break a country into sections to guarantee the people of that country a lasting peace.



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*Refugee Reform!*



# Social Security REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM?

Would you totally dismantle the Ponzi scheme they call Social Security? Would you demand that Congress put back the \$2.6 trillion they “borrowed”? Would you then set up a Personal Savings Program (PSP)? Under the PSP an individual would manage their own money, not Congress. Their employer will be required to match 6.2% of the employee’s salary and transfer all funds to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) of the employee’s choice.

Every American citizen who draws a paycheck is required by law to send in 6.2% of their hard-earned income for Social Security. Our employers are

also required to send in a matching contribution. Our managers on Capitol Hill were entrusted with 12.4% of every American’s lifetime earnings. We assumed they would keep our money in a safe place until we needed it for retirement. We assumed that they would keep it in its own separate Social Security fund, but they didn’t!

They introduced the following legislation: *When Social Security income exceeds the benefits that are paid out for that given year, the surplus has to be loaned to the general fund of the U.S. Treasury. The money owed, by the U.S. Treasury back to the Social Security account, is referred to as the “Social Security trust fund.”*

We are told by the trustees that the U.S. Treasury currently owes our Social Security trust fund \$2.6 trillion. And since Congress is empowered to spend money out of the General Fund any way they please, that money is long gone. It has been spent by our managers

and is now part of the \$27 trillion national debt owed to China and others by our U.S. Treasury, or should I say, now owed by all of the American taxpayers. Congress, where’s our money?

Congress constantly talks about how Social Security is running out of money. How come we’ve never heard them utter one word about welfare or food stamp programs running out of money? How come they never mention that they have no money to fund military spending or pay themselves or their staff? How come every time they want to raise the debt ceiling (currently over \$27 trillion), they always tell us that our vets and the elderly on Medicare and Medicaid will be the ones who will suffer if they don’t get the money they want?

Social Security started running at a deficit (paying out more money to recipients than it was taking in) back in 2010, and it is projected to continue to run at a deficit for the next 75 years. Why would our managers continue a program



1. they could continue to pay into Social Security and would be guaranteed to receive all benefits promised once they reach retirement age, or
2. they could request to pull their money out of Social Security and manage it themselves.

Every American that is automatically moved or elects to move to the PSP would have all of their Social Security funds transferred into an IRA of their choice. This would include the 6.2% they paid into Social Security, the 6.2% match made by their employers, and any interest earned. Under the new PSP, 6.2% of an employee's salary each week would automatically be transferred into their IRA account. Their employer would also be required to continue to make a matching contribution to the employee's IRA account.

That's a 100% return on investment, even if their IRAs don't grow. And if employees also take advantage of the 3-5% 401k match that some companies offer, they could

Once an individual reaches retirement age, they should be able to withdraw their funds (based upon their health) tax-free on a 10-, 15-, 20-, or 25-year monthly distribution schedule.



end up with 18.4-22.4% of their lifetime earnings sitting in their IRAs when they retire. Under this type of system, our elderly might not have to struggle as much as they currently do on Social Security.

Any monies left in their account after their death would go to their spouse tax-free. If they outlive their spouse, the money would go to their heirs,



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*Social Security Reform!*



# Tax REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM OUR TAX SYSTEM?

Would you convert to a fair tax system? Would you have every American contribute an equal percentage of their income (above a fixed level) to fund our federal and state government? Would you establish a base individual and family income level, and exempt every American from having to pay taxes on that amount of income? Would you get rid of all exemptions and tax loopholes? Would you tell our managers what percentage of our hard-earned money we the people are willing to contribute and for what services? And would you then require Congress to operate within that budget and spend accordingly, with no more borrowing?

Under our current taxation system, we the American people contribute slightly over \$3.2 trillion a year to the federal government to cover the services they provide, but that's still not enough. They spend \$3.8 Trillion. Hasn't Congress ever heard of a budget? They're over-spending by more than \$600 billion a year, and they've amassed over \$27 trillion in taxpayer debt - and it's still growing. It's the American taxpayers who now have to pay this debt back, thanks to Congress!

