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BLOG for ONE-SIMPLE-IDEA



Time is Running Out . . .

In a Voting Nation, Education is Paramount. Our Education is Already On the Way. Will it be the Responsible Way or the Hard Way?

Repeatedly Rewarding, Empowering, and Re-Electing Irresponsible Incumbent Politicians Will Merely Make Them More Irresponsible.



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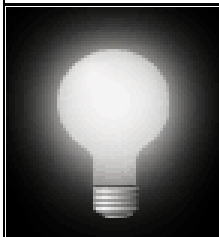
The purpose of this non-profit (100% volunteer) site is to provide voter education and a reminder to voters about the one simple and responsible thing voters were supposed to be doing all along, always. There are no wild

conspiracy theories here; just the facts, as accurate as we can be. There is no hidden agendas, or circular partisan warfare; only the goal to provide the facts about the pressing problems facing the nation, and to remind voters to stop re-electing irresponsible incumbent politicians. To learn more about your congress persons, see this [web-page](#)

The nation is facing many pressing [problems](#) , now culminating simultaneously. But [irresponsible](#) incumbents within government are ignoring the voters and our many pressing problems as they grow in number and severity. No reforms are possible until there is , *first* , a fundamental change in government:

[RECOMMENDATION:](#)

- R *Stop Repeat Offenders.***
- R *Don't Re-Elect Them.***
- R *If In Doubt , Vote 'Em Out.***



 **The ONE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM:**

Government is too [corrupt, irresponsible, and unaccountable](#).

Incumbents made it that way, and voters allowed it.

So incumbent politicians and voters are both culpable.

Part of the problem is that Congress has enjoyed [85%-to-90%](#) re-election rates.

Obviously, repeatedly rewarding irresponsible incumbent politicians with perpetual re-election will only result in government that is *more* irresponsible, corrupt, and unaccountable.

The fundamental problem is rooted in *laziness* and some politicians know many ways to tap into it and capitalize upon it. One of their most clever inventions was the party-lever, which makes it easier for voters to just pull the party-lever rather than research the candidates. People seek security and prosperity with the least effort and pain. Also, people often neglect things due to laziness. Work is effort and pain. While *laziness* is a human tendency, it is immoral to surrender to it completely. In excess, *laziness* breeds corruption, greed, oppression, and undermines democracy. It also leads voters to become apathetic, complacent, and resigned to futility and despair. Voters cease to believe that their vote will change anything.

Hence, since people seek security and prosperity with the least effort and pain, incumbents strive to preserve their cu\$hy, coveted seats of power (via many unethical and/or illegal methods).

Incumbents preserve their power by preventing *newcomers* to Congress from ever passing any badly-needed, common sense reforms.

Incumbents tempt, pressure, and threaten newcomers to Congress if the newcomers refuse to conform to the status quo. And, incumbents will not reform themselves.

Incumbents also try to limit the voters' choices. The voters' choices (by design) are much too

limited, as the main parties limit access by third-parties to ballots and debates.

Incumbents perpetuate petty partisan warfare, bickering, and squabbling, which effectively distracts many voters from more important and substantive issues. Incumbents seduce the voters into the unproductive, circular pattern of thought and behavior that allows the incumbents to retain their power, and deceives the voters into believing that the incumbents are their best choice.

Many voters don't really see what is happening, how they are being manipulated, and how it all (by design) reduces transparency, accountability, and responsibility. Without sufficient transparency and accountability, our many [pressing problems](#) will grow increasingly worse in number and severity, as government continues to grow and expand to [nightmare](#) proportions.

Incumbents have secured for themselves many unfair advantages, perks of office, time to campaign while on the job, visibility and access to media, pre-existing big-money-donors and campaign organizations already in place, and little or no threat from voters who are apathetic, complacent, misguided, or resigned to futility and despair.

Incumbents will not risk re-election or defy their big-money-donors by attempting to solve our many pressing problems. So, what good are they ? There is simply too much corruption, waste, pork-barrel spending, graft, bribery, deception, election fraud, unfair influence by some with money, over [\\$11 trillion](#) U.S. dollar National Debt (up from 33% in 1980 to 79% of GDP in 2009), looming shortfalls in plundered entitlement systems (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security), legal plunder via redistribution of wealth, and perversion of the law to do things it was supposed to prevent (e.g. abuse of eminent domain laws, conviction and execution of innocent people, graft, bribery, influence peddling, fraud, abused presidential pardons, etc.). The list is long. See [Other Links](#) below for more examples.



The ONE SIMPLE SOLUTION:

The solution must be simple, easy to understand, and easy to do. The SOLUTION is simply:

1 RECOMMENDATION:

R Stop Repeat Offender.

R Don't Re-Elect Them.

R If In Doubt, Vote 'Em Out.

Some people believe we need to elect better people to office.

Not exactly.

The problem is *not* so much *who* we vote for, but *what* happens after being elected, and re-elected, and re-elected, . . . , and re-elected.

Incumbent politicians are simply doing what they are repeatedly rewarded for doing.

Newcomers to Congress also soon discover that they are vastly outnumbered by pre-existing incumbent politicians that will not allow common-sense reforms that may reduce the incumbents' power, opportunities for self-gain, or the security of their cushy, coveted incumbencies.

Also, the incumbents tempt, pressure, and threaten the newcomers if they refuse to accept the status quo. So, voters should not make the mistake of only voting out irresponsible incumbents once or twice, but continuously, until government is transparent, accountable, and transparent.

Incumbents also, always outnumber the newcomers. Many newcomers want to pass badly-needed, common-sense reforms, but incumbents won't allow it. Thus, the system is dysfunctional, and the only peaceful solution left is to stop re-electing [irresponsible incumbents](#), always.

This would create the [peer-pressure](#) required to make politicians *police their own ranks* and act more responsibly. It is not realistically possible to vote out 100% of all irresponsible incumbents, but the more, the better (i.e. not all offices are up for election at the same time; senators have 6 year terms with elections every two years; representatives have 2 year terms with elections every 2 years; the president and vice president have a 4 year term with elections every 4 years and a 2 term limit; the Senate and House do *not* have term limits).

Even 20% could have an enormous impact.

40% could have a huge impact.

60% or more could have an overwhelming impact, and send a loud and clear message to government to immediately implement reform changes (e.g. this [9 Point Plan](#) to create more transparency, accountability, and responsibility).

Even a small minority of voters could easily change the political landscape significantly, with nothing more than their vote, which could produce the peaceful force required to make government implement the [short-list](#) of items to make government more transparent, accountable, and responsible. Perhaps it is time for the voters to be responsible too ?

- 1 This **ONE** simple idea may provide the **ONE** last way to provide
The **ONE** thing that is missing in ALL other approaches: peaceful **FORCE**.
This **ONE** simple idea may provide the **FORCE** required to peacefully reform government.
This **ONE** simple idea offers many benefits (see [BENEFITS / REASONS](#) below).

- 1 Given the fundamental **PROBLEM** ,
And the simple **SOLUTION** ,
And the **BENEFITS** ,
Now **SPREAD** this one simple idea to: voters, internet, web-sites, political parties, news papers, blogs, friends, family, politicians, Senators, Representatives, etc.
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Also, [research](#) your congress persons, and then share your research to help education other voters.