How are we going to pay it back? Even if we set up a 30-year mortgage at 1%, our payments are going to be \$900 billion - \$1 trillion a year and the interest over the 30 years is going to be over \$4 trillion. It's time to stop the INSANITY! Here's a famous quote from the movie, *Network*: "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" How about you?

It would be nice to give

everyone free college tuition, but we have no money. It would be nice to give all government workers big raises, but we have no money. It would be nice to continue to study the mating habits of butterflies in Oklahoma, but we have no money. Congress, when are you going to get it? WE HAVE NO MONEY!

As to taxes, who do they think they're fooling trying to disguise local taxes as licenses, stickers, tolls, etc.? If it generates revenue for the government, it's a tax. It's time we overhaul and simplify our taxation system and eliminate 70,000 pages of tax code. It's time we call for all taxes (including all fees and licenses) to be abolished, except for municipal, county, and state sales taxes, and our state and federal income taxes.

Why do we have to pay property taxes, personal property taxes, death taxes, inheritance taxes, luxury taxes, sin taxes, fees to park, fees to cross bridges, fees to drive on certain highways, hunting

licenses, fishing licenses, business licenses, marriage licenses, driver's licenses, boat licenses, auto tags, etc.? Did you or anyone you know give our elected officials permission to put these taxes into effect? Why are they there? Whatever they want to call them, these taxes need to be permanently revoked. There needs to be a Constitutional Amendment banning them forever.

I think it's time we require our managers in Congress to run a cost-analysis report for the American taxpayers. It's time they show the American people how much we could save in taxes annually if we stop the waste, get rid of the corruption, and downsize our 4 million federal employee workforce. The larger our government grows, the more revenue they need; thus, the more we the American taxpayers are going to have to contribute (in the form of higher taxes). We should look seriously at ways to drastically reduce federal and state spending, ways to downsize our federal and state governments, and ways to keep more and more of our hard-earned tax dollars in our pockets!

We need to know what it will save the American taxpayers if Congress:

- cuts all the wasteful programs in Washington,
- strips out all the pork (earmarks) from every piece of legislation,

- eliminates government unions and brings our federal employees' salaries and benefits in line with the private sector,
- gets rid of all non-essential agencies and programs, and
- is required to work within a balanced budget and stop borrowing.

Congress also needs to eliminate the general fund. All funds need to be kept in separate accounts! Money budgeted for national defense should only go toward national defense; money budgeted for education should only go toward education; money collected for Social Security should only go toward Social Security, etc. No more borrowing between funds; no more borrowing from the Federal Reserve; no more borrowing at all, period.

By the way, what the hell is the Federal Reserve and who the hell needs them? If we have any monies left over within a specific fund, that money should stay in that fund forever as a reserve for a rainy day. That's what a Federal Reserve should be. Our government needs to stop the "spend it or lose it" mentality when it comes to a line item budget!

While we're at it, let's limit federal control! Let's turn more power (and more programs) back over to the states who are much better equipped to handle their own local programs.

Let's decrease the percentage of our income that we send to the federal government and increase the percentage we send to our state and local governments. Let the states control their own revenue, not the federal government. If states need or want more revenue, let them offer their own tax incentives to attract more businesses and residents to their state.

### Would you convert to a fair tax system?

Do you pay federal taxes? Wouldn't it be nice if our tax system was simple; if

**46.4**  
**percent**

American households  
that do not pay  
federal taxes

there were no deductions or loopholes? Wouldn't it be nice if everyone paid their fair share; if everyone actually paid taxes? I bet you didn't know that 46.4% of all American households pay no federal taxes at all, and that 18.1% don't contribute to Social Security or Medicare either.

Something is terribly wrong in Washington. Think of the revenue our government would have to spend if everyone paid their fair share. If you're one of the 53.6% who do pay federal

taxes, demand that Congress scrap the current tax code and implement a new and fair tax code!