- 1 The people must take off their blinders and learn to recognize and reject the [clever mechanisms](#) that divide and distract them from the fact that government is failing us. The people have, become too complacent (understandably) and feel it is futile. But we can not resign to the futility. We must learn to recognize and reject the way some things are used and abused to distract us, such as petty partisan bickering, religion, race, wealth, gender, profession, nationality, class, language, level of education, etc.

These are just a few of the many clever facades used to disguise the ways some people try to control others. There will always be some that want to control others, and some that just want to live-and-let-live. We must learn to recognize and reject those that seek to control us.

- 1 Voters must also find new honest people to place on all voting ballots, because the main-parties are trying hard to make it very difficult (or impossible) for independent and 3rd party candidates to gain access to voting ballots. This is a very serious problem, and it is also unconstitutional ! So, whenever possible, **only** vote for non-incumbents. And, if they don't work out, continue to vote them out !

- 1 The balance of power must be restored. **NOT** simply *shifted* from *one* group to *another*. This one simple solution provides the peaceful force required to simply give those in government an incentive to act more responsibly, but it does **NOT**, and should **NOT** strip the powers that government needs to still govern as it should. It is unrealistic to expect government to operate effectively without power to enforce the law and provide national security, and the money to fund those services.

This one simple idea merely advocates that the people be responsible to use their vote wisely (as *intended* by design), to peacefully force government to be responsible also. The voters must treat government as a single entity, hold that single entity responsible, and give them the incentive to police their own ranks, and begin to solve the serious problems facing the nation. That's all. It's that simple, as it should be.

After all, if you don't do your job correctly, you will be (and probably, should be) fired. So, let's give the job to someone else for a while? And if they fail us also, fire them too. Vote them out, repeatedly, every election, until the government starts doing the job they're supposed to be doing. That's the purpose of democracy and voting. Simply use your vote to implement a just and responsible government.

But use that vote wisely, and treat government as one entity. Reject the main-parties that restrict third-party candidates from access to the ballots and debates, and continue to limit voters' choices, reject the distracting petty partisan politics, refuse to continue to empower the main-parties to take turns being irresponsible, and require specific reforms to increase transparency, so that the voters will eventually be able to more easily determine which politicians are responsible, and which are not.

- 1 See the [CONCLUSION](#) below.

- 1 **QUESTION:** UNTIL when ? WHEN DOES IT END ?
When is it OK for voters to vote for incumbents ?

- 1 **ANSWER:** Don't re-elect [irresponsible incumbent politicians](#), *ever*.

Never, were voters ever supposed to vote for irresponsible incumbents.

Never, were voters supposed to lazily pull the party lever, or vote strictly along the party line. That is how irresponsible incumbent politicians fool and control voters, by fueling the petty partisan warfare, while the nation falls apart right before our very eyes.

Never, were voters supposed to wallow in the petty partisan warfare. What good are parties if irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for incumbent politicians in both parties just take turns using and abusing everyone ?

Never, were voters supposed to empower the very same irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for incumbent politicians that use and abuse us.

Never, were voters supposed to be so blinded by the petty partisan warfare, that they are oblivious to our serious [problems](#) they grow in number and severity.

Never, was government supposed to be FOR-SALE, where too many bought-and-paid-for incumbent politicians are too beholdng to a few big-money puppeteers with vast wealth and power (instead of the voters). Most ([83%](#)) of all federal political donations (of \$200 or more in 2002) come from a mere 0.3% of the 200 million eligible U.S. voters. Only a very few abuse vast amounts of money

and property to control government. How can the remaining 99.7% of the 200 million eligible U.S. voters compete against that? One obvious way is to stop re-electing irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for, greedy, corrupt, look-the-other-way incumbent politicians.

Never, were voters supposed to ignore their government, as they do now, because that invites abuse and breeds corruption.

In the beginning, due to the current, severe lack of transparency, voters may find it difficult to know which incumbents are responsible, and which are not.

If in doubt, vote them out, or research it further. The fact is, few (if any) are responsible. Few (if any) don't vote for pork-barrel, don't troll for campaign money, don't prevent newcomers from passing badly-needed, common-sense reforms, and don't look the other way.

In time, incumbents will get the message, or be voted out, and voters will then be able to know who is, or is not responsible, because of the reforms that are passed to increase transparency (e.g. One-Purpose-Per-BILL, Campaign-Finance-Reform, Election Reform, Tax-Reform, Balanced-Budget-Reform, etc.), accountability, and responsibility.

Thus, the answer is when:

- (a) incumbents are transparent, accountable, and responsible.
- (b) incumbents adequately address the nation's most pressing problems, pass badly-needed, common-sense, responsible reforms and increase transparency so that voters know exactly who to hold accountable.

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Senators http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

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NINE POINT PLAN to REFORM

Government:

Many badly-needed, common-sense reforms are unlikely to ever be passed until voters force government to do so:

- p** Demand that Congress stop blocking our Constitutional right to an Article V Convention. All 50 states' legislatures have made 730 (or more) requests for an Article V Convention, yet Congress ignores it.
- p** Don't Re-elect Irresponsible Incumbent Politicians. Always. Every election, UNTIL incumbents finally pass badly-needed, simple, common-sense, no-brainer reforms, and address the nation's most pressing problems.

- ⓑ Rewarding and empowering irresponsible incumbent politicians by repeatedly re-electing them will simply make them more corrupt and irresponsible.
- ⓑ Voters should demand transparency and common-sense simplifications to eliminate clever over-complications designed to reduce transparency to create opportunities for self-gain. More transparency within government is needed, to make corruption more difficult to exist and grow. More transparency within government is needed to make it easier for voters' to peacefully force government to be accountable and responsible too!
- ⓑ The purpose of voting is not to continually re-elect irresponsible incumbents. Better government will make your life better, and bad government will make it worse. It is just plain, common-sense. Don't be lazy and don't be fooled, and remember that most (if not all) irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for, incumbent politicians are standing in the way of badly-needed, common-sense reforms.
- ⓑ Government will **not** become more responsible until the voters do *too*. And, that is **not** likely to occur by rewarding irresponsible incumbent politicians by repeated re-electing them; letting them enjoy a cushy 90% (or higher) re-election rate; letting the two-party duopoly take turns being irresponsible, while the nation's pressing problems are allowed to grow in number and severity.

(1) TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY and SIMPLIFICATION

(2) ELECTION REFORM and a BETTER VOTING SYSTEM

(3) LAWS, ENFORCEMENT, and BALANCE of POWER

(4) END LEGAL PLUNDER

(5) PROTECT OR PHASE-OUT GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

(6) SIMPLIFY THE TAX SYSTEM

(7) BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

(8) END GRID-LOCK

(9) BASIC CORE PRINCIPLES, PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS

- ⓑ Bottom line: We are the government. The government is us. Therefore, vote responsibly

(1) **TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY and SIMPLIFICATION:**

These simple changes would solve a LOT of problems, the Federal government would not need nearly as much money, and many other improvements and efficiency would naturally follow:

- (a) **ETHICS COMMISSION:** Create an independent Ethics Commission to monitor, audit, and investigate unethical conduct, and report illegal activity so that violators will be held accountable.
- (b) **ONE PURPOSE PER BILL:** Start simplifying government by allowing **ONLY 21(purpose per bill** (i.e. only one or more items that are necessary for the one purpose of the one bill). This will cut out the pork-barrel and graft that sneak into huge bills, in which pork-barrel consisting of numerous unrelated items is hidden within thousands of pages that few (if anyone, much less voters) reads or scrutinizes. This will allow voters to easily see how politicians voted. This will increase transparency, which will lead to more accountability, and responsibility. Currently, it's nearly impossible to know why a politician voted for or against a bill. Perhaps, this lack-of-transparency is by design? It's certainly become a popular vehicle for hiding excessive pork-barrel, graft, bribes, and waste.
- (c) **GRADE PERFORMANCE:** Create and maintain a list of the most pressing problems facing the nation, and show, on a regular basis (e.g. once per month or quarterly), the problems that are being resolved, how they're being resolved, and show the problems that

have been resolved. Government must provide a way to grade it's performance, just like we all do (in school, college, and professions). Otherwise, there is no direction and chaos will prevail.

(d) PUBLICIZE VOTING RECORDS: Also, widely publicize voting records of politicians, on the internet and elsewhere, so that everyone can see the voting records of all Congress persons. Transparency and access to all information must be allowed (the only exception would be for national security). Similar to a surveillance system that discourages illegal behavior due to risk of being seen and held accountable, transparency will effectively discourage abuse and corruption, and make it easier to identify those accountable. The "Freedom of Information Act" has already made some information accessible, but not widely publicized.

(e) FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: Then, cut spending and waste, eliminate duplicate, overlapping, and unnecessary departments, agencies, commissions, committees, etc., reduce the waste, and start reducing the Federal government to only the few things that it is best suited to do. Do we really need all of these offices, departments, agencies, etc. ? Initially, the Federal government was only supposed to provide for a National Defense. Perhaps we should try to get back to the few original responsibilities? In 2005, the Executive Branch employed about 2 million people, and the Congress employed several hundred thousand people, and many of them get paid a lot of money to do what? The nation could be headed for a Fiscal/Financial meltdown due to a potential, simultaneous culmination of several of the following to create the perfect storm:

- £ spending in excess of \$2 trillion per year
- £ over \$11 trillion National Debt, 28% of each tax \$dollar required for interest on the National Debt
- £ \$43 trillion in nation-wide debt
- £ looming shortfalls in Social Security; the government, for decades, has been taking the surpluses from Social Security and replacing it with non-marketable I.O.U.s (that is, a dishonest ponzi-scheme);
- £ plundered pensions going bankrupt and looming bankruptcy of the Government Pension Benefit Guaranty Group (\$450 billion in the hole)
- £ looming shortfalls in Medicare/Medicaid
- £ the race to the bottom, globalization & outsourcing, falling incomes, declined manufacturing (will we remember how to make anything?)
- £ rising cost and declining quality of health care
- £ rising cost and declining quality of public education; public tax funds being used for private schools;
- £ a bad money system; our monetary system is a massive fraudulent ponzi-scheme; the government is printing and borrowing money to just pay the interest on the National Debt, which is like paying your VISA credit card with your VISA credit card; this ponzi-scheme creates the ever-present, and destabilizing inflation; since 1950, the amount of money printed has increased from \$150 billion to \$6.9 trillion in year 2000; we and many future generations will have to deal with this massive, dishonest fiscal irresponsibility, someday;
- £ corporate/investor fraud; cooking the books; stock fraud; failure of the SEC to regulate and prosecute violators
- £ rising cost of fuel and energy; energy vulnerability
- £ arising cost of the war on terror, war in Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. (\$money, lives, and disabilities)
- £ rising cost of illegal trespassers, burdening public schools, hospitals, health-care systems, crime prevention (unsecured borders; governments that will not enforce the laws and prosecute those that illegally employ illegal trespassers)
- £ waste, pork-barrel, big \$money in rotten elections and politics, limited access for 3rd parties on voting ballots, government growing & growing
- £ a ridiculous and increasingly stupid, costly, unfair, and abused tax system

(2) ELECTION REFORM and a BETTER VOTING SYSTEM:

n Remove the barriers to access to ballots:

Remove the barriers that are preventing and making it very difficult for other candidates (e.g. independent or 3rd party candidates) to get names onto voting ballots. Our current 2 party system (i.e. Democrats and Republicans) is failing us with its extremely lengthy, shallow campaigns which require an ever-escalating amount of money to win public office. And, often at best, the votes of only 25% of the eligible voters is required to win (i.e. since there is usually less than 50% voter participation). This is a serious problem, and such barriers are a violation of the constitution, and it is severely limiting our choices of candidates by only a few with access to wealth and power. NOTE: About 122 million people (of the 200 million eligible voters) voted in the 2004 presidential election.

n Reform the Election Process:

The ideological basis of our democratic republic is to provide for an orderly change of government allowing the people to choose those that will best represent them. That's the theory, but it is far different in reality. Some simple changes are needed to level the playing field for all candidates, and end unfair and dangerous influences by only a few people that abuse their vast wealth and power:

£ Government should **NOT** be FOR-SALE !

£ Limit political contributions from any entity (e.g. person, corporation, organization, etc.), per year, to 1% of the average American annual income. Regulation of political contributions is allowed by the Constitution. Unfortunately, the courts have decided that political contributions can not be banned entirely, but can be regulated. Therefore, contribution limits should not be so large that the wealthy and corporations carry more influence than the individual voter (as it is now, and is obviously unfair to the average voter).

£ Only allow contributions by American citizens. Prohibit contributions from corporations, PACs, Unions, and other organizations.

£ No candidate may spend their own money in excess of the average American annual income; otherwise, a very wealthy person could conceivably buy an election, and control the media, news, propaganda, etc.

£ All donations must be deposited into a single fund managed by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) that:

(a) disperses donations to the intended recipients.

(b) enforces donation laws and restrictions (e.g. enforce annual donation limits, enforce restrictions of donations only originating from American citizens or 100% owned corporations, and enforce other laws governing elections, etc.)

(c) disperses donations above the permitted limits (if any), **equally**, between all registered candidates; there is no need to disclose the identity or source of donations, since only American citizens and 100% American owned corporations or organizations can make political donations, and everyone is limited to the same annual maximum of 1% of the average American annual income;

NOTE: The FEC must disclose to all contributors that all amounts above the established 1% limit of the average American annual income is dispersed equally to all registered candidates.

£ Make it illegal for candidates to public office or government employees to solicit or accept money, gifts, favors, or future promises of any kind (above and beyond the allowed limit)

£ Also, make it illegal for any family member, group or organization to solicit or accept money or gifts, or spend funds on the behalf of a candidate for office or government employee.

£ Government should not be for sale. When money enters the election process, it is rotten. Peddling influence represents a flagrant conflict of interest, and must be eliminated. Conviction for violation of this law would also forfeit the employee's government pension (if any).