Furthermore, shouldn't a person not be allowed to draw from our tax system (be handed our hard-earned taxpayer dollars), until after they at least become an American citizen and actually start paying taxes into the system? I think we can all agree that our current tax system isn't fair and needs to be replaced - NOW!

It's time we instruct Congress to lock-in, by Constitutional Amendment, a simple fair tax. We also need to insist on a Constitutional Amendment that requires Congress to pay off our national debt (in equal payments) over the next 30

**\$600 billion**

Congress overspends per year.

years, and to work within a balanced budget each and every year henceforth, with no more borrowing!

**Would you have every American contribute an equal percentage of their income to fund our federal and state**

## government?

Under a fair tax system, everyone would pay the same fixed percentage in federal and state income taxes. We would do away with all deductions, and every individual filing an income tax return would pay no income tax on their first \$20,000 of income. All households

## **Wouldn't it be nice if everyone paid their fair share; if everyone actually paid taxes?**

filing jointly would pay no income tax on their first \$40,000 of income. Everyone would then pay a fixed percentage on all income above the \$20,000/\$40,000 mark.

It's time we stop the battle between the haves and the have-nots. It's time we stop begrudging those who work hard and are successful. Let's once again encourage every American to dream, and to dream big. Work harder, make more money, pay more taxes - it's that simple.

I want Wall Street and big oil to work harder and build our economy stronger. I want them to make lots of money, as long as they have zero tax deductions, and as long as they pay the same percentage that you and I and all of the other taxpayers pay. The more money they make, the more tax money they put into the pot, and the less tax money you and I have to contribute!

## Would you establish a base individual and family income level?

Here are some examples of how our new fair tax system would work. Let's say that we, the American people, decide to contribute 20% of our income in the form of federal and state income taxes. Under the fair tax system, a family would not pay taxes on their first \$40,000 earned.

Family X earns \$100,000 a year and would contribute 20% on the extra \$60,000 earned (over the \$40,000 base), or \$12,000 in taxes. Family Y earns \$50,000 a year and would pay 20% on the extra \$10,000 they earn (over the \$40,000 base), or only \$2,000 in taxes. The family that earns \$1,000,000 is going to be chipping in 20% on the extra \$960,000 they earn, or \$192,000 in taxes.

Let's say the American people also commit to a 10% combined municipal, county, and state sales tax (with an exemption on all healthy/nutritious food products). If I can afford to purchase a new \$60,000 car or boat while someone less fortunate can only afford to purchase a used \$20,000 car or boat, that's okay. I don't mind paying \$6,000 in sales tax compared to their paying only \$2,000. If someone more fortunate can afford to purchase a \$5,000,000 yacht, guess what? They can also afford to pay the required \$500,000 in sales tax. Those who make more money

and/or spend more money should contribute more, and they will, but everyone needs to pay the same percentage! Now this is fair taxation!

### Would you tell our managers what percentage of our hard-earned money we the people are willing to contribute and for what services?

To determine what percentages to use, our federal government needs to identify all the critical services they feel they should provide their taxpaying citizens. Our managers in Congress then need to present to the American people what they feel is a reasonable amount of revenue needed each year to provide those critical services. In other words, they need to draft up a preliminary budget. They need to remember to add in the \$900 billion - \$1 trillion that is now needed annually to pay off our \$27 trillion national debt (mortgage) over the next 30 years.

Armed with real numbers to work with, they can easily determine the percentage (3%, 5%, 8%, 10%, 12%, 15%, etc.) that they feel each American taxpayer should contribute annually. If the percentage is higher than the American people feel is reasonable, then Congress will have to go back to the drawing board. They will need to trim the budget to match the percentage that We the People choose to contribute



towards those federal services that we feel we need (and to pay off the national debt). They will have to trim the pork, get rid of the corruption, and give those programs that belong with the states back to the states. In other words, they'll have to finally sit down, work together as Democrats and Republicans, and do their damn jobs.