- £ Make it illegal for government office holders or employees to accept outside employment during their employment by the government.
 - £ Prohibit all government employees or office holders, for two years after leaving government employment, from accepting employment with any government contractor or sub-contractor, government consultant, lobbyist position, etc.
 - £ All candidates for office will be provided some free and equal media time during the election campaign (including print, radio, television, etc.). Remove the big money that allows only some to control the newspapers, radio stations and TV stations. Election statistics show that in over 90% of elections, the candidate that spends the most money wins !
 - £ Hold elections on a week-end and/or declare important election days a national holiday.
 - £ End voter-registration. Instead, all eligible voters should use a secure form of identification, such as [biometrics](#).
 - £ When each voter submits their vote(s), they will receive a computer-printed slip of paper with a randomly generated number that can be used to find a record of their vote in a publicly listed record of all votes (e.g. on the internet, telephone, news paper, etc.). This will preserve anonymity, reduce election fraud, and provide a public record of each election.
 - £ Make it illegal to start campaigning before a certain date prior to an election, so that all candidates have equal campaign time, so that campaigns will be less time consuming, and less costly to the tax payers.
 - £ Remove the straight-ticket voting lever (or button) in all voting machines. Voting machines should not be promoting party-only voting.
 - £ Remove and prohibit the party affiliation via names and symbols (e.g. Democrat, Independent, Republican, etc.) next to the names of all candidates.
- n **Prohibit Gerrymandering:**
- £ Prohibit Gerrymandering, in which electoral district or constituency boundaries are manipulated for an electoral advantage, and to disadvantage electoral opponents.
- n **Term-Limits:**
- £ Voters, if they wish, can impose immediate term-limits by merely not re-electing incumbent politicians. Voters could immediately eliminate the few truly bad career politicians that remain in office as long as they keep bringing home the pork. Unfortunately, too many voters are too easily bribed (ironically, with the voters' own money). So, a large part of the problem is the slumbering electorate. Currently, irresponsible incumbent politicians will *never* voluntarily pass such a law imposing term-limits, or any badly-needed, common-sense reforms that may reduce their power, opportunities for self-gain, or reduce the security of their cushy, coveted seats of power. Since irresponsible incumbent politicians will never voluntarily pass a law for term-limits (among many other badly-needed, common-sense, no-brainer reforms), they deserve to have term-limits imposed:
 - ↳ for the very same reasons that there are term-limits on the office of president;
 - ↳ because most (if not all) incumbents are currently irresponsible and unaccountable;
 - ↳ because too many irresponsible incumbent politicians have acquired concentrated power and wealth and are extremely difficult to oust, due to numerous unfair incumbent advantages that they have given to themselves;
 - ↳ because too many irresponsible incumbent politicians always outnumber incoming newcomers to congress, and will not allow newcomers to pass any badly-needed, common-sense reforms either;
 - ↳ because voters apathy, complacency, and despair is a fact of life; therefore voters need something to help eliminate irresponsible, incumbent career politicians (i.e. term-limits);

↳ Some people will say it causes the loss of good politicians (if there is such a thing), but the high re-election rate of incumbents also keeps good politicians from ever getting into Congress.

↳ because tenure corrupts (more about Term-Limits as TenureCorrupts.com)

However, we have a Catch-22. Since irresponsible incumbent politicians will never voluntarily pass many badly-needed, common-sense reforms, it is now up to the voters. Stop repeat offenders. Don't re-elect irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for incumbent politicians !

n **A Better Voting System:**

We need more choices. The two main-parties have effectively limited our choices to them alone, and they simply take turns being irresponsible and unaccountable. Perhaps we should also consider a change in the voting system. Perhaps something like the "[Approval Voting](#)" System. "Approval Voting" is a system in which voters can place vote(s) for multiple candidates. The single candidate receiving the most approval votes wins the election. This simple change could have a profound and positive impact on elections. Some nations are already using this system. This system provides several benefits:

£ provides more choices, which

£ increases voter turnout, and

£ can provide better representation for minorities, and

£ increases chances of the strongest candidate, and

£ eliminates the "[Spoiler Effect](#)" and "[Wasted Vote Syndrome](#)" , and

£ reduces negative campaigning, and

£ focuses more on issues than geographical areas

£ More about Approval Voting:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Approval_voting

<http://www.approvalvoting.org/>

<http://www.approvalvoting.org/books.html>

<http://bcn.boulder.co.us/government/approvalvote/center.html>

n **Abuse of Wealth to Control Government:**

Some of the changes (above) may require changes to the Constitution, but the Constitution is not written in stone, and government should not be for sale. Graft, bribery, influence peddling, and unfair influence by some that abuse vast wealth and power should not be legal. The purpose of the Constitution is to ensure that the government is *Of* the People, *By* the People, *For* the People. Power should not be vested in the scepter of a few with vast wealth; it should remain in the hands of the people. How is that possible, if a few with vast wealth and power have a louder voice than the people? Thus, campaign finance must be addressed. Offices of government should not be sold to the highest bidder. Only 5% of the wealthiest have 59.01% of all wealth. 10% of the wealthiest have 70.45% of all wealth. But 90% of average citizens (with only 29.55% of all wealth) can not compete with the other wealthier 10%. This gives rise to an elitist government, and this may be why many in government do not really want to address the following:

£ campaign finance reform

£ government FOR-SALE, influence peddling, lobbying by wealthy special interest groups & corporations, and the unfair influence of vast wealth

£ reform of the tax system, and the numerous tax loopholes and tax shelters that primarily benefit the wealthy

£ the National Debt; after all, who is collecting the interest ?

Being wealthy is not a crime, but using it to control government should be. Already, [83% of all federal election campaign donations](#) (of \$200 or more) come from a mere 0.3% (only 300,000 people) of all 200 million eligible U.S. voters. That's right. That is not a misprint. A mere 0.3% of all 200 million eligible U.S. voters made 83% of all federal campaign donations (of \$200 or more). What chance does the remaining 99.7% of the

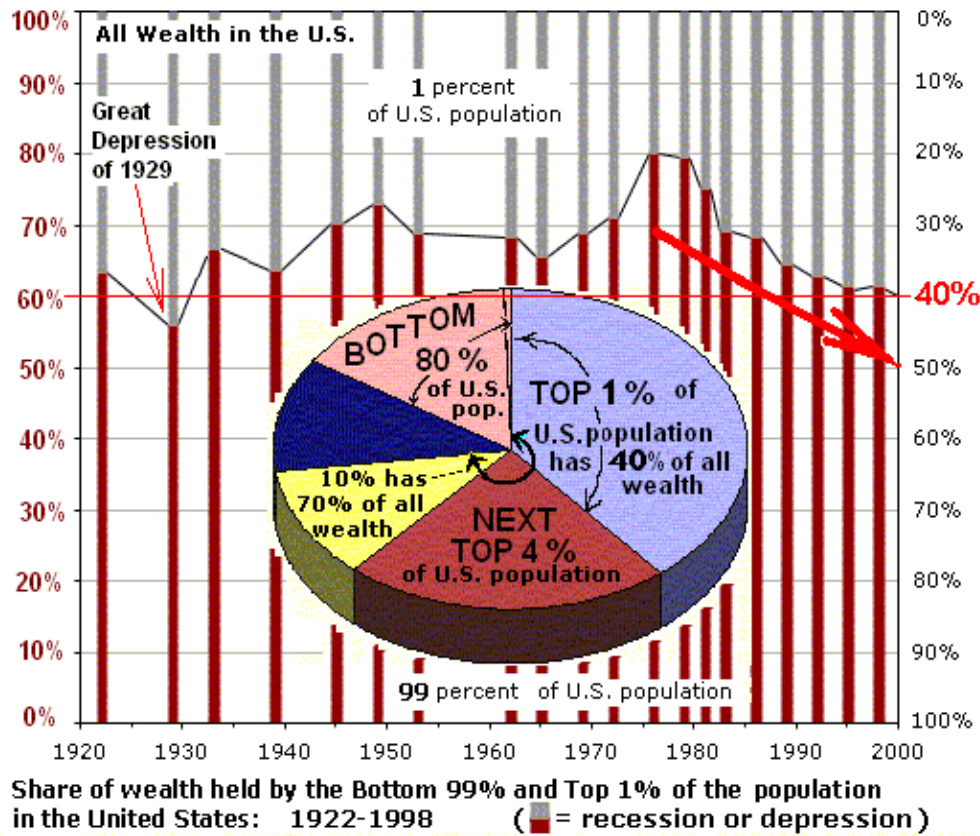
remaining eligible U.S. voters have against a few that abuse vast wealth to control government? One way is to STOP re-electing, rewarding, and empowering irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for, look-the-other-way incumbent politicians. It's that simple. Just do the one-simple, common-sense, non-partisan, responsible thing that voters were supposed to be doing all along, always:

x Stop repeat offenders !

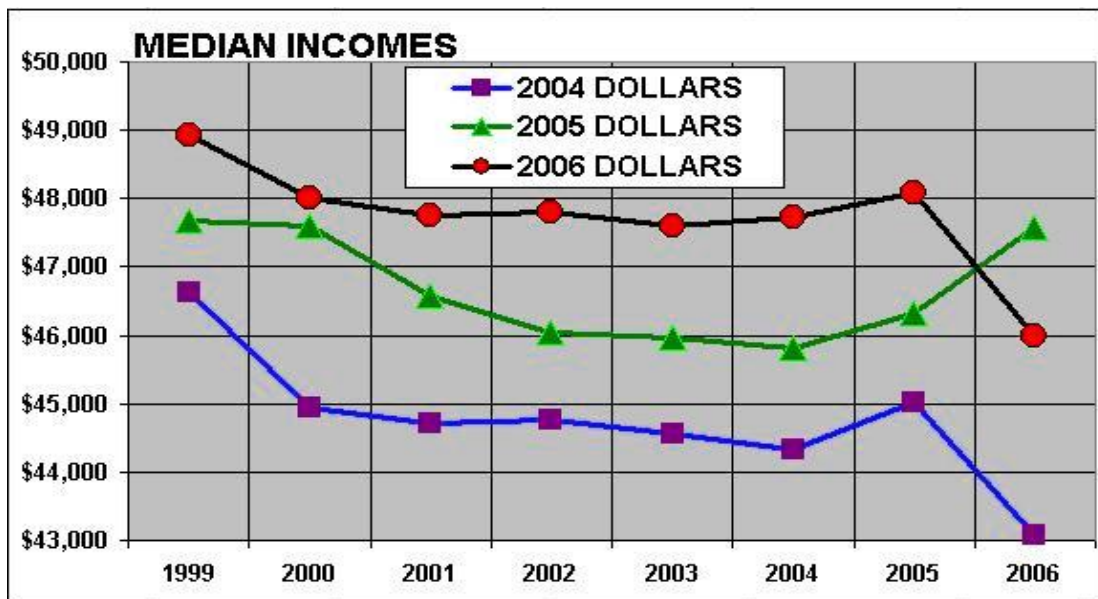
x Don't re-elect irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for, incumbent politicians !

Top	1%	\$10,203,700	37.83% of all wealth	} 59.01%	} 70.45%
Next	4%	\$1,441,200	21.18% of all wealth		
Next	5%	\$623,500	11.44% of all wealth		
Next	10%	\$344,900	12.54% of all wealth		
Next	20%	\$161,300	11.84% of all wealth		
Next	20%	\$61,000	4.36% of all wealth	} 29.55%	
Next	20%	\$11,000	0.81% of all wealth		
Last	20%	(debt) -\$8,900	0.00% of all wealth		

Wealth Distribution of Total Net Wealth in the U.S. (Year: 1998):



NOTE: Median wages have been falling since 1999, and the gap between the 1% of the U.S. population (with about 40% of all wealth, and growing) and the remaining 99% of the U.S. population has never been worse since the Great Depression of 1929.



There are two classes in the United States. One class derives concentrated power from its concentrated wealth. The other class has power only in numbers, and that power is largely ineffective due to their inability to mobilize through organization (such as merely organizing to not keep re-electing irresponsible, bought-and-paid-for incumbent politicians).

(3) LAWS, ENFORCEMENT, and BALANCE of POWER:

- 1 Uphold the Constitution! And if necessary, amend the Constitution. It is *not* written in stone. However, the majority should never be able to change or pass laws that violate the basic rights of any individual (or a minority). The government must uphold and operate within the limits of the U.S. Constitution. Unfortunately, it is not doing that. For example, the Congress and Supreme Court are violating [Article V](#) of the Constitution by ignoring [730 \(or more\)](#) by the legislatures of all 50 states to make amendments (far in excess of the 2/3 requirement).
- 1 Demand that Congress stop blocking our Constitutional right to an [Article V Convention](#).
- 1 Enforce the existing laws better, and stop creating new laws that are unnecessary, and duplicate numerous existing laws. What good are any of them if they aren't enforced or only selectively enforced?
- 1 Stop releasing sociopaths, pedophiles, rapists, murderers, and repeat offenders from prison to commit more crimes.
- 1 Stop the frivolous law suits, meaningless class action law suits, and fraudulent personal injury law suits that some dishonest lawyers use to profit \$millions from the misery of others.
- 1 Stop [Identity theft](#). Implement a [biometrics](#) IDentification system, which is reliable, extremely difficult to falsify (i.e. fake, forge, counterfeit), and most likely to identify the true identity of a person. The most reliable method would be a combination of two or three (or more) of the following: [iris-scan](#), retina-scan, finger-prints, toe-prints, height, voice-prints, hand-finger geometry, face-prints, DNA (when eventually sufficiently rapid and economical), and passwords (see links below for more about [biometrics](#)).
- 1 Stop allowing corporations to cook the books and defraud investors.

- 1 Remove the President's power to [pardon](#) convicted felons. No one should have the power to reverse the verdict of a jury. This [abuse](#) of power undermines the law and judicial systems, and is a direct insult to the judge and jury.
- 1 Reduce the vast structure of the severely bloated, irresponsible, and unaccountable **Executive Branch**, which has over 2 million employees that are neither seen nor heard as they throttle our freedoms and prosperity. The Executive Branch has grown drastically in the last 100 years. Also reduce the relatively smaller **Congress** by eliminating many of their hundreds of thousands of employees. Congress can not compare to the Executive Branch in number of employees, budget, and power. Despite all the fumbling and stumbling of the Congress, the Executive Branch has far more influence (i.e. with the Media, special-interest groups, etc.) and poses a far greater danger to freedom. One of the first steps toward totalitarianism, is the destruction of the parliamentary or legislative branches of government. We must send a clear message to government (all branches), vote them all out, and elect people who will take their oath of office to protect and enforce Constitution seriously, restore the balance of power, and immediately reduce the bloated Executive Branch and Congress.
- 1 Stop illegal immigration. Stop allowing [illegal aliens](#) to trespass our national borders.