The same goes for our municipal, county, and state governments. Our local and state managers need to tell us what they feel is a proper percentage for each American taxpayer to contribute annually (1%, 3%, 5%, 7%, etc.) for the services they provide.

To help both the state and federal governments come up with real and accurate tax percentages, how about we send all of our managers back to their home states to meet with their governors and other

state officials for a couple of weeks and crunch some numbers. Once it's decided what programs are being shifted back to the states, it will be easy for our state managers to work up a budget. Once they have a budget in hand, they can play with the numbers and adjust the state income tax and state sales tax percentages to accomplish the results needed.

As states take on more of the programs currently operated or subsidized by the federal government, their budgets are going to increase, which means their state income tax and/or state sales tax percentages will need to also increase. However, at the same time, since the federal government is downsizing and will no longer be providing these services or subsidies, they will require far less revenue; thus, our federal income tax percentages will drastically decrease.

## Would you require Congress to operate within a budget?

Once federal and state percentages are determined and approved by the American people, they are to be locked in by a Constitutional Amendment, so that neither Congress nor the states can increase them without the approval of the American people (by popular vote). We should demand that Congress pass a Constitutional Amendment that requires both the state and federal government to work under a balanced budget every year. By getting rid of redundant agencies, streamlining programs, getting everyone off entitlements and into our volunteer worker program, making our penal systems more self-supportive, and basically trimming all of the pork out of everything, we the taxpayers could see more money left in

our paychecks than we could ever imagine.

On the corporate side, we may want to consider eliminating all corporate loopholes and all corporate deductions. We may want to adjust the tax on all imports to a rate that allows American companies to compete fairly. We may want to set the rate for each country based upon the differential between that country's labor rate and our country's labor rate. This way, consumers will be able to choose products based strictly on quality, not price.

Here's an option presented by Mike Huckabee, governor of Arkansas, during the 2016 presidential debates. His plan calls for abolishing both the IRS and income tax in their entirety in favor of a national sales tax. It requires no reporting of income, no record keeping,

and no tax forms. You make the money and you keep all of it. You only pay taxes on what you purchase. As he states, the government has no business knowing what an individual makes, and this is the only plan that guarantees that drug dealers, criminals, illegal immigrants, and anyone else operating in the underground economy pay their fair share of taxes. There is no mention what the tax rate would be.

I'm okay with a national sales tax, but only if the tax rate is reasonable. We could even build a hybrid system where we contribute to both programs; where we pay an extremely low percentage in state and federal income tax (on income over the \$20,000/\$40,000 level); and we pay a reasonable state and federal sales tax on purchases. But *We the People* set the percentages, not our hired managers!



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# United Nations REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM THE UNITED NATIONS?

Would you draft a simple one-page resolution that you feel could create world peace and ask all of the major powers to sign it? In the resolution:

- would you first define all borders as of a certain date, and then prohibit any country from invading another country?
- would the resolution state that no country can commit genocide on its own people?
- would it prohibit promoting or harboring terrorists?
- would it ban chemical and biological weapons?

- would it prohibit building and testing anymore nukes?
- would you build in a strong deterrent, stating that any country that violates any terms of the resolution faces the wrath of the entire world coming down upon them?
- would this type of collusion with Russia and China be acceptable if it brought about world peace?

### If the people of the world had an extra \$1.7 trillion a year, how would they spend it?

Would they use the money to feed the hungry and provide shelter for those without homes? Would it help with

education? How about healthcare? Would it help build roads and repair deteriorating infrastructure? That's the amount of money the nations of the world spend each year on their militaries.

Guess who spends the most? The U.S. spends somewhere between \$700 and \$900 billion a year. This is INSANE! No wonder we're in debt over \$27 trillion. Think of what the American people could do with an extra \$700-900 billion a year! If nothing else, we could use the extra \$900 billion a year to pay off our national debt over the next 30-40 years.