The rights of foreigners, that illegally trespass our borders, do not trump the rights of a sovereign nation to secure their own border. The U.S. is not for the public use of the rest of the world no more than your home is for the public use by anyone that isn't invited.

Illegal aliens are [burdening](#) our education, healthcare, welfare, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, law enforcement, insurance systems, voting, and prison systems. Many drive all about without automobile insurance or drivers' licenses. They also bring disease and [crime](#) with them.

The primary purpose of government is to provide for the national defense. That is the purpose of the homeland security. But our irresponsible government neglects the illegal aliens [pouring](#) across the borders. Democrats want votes. Republicans want cheap labor for greedy employers of illegal aliens. So, voters get cheated, to the tune of \$70 billion per year in net losses.

The U.S. could easily secure the borders with resources we **already** have. We could simply position 153,000 border patrol persons (a mere 5.9% of the total of 2.6 million of our active military, guard, and reserves) along the borders where they could be more effective toward the goal of national security and defense.

The U.S./Canada border (about 4000 miles) and the U.S./Mexico border (about 2,000 miles) could both (about 6,000 miles combined) be secured with a [fence](#) and 3000 posts (fixed or mobile; each spaced about 2 miles apart; denser in some areas than others) with a maximum of 51 border patrol persons per post (17 persons per 8 hour shift per post). That is one patrol person about every 621 feet (i.e. about the length of two football fields), or 8 patrol persons per mile.

Also, the borders could have a fence and/or road that is patrolled with vehicles and monitored with cameras, thermal, night vision, seismic, and motion sensors. For more details and estimated costs, see: <http://WeNeedAFence.com> .

We can and should stop allowing [illegal trespassers](#) to cross our national borders.

A [biometrics](#) IDentification system, patrols, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles, remote cameras, radar, laser, sonar, thermal, seismic, and other sensors and technology could greatly enhance the ability to secure the borders also. And, the Coast Guard could patrol the coast lines. What good is a massive armed forces of 2.6 million (active military, Guard, and Reserves) if we don't even use a small percentage (less than 1%) of the troops to protect our nation's borders?

See? It is **not** as far fetched as some want you to believe it is, it would use resources we already have, it would not be that expensive, and it would make the nation safer.

If you think illegal aliens pose no threat to American citizens, then [please read the following](#). These are [crimes](#) that could have been prevented.

- I Stop these [10+ abuses](#) causing these deteriorating [17+ economic conditions](#) (some of the worse ever and/or since the 1930s and 1940s).
- I Also, ALL laws should be based upon and derived from two fundamental LAWS:
 - (a) A person has the right to do anything they wish as long as they do not violate the inalienable rights of another. Live and let Live.
 - (b) Force is never justified except for self defense and bringing criminals to justice (i.e. those who violate (a) above).

(4) END LEGAL PLUNDER:

Stop [pork-barrel](#) spending, and searching for ways to hide more pork-barrel in a BILL.

Stop [waste](#), and pandering.

Stop running up [huge debt](#) that younger Americans will have to [eventually](#) deal with.

Stop stealing from the [Social Security](#) funds, and stop stealing the surpluses.

Stop creating and growing costly entitlement programs.

Stop the massive debt, borrowing, spending, and [dishonest money-printing](#).

Stop [corporate welfare](#).

Stop giving away tax-dollars to nations, except for well justified reasons.

Stop over-complicating things unnecessarily in order to hide abuses and plunder.

Stop legal plunder, which perverts the law to legalize the very thing the law should oppose.

Stop perpetuating the ***"great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else"*** -- by [Frederic Bastiat 1848](#) .

Stop asking government to provide costly entitlements that should not be the function of government, and (as history shows) are not managed efficiently by government. It is dangerous to [grow dependent](#) on government.

(5) PROTECT OR PHASE-OUT GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS:

Either:

- (a) protect and make the funds for systems (e.g. [Social Security](#), Medicare) totally separate and protected so that the Federal government can **NEVER** plunder those funds for **ANY** reason. Also, modify the annual benefit payments amounts to be **I** times the poverty level (where **I** is always ≥ 1.0). Every individual, when eligible, receives the same benefits. The poverty level for 1 person will be determined by a government agency, will be recalculated annually, and may vary by state; [see details](#)

below.

- (b) or, phase-out all such systems (e.g. Social Security and Medicare, and all similar entitlement systems).

If government demonstrates that it can **not** be trusted to properly manage these systems (which appears to be the case), and if government continues to mismanage these systems, then they should all be phased out as quickly and painlessly as possible. The sooner, the better, because the problem is huge, and it's only going to get *much* worse.

In the beginning, Social Security was supposed to be a separate fund that could not be touched by the Federal Government. But, politicians soon (in 1939) discovered ways (only a few years after it began) to plunder those funds. Most of the surpluses that should now exist (for the 77 million baby boomers approaching retirement age) within the Social Security fund are now *gone* ! Thus, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are merely *pay-as-you-go* systems.

Unless protected from continual plunder, entitlement systems simply become another form of legal plunder and wealth redistribution (another perversion of the laws to do the very thing they were supposed to prevent), which disproves the myth perpetuated by pandering politicians: that we can all live at the expense of everyone else.

(6) SIMPLIFY THE TAX SYSTEM:

Something we can do now is to simplify the tax system. Basically, make it a flat 17% on all income above the poverty level (including inheritance income but excluding Social Security and Medicare), eliminate corporate taxes that are simply passed on to consumers as a hidden sales tax, and eliminate all tax loop-holes and tax deductions. The details are as follows:

A tax system based on a very simple **17% Flat Income Tax Percentage**, where:

- (6.01) only personal income is taxed; corporations pay **NO** income tax; such taxes are simply passed on to consumers;
- (6.02) it is the **ONE** and **ONLY** federal tax that may apply to each tax payer;
- (6.03) there is **NO** tax on income less than N times the established poverty level; there is tax **ONLY** on income that exceeds N times the established poverty level;
- (6.04) N is a multiplier determined by the government, that could be higher, but never less than **1.0** ; the poverty level for 1 person, married couple, family of 1,2,...,TOTAL dependents will be determined by a government agency, will be recalculated annually, and may vary by state;
- (6.05) starting 01-January of each year, no one starts paying any income tax until their annual income exceeds N times the established poverty level, and only on income above N times the established poverty level; the total income to date will be maintained by the government (since some people may have multiple sources of income); employers determine tax to be paid (if any) based on the total income to date; this greatly simplifies (if not eliminates) the annual income tax return;
- (6.06) all income is taxed at the same tax percentage, including: inheritance, gifts, payroll, wages, prizes, lotteries, gambling, etc.; i.e. all money that exchanges ownership;
- (6.07) there are **NO** tax loop-holes, tax deductions, or upper-level income caps (i.e. such as the current regressive caps for Social Security taxes);
- (6.08) there is **NO** tax on Social Security, Medicare, or welfare benefits, since those are benefits funded from taxes; taxes on funds derived from taxes makes no sense;

(6.09) the purpose of the tax system and the welfare system should not overlap; it causes unnecessary complication which could lead to abuses of both systems; charities, deductions, and subsidies merely serve to make the system ripe for abuse;

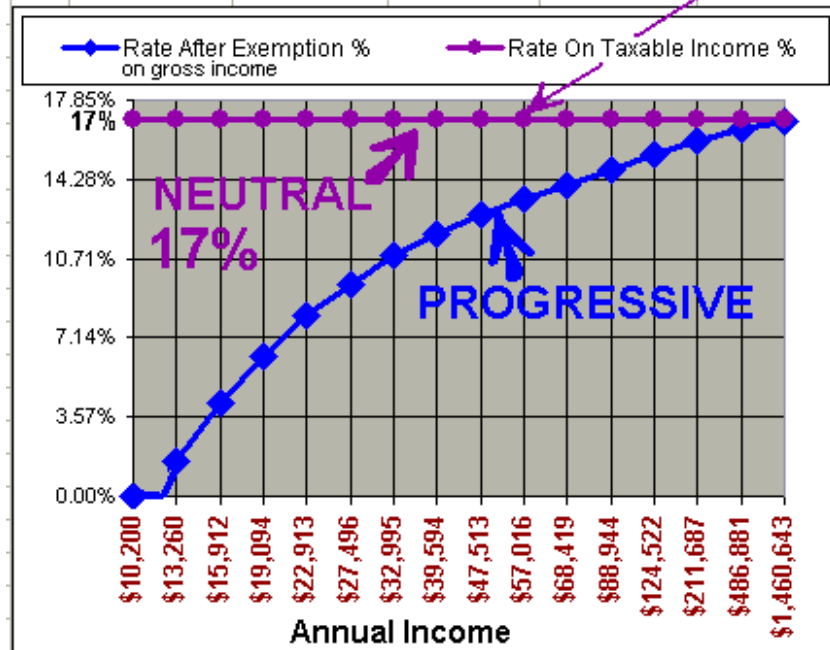
The benefits of a Flat Income Tax Percentage which make it more fair is the:

- .. elimination of the graduated tax scale that forces the wealthy to pay higher percentages based on income;
- .. and the elimination of the tax loop-holes and deductions, which makes the tax system very complicated, and allows everyone (but the lower income groups) to reduce or avoid paying taxes, and allows too much tax evasion; over-complication leads to abuse;
- .. there are no high sales tax imposed on exported products;
- .. still allows for accounting for Social Security and Medicare; if necessary, those percentages can still appear on pay-roll statements; for example: 8% for Social Security, and 1% for Medicare; and the remaining 8% for federal income tax; tax payers would still file a 1040 tax return annually, but it would be to merely resolve any over-payment or tax due, which should be minor, since totals are tracked by computer; tax payers would still (as now) receive a periodic Social Security and Medicare statement showing their contributions;
- .. everyone pays the *same* percentage (except the poor, who pay little or nothing); what could be more fair *and* require the least changes to the current tax system ?
- .. NOTE: The 17% flat tax rate was arrived at by dividing the total current federal tax revenues (about \$2 trillion in 2004) by the U.S. GDP (about \$11 trillion in 2004), and subtracting 1% (i.e. 18% - 1% = 17%). The federal government should be able to reduce spending by 5.6% which accounts for that 1% reduction for the 17% Flat Income Tax Percentage.

For example, for N factor of 1.0 and a poverty level of \$12K for a single person:

	1.N	=	1.00	single person
	\$12,000.00	=	Low Income Exemption Level	
	17.00%	=	Flat Income Tax Rate Percentage	

	Annual Income	TAXable Income	\$ TAX	Income Tax Rate After Exemption	Rate On Taxable Income
1	\$10,200	\$0	\$0	0.00%	17.00%
2	\$13,260	\$1,260	\$214	1.62%	17.00%
3	\$15,912	\$3,912	\$665	4.18%	17.00%
4	\$19,094	\$7,094	\$1,206	6.32%	17.00%
5	\$22,913	\$10,913	\$1,855	8.10%	17.00%
6	\$27,496	\$15,496	\$2,634	9.58%	17.00%
7	\$32,995	\$20,995	\$3,569	10.82%	17.00%
8	\$39,594	\$27,594	\$4,691	11.85%	17.00%
9	\$47,513	\$35,513	\$6,037	12.71%	17.00%
10	\$57,016	\$45,016	\$7,653	13.42%	17.00%
11	\$68,419	\$56,419	\$9,591	14.02%	17.00%
12	\$88,944	\$76,944	\$13,081	14.71%	17.00%
13	\$124,522	\$112,522	\$19,129	15.36%	17.00%
14	\$211,687	\$199,687	\$33,947	16.04%	17.00%
15	\$486,881	\$474,881	\$80,730	16.58%	17.00%
16	\$1,460,643	\$1,448,643	\$246,269	16.86%	17.00%



NOTE: A flat 17% only on income above the poverty level is progressive enough. 17% on \$100K is double the tax on \$50K.

That is a linear (neutral) tax scale (income versus tax) on income above *N* times the established poverty level, which is most fair, avoids the common argument that plague the graduated (progressive) tax systems as being unfair by taxing higher income at increasingly higher tax rate percentages, and does not punish the poor, due to the low-income-exemption-level exemption. Everyone pays the same 17% on all income above the low-income-exemption-level.

The Flat Income Tax Percentage system (above) would be better than what we have now, which is a severely abused, overly complicated, tax-everything (sometimes, more than once) system, full of gaping tax loop holes, tax shelters, exceptions that are unfair and give rise to a multi-billion dollar industry just to calculate taxes, mostly benefits the wealthiest, and is hardest on the poorest. For instance, consider the unfairness of taxing earned labor income at a higher income tax rate than capital gains? Why not tax all things at the same flat rate?

Also, any new tax system has the dilemma of the possible necessity to drag portions of the old tax system along too (i.e. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.).

Also, here's a very interesting point. One question about any tax system that is continually asked is:

Will everyone (excluding the poor) pay their fair (or equal) percentage of tax related to income ?

Interesting isn't it? What does that tell you? It seems many people still want the end result of any tax system to be that everyone pays their fair (or equal) percentage of income (excluding those below the poverty level, which would pay zero tax).

So, if we are continually tasked with proving that any tax system, in the end, must fairly tax income the same percentage (excluding the poor who pay zero tax), then why not simply retain the income tax, except make it a flat tax rate of 17%, eliminate all loop-holes, deductions, subsidies, which will also mean little or no changes for accounting for Income tax, Social Security tax, and Medicare tax.

Thus, all income is taxed the same 17% (i.e. all income above N times the poverty level), no more abused loop holes, deductions, subsidies, or other clever over-complications designed to evade paying taxes.

States, counties, and cities should adopt a flat income percentage tax too, since all sales taxes are regressive:

- .. implement a similar state Flat Income Tax Percentage system similar to the system described above.
- .. eliminate all other taxes (e.g. sales tax, property tax); sales taxes punishes the poor with out a low-income-exemption-level or rebate of some sort;

The problems with a national consumption sales tax system:

- .. All sales taxes are regressive (i.e. as income decreases, the income tax percentage increases; as income increases, the income tax percentages decreases). A Flat Income Tax Percentage would be far easier to monitor than a national sales tax because there are far fewer (in number) incomes than the billions of sales transactions in a consumption sales tax system. There must be some way to accurately track taxes due and taxes paid.
- .. A Flat Income Tax Percentage would be fairer than a consumption sales tax system, because no sales tax system can prove that the tax burden will be evenly distributed (relative to income), and the middle-income-group may quite likely end up bearing most of the tax burden. After all, while some say the wealthy spend more, it has not been proven that the wealthy spend enough to ensure that they bear a fair portion of the tax burden (relative to income). All flat sales taxes are regressive unless everyone spends all of their income, in which case a flat sales tax is neutral. No flat sales tax can ever be progressive.