I know, we need a strong military, but we currently have enough nukes to destroy

the world many times over. One American-made B53 nuke is 600 times more powerful than the nuclear bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, killing over 140,000 people.



And the Tsar Bomba hydrogen bomb is five times more powerful than the B53. Yes, it's 3,000 times more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

### **Do we really need more nukes?**

Are we really afraid of another country invading us, or do our leaders simply want more power? I think we should be more afraid of the major powers eventually getting into a nuclear conflict with each other that would end up destroying the entire world. I think it's time we find a way to develop world peace before that actually happens. If we're successful, we'll save all of the money that we currently waste on national defense and as a bonus, we might even save our planet. You never know what you can accomplish unless you try.

We need to start looking at our country, our world, our selves, and those around us much differently. We live in one world, a world where we all need to peacefully co-exist, and the key word here is *peacefully*. We need to stop the fighting, especially over past territory. Most land, at one point or another in history, belonged to someone else; some other group of people; some other country. The only way to stop the disputes and the fighting is to draw lines in the sand right now and lock in all

borders. As one world, we also need to establish some simple Common Sense rules to operate under, and then as one world, we need to enforce those rules!

The United Nations in its current state is non-effective, especially in stopping terrorism, genocide, or the threat of rogue nations getting and using nukes. If we really want to secure world peace and avoid destroying mankind, things have to change. The top world powers have to *unite*.



We need to put some teeth in the United Nations. We need to enforce some simple rules, the most important being banning the development of any more nuclear weapons globally. I don't think we need to worry about keeping the balance of power in check between ourselves, Russia, and China. Any one of the three major powers can destroy this world many times over.

### **We can disagree on many things, but the U.S., Russia, China, and the European nations must work together to:**

1. prevent any more nations from getting nukes (like Iran);
2. stop any nation from threatening to annihilate another nation (like Iran);
3. control and keep in check those with nukes (like North Korea);
4. prevent any nation from invading another nation;
5. prevent any nation from committing genocide on its own people; and
6. stop terrorism!

### **We need to draft a simple one-page United Nations directive/treaty to be signed by all countries that states the following:**

1. All borders become fixed as of where they were on January 1, 2018.
2. No country may invade another country for the purpose of taking over their resources or people or overthrowing their government.
3. No country may oppress or slaughter its own people.
4. No country currently without nuclear weapons may develop or possess nuclear weapons.
5. No country may sell nuclear weapons or the technology to develop nuclear weapons to anyone.

- 6. No country may possess or use chemical or biological weapons or any weapons of mass destruction on anyone, including their own people.
- 7. No country may sponsor terrorism or harbor terrorists.

We need to identify any and all countries that promote and sponsor terrorism, and we need to take whatever means necessary to strongly encourage those countries to take care of the radical extremists within their borders.

If they choose not to take action, the World Peace Force will. The United Nations will eradicate the radicals for them and send them the bill for their services. End of discussion!



Violate any of the above directives, and the power of the

entire world will come down upon your country. Not a bad deterrent, right? United we stand; divided we fall. This is just as true for the nations of the world as it is for the American people!

And when it comes to financing and providing personnel, everyone involved in the United Nations should contribute proportionally, based upon the size and strength of their economies. If not, then they're on their own.



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*United Nations Reform!*



# Veterans Affairs **REFORM**

## **IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE MEDICAL CARE OF OUR VETERANS?**

Would you issue every vet a “Veteran Medical Card” (VMC) that would be accepted by any doctor, any pharmacy, and at any medical center that accepts Medicare or Medicaid? Would you then make it your life-long mission to get every veteran off the streets and into proper housing; provide them food, clothing, and medical care; and help them find employment? What ever happened to the motto, “no man left behind”?

### **Would you issue every vet a “Veteran Medical Card” (VMC)?**

As mentioned under the section on healthcare reform, it’s time we start taking really good care of our veterans! It’s time

to get rid of veteran hospitals and issue every veteran a special “Veteran Medical Card” (VMC), an insurance card accepted by any doctor, any pharmacy, and at any medical center that accepts Medicare or Medicaid.

Benefits would start when a soldier is discharged, and would be valid for the same number of years that the soldier served their country on active duty. If they served their country for four years, the card would be valid for four years from the date of their discharge.

If they served 20 years, the card would be valid for 20 years from the date of their discharge, and so forth. The VMC would have no expiration date for the treatment of any injuries sustained during the service of our country, either physical or psychological.

### **Would you then make it your life-long mission to get every veteran off the streets?**

We need to take special care of all of our disabled veterans, including covering the cost to make their homes handicapped accessible, if needed. They, above all other U.S. citizens,





should be guaranteed access to the best healthcare. We need to get every vet off the streets, rehabilitated, and back into society.

It's a crying shame that we continue to spend taxpayer money on illegal immigrants who have contributed nothing to our country while we let those who have sacrificed everything die alone in the

streets, or die while waiting to receive treatment at a VA hospital.

**What ever happened to the motto, "no man left behind"?**

May God bless and protect our service men and women when they go off to war! And may the American people take care of them when they return!

**40,056**

Veterans that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates are homeless on any given night.



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*Veterans Affairs Reform!*



# Voting REFORM

## IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU REFORM THE VOTING PROCESS?

Would you require everyone to show proper ID to vote? Would you mandate that only legal American citizens be allowed to vote in an American election, including school board elections? And finally, with proper checks and balances in place, would you consider automating the voting process so that more citizens become involved?

### Would you require everyone to show proper ID to vote?

Every American citizen is required to have a picture ID to enjoy the privileges of driving a car, cashing a check at the bank, buying alcohol or firearms, etc. Doesn't it only make Common Sense that every American

citizen also be required to present proper identification for the privilege to vote?

To provide transparency in the election process and to prevent voter fraud, we need to start on the local level. Along with providing proper identification, we should require all polling locations to provide their local results to their county officials, the state, the federal government, each political party, and the media.

We should also require that they post the results on the web. This will give the American people total transparency! Anyone would be able to verify the results, and there would be no chance of a rigged system. Simply take out your calculator and add up the district or county totals to get the state totals, then add up the state totals to get the national results!

### Would you consider automating the voting process so that more

### citizens become involved?

With careful auditing, we could even bring our election process into the 21st century. A two-part voter identification and verification system would be installed to ensure that the person casting the ballot is truly who they say they are and is entitled to cast their vote for the candidate. We might want to even consider adding facial recognition. A cross-check system would also be put into place to prevent someone from voting multiple times.

By making the process easy, more Americans will participate in the affairs of their government. We simply watch and listen to the candidates' views on TV and/or on the National Campaign Information Website (NCIW), then cast our ballots. We would be able to vote directly on the NCIW website, over the phone, or through a special app on our mobile devices. Those without access to a phone or a computer could gain access and vote at any public library.

To prevent hacking, a three-part audit system would be put into place.

- One system would be set up strictly for collecting the data and relaying the results to all local, state, and federal government-designated entities; all designated political parties; and all designated media outlets.
- The second system, a separate automated system, would then access that data and send out confirmation notifications to all who voted, either by email or text message.
- The third system would be set up to receive reports of possible hacking. Voters could review their confirmation notices for accuracy and immediately report any discrepancies to an independent third party.

All three systems would be carefully monitored by representatives from both political parties.

Here are some other ideas we should consider:

1. We should carefully monitor attempts at gerrymandering (redistricting) or manipulating the boundaries of a district to favor one political party over another.
2. Congress needs to be well-staffed with the brightest congressional aides. If they're there to work for the American people, let's keep them and make sure they're adequately paid. If they're there for any other reason, let's fire them! We need good managers and staffers on Capitol Hill if we're going to get things fixed.
3. The "spoiler effect" is when three or more candidates are competing in an election and one of the candidates wins without the majority of votes. Either one or more of the candidates pull votes away from the top-runner, which sometimes gives us a candidate that the majority of the people do not want. We may want to consider

changing our current voting system to either score or approval voting.

With score voting, you simply rank each candidate from 0 to 3 (with 3 being the highest). You would never be forced to choose between the lesser of two evils ever again. You could even rank your first and second choice candidates both with a 3, and the person you definitely don't want in office with a 0. The candidate with the highest score wins.

With approval voting, you get to vote for all the candidates you like. If there are five good candidates in the primaries that support your view, you vote for all five of them.

4. Once we enact campaign reform, we might want to revisit Super Delegates and maybe even the Electoral College.



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*Voting Reform!*



# Women's Choice REFORM

**IF YOU WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS, HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS WHAT SOME WANT TO CALL A WOMEN'S RIGHTS ISSUE - ABORTION?**

**Would you first choose at least a more appropriate name for the issue? Maybe "Parent's Rights" or "Parent's Choice", rather than "Women's Choice"?**

I agree 100% with all women's rights issues, i.e. equal pay for equal work, being able to serve in the military, becoming president, etc., but this is not a women's rights

issue! If anything, it would be a parent's rights issue. Why should the woman (anymore than the man) be given the sole right to make the decision to abort (terminate) a life, when both parties played an equal role in the creation of that life; when both parties chose to have unprotected sex?

I'm truly sorry for the added inconvenience that the woman has to endure for the nine month birthing period, but no one should have the right to end a life simply for convenience.

**Would you then remind both parties involved that they both had the right to use protection before having sex; and that they both had the obligation to prevent an unwanted pregnancy from occurring in the first place?**

Prior to the lifeform being created, both parties involved had the right to take precautions, to use protection and prevent an unwanted pregnancy. Once two people voluntarily participate in the creation of a life, neither one of them should have the right to terminate that precious life.





# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



I'm an American Patriot; someone who loves this great country and the American way of life; someone who has lived the American dream and who simply wants everyone else to have the same opportunity.

**I'm no one famous. I don't live in Hollywood, I don't drive exotic cars, and you've never seen me on TV or in the political arena, so my name really isn't important.**

I was born and raised in Kentucky, lived in West Virginia for a few years, and now call Maryland my home. I lost my father to cancer when I was only 8 years old, but I was fortunate to be raised by a loving and hard-working Christian mother, who taught me right from wrong and to respect others.

I started working part-time at the age of 13 delivering newspapers before and after school. Over the years I've worked many jobs: fast food, construction, even in the saw mills. I entered the service in 1970 (United States Army National Guard) and was honorably discharged in 1976. I spent over a dozen years in electronics sales and purchasing

before I bought a small franchise for a few thousand dollars in 1984. I worked hard and built my company into the #1 franchise in the network. It wasn't easy, but with hard work and determination, anyone can succeed. This is America!

I care deeply about our country; about everyone from every walk of life, but I also believe in fiscal responsibility when it comes to running our government. I believe in providing a hand up, not a hand out. I guess I could be considered bi-political: a bleeding heart liberal with extremely conservative values.

Why did I spend thousands upon thousands of hours writing this book and building the website, [HowToFixCongress.com](http://HowToFixCongress.com)? Because, to quote a line from the movie, *Network*: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

I'm simply tired of the political machines, the media, and the extremists on both sides trying to divide us. United we succeed, divided we fail.

I'm an American who fights against all injustices but who stands for our flag when our national anthem plays. I'm an American who believes in our Constitution and all of its amendments. I'm an American who believes there is a solution to every problem. **I'm just an American who wants things fixed!**

I'm a patriot who feels America is heading down the wrong path, and I need your help to Make Congress Functional Again. Without a Congress made up of Common Sense Americans working together on a non-political agenda, nothing will ever change. The time for change is now!

God Bless America!

- An American Patriot



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