- .. A Flat Income Tax Percentage would not require vast changes. One serious problem with a switch-over to a consumption sales tax system is that many people have savings and retirements that they have *already* paid income tax on, and they would now have to also pay a new consumption sales tax when they spend it, which means they will be taxed *twice*.
- .. A Flat Income Tax Percentage would not require a reduction in salaries and incomes, which is essentially what would have to occur in a consumption sales tax system, because the theory behind the consumption sales tax system is that everything would cost less. That is, the employers must cut employees wages, because no income taxes are being withheld, and the money has to come from somewhere. So, if your salary is \$50K a year today, but you take home \$40K after income taxes, there should be a savings of \$10K, and it must come from reducing your salary by \$10K to \$40K. Theoretically, your take-home pay is the same as before, since you now keep 100% of your income.
- .. [Compare 17% Income Tax System and the 30% Sales Tax \(e.g. the FairTax.org plan\)](#)
- .. [Compare 17% Income Tax System and the Progressive Income Tax](#)

What is the objective in the design of a tax system?

- 1 fairness; a tax system that is neutral (i.e. neither regressive or progressive);
 - NEUTRAL Tax: income tax is an equal percentage (e.g. 17%) of total income (all types of income);
 - REGRESSIVE Tax: as income decreases, the income tax percentage increases;
 - PROGRESSIVE Tax: as income increase, the income tax percentage increases;
- 1 has a sufficient probability of actually taxing income equally;
- 1 retains Social Security funding and accounting;
- 1 retains Medicare funding and accounting;
- 1 adequately integrates and/or replaces old systems with new systems;
- 1 defines the tax collection methods;
- 1 has a sufficient probability of compliance;
- 1 does not increase tax evasion;
- 1 does not increase black markets;
- 1 does not drive up the cost of all products and exports;
- 1 does not contain hidden taxes (e.g. corporate income taxes that are merely passed on to consumers as regressive hidden sales taxes);
- 1 does not tax the poor and truly needy;
- 1 does not tax any income groups proportionally more/less than another;
- 1 resolves the question of whether corporations should be taxed?
- 1 allows for a smooth transition;
- 1 does not double tax: for example, with a national consumption sales tax plan, money that has already been taxed would get taxed *again* when it is spent.

Suggested Changes to Social Security and Medicare:

- 1 Every individual, when eligible, receives the same benefits: I times times the poverty level;
- 1 I is a multiplier determined by the government, that is never less than 1.0 ;
- 1 the poverty level will be determined by a government agency, and is recalculated annually;

- 1 It does not matter if some pay more or less in a life-time; the purpose of Social Security and Medicare should not simply be to hold your money and then give it back later. The purpose is to provide the minimum required to survive on. Any civilized society should be willing to do that much. Otherwise, we are not civilized, and it is simply everyone for themselves, which could lead to anarchy, chaos, war, and survival of the strongest. Also, people that have nothing to lose, and no way to improve their lot in life, can become dangerous to society. No one is an island. The benefits of a lawful, peaceful society are not free. It is a small price to pay if it truly benefits society.
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(7) **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

Fiscal irresponsibility is one of the first signs of an irresponsible government. Introduce and pass a "BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT" bill. Make it the LAW. Also, place limits on borrowing, and the ONLY exception allowed for over-spending is for national emergencies, and those funds are limited ONLY for national emergencies. Stop over-spending. Stop pork-barrel spending. Prosecute those that violate this law.

And, the Federal government must begin (now) paying over \$1 billion per day to pay down the debt, which could take about 180+ years to pay off completely. The daily debt payment must slightly exceed the daily interest (currently now about \$1 billion dollars per day for interest ONLY); otherwise the \$11 Trillion dollar national debt will continue to grow larger forever. Many will argue that this is impossible, but it is not. The Federal government can obtain the \$365 billion needed annually by cutting pork-barrel spending and waste and unnecessary offices, departments, committees, services, agencies, etc.

Also, with a \$12 Trillion National Debt, and Social Security and Medicare being pay-as-you-go, where will the money come from?

The massive debt, borrowing, spending, and money-printing will eventually have consequences.

(8) **END GRID-LOCK:**

When Congress is in grid-lock (for more than 6 months), because bills can not reach the floor to be voted on (such as often results due to a filibuster by a minority), the issue should automatically go up for a referendum vote by the people.

This will remedy one of the most abused rules that currently creates grid-lock and dysfunction (e.g. filibuster). However, this type of referendum vote can never be allowed to violate the individual rights of any person. Thus, a referendum vote should not ever be used to modify or violate the Constitution. Only elected government or the state legislatures (via an Article V Convention) should be able to make amendments to the Constitutional. That is, majority-rule is mob-rule. No referendum voting can violate the Constitution.

This will help to prevent the majority from violating the rights of the minority, and help prevent the minority from creating grid-lock and dysfunction (i.e. help prevent either from violating the rights of the other). The only time such grid-lock (via filibuster) is beneficial is only when a minority is justifiably opposed to the majority (i.e. because the minority is right and the majority is wrong).

The disadvantage of such mechanisms and rules (e.g. filibuster), is that it is abused, and grid-lock (e.g. via filibuster) occurs too often, even when decisions being blocked are beneficial to the nation. Nobody likes the filibuster when it blocks legislation they favor, but

likes it when it blocks legislation they oppose. Thus, there is really no over-all usefulness of such abused mechanisms and rules.

(9) BASIC CORE PRINCIPLES, PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS:

Real solutions are unlikely, without first recognizing the root problems, addressing the root causes, and core principles that will help shape the final solution.

Part of the solution is: **Education**. All public schools should teach the following in civics/government classes:

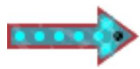
- the importance of **Education** itself. In a voting nation, **Education** is paramount, and voters will get their **Education** one way or another. Whether the voters get their **Education** the smart, responsible, and peaceful way, *or* the hard way, the voters have the government that they elected, and deserve.
- the importance of **Transparency**.
- the importance of **Accountability**.
- **Responsibility = Power + Conscience + Education + Transparency + Accountability**
- **Corruption = Power - Conscience - Education - Transparency - Accountability**
- psychology and the human tendencies that can breed corruption. Voters need to understand the need for all of the components in the equation above.
- the U.S. Constitution (which is currently being violated in several ways).
- history. Those that do not learn from history are probably doomed to repeat it.
- common abuses, such as these 10 abuses that have have resulted in these deteriorating economic conditions that have never been worse ever and/or since the 1930s and 1940s.
- people to recognize the tactics, and methods that some politicians use to over-complicate things, hide things, cloud the issues, obscure the facts, obfuscate, and legally plunder tax payers for self-gain.
- that **Power**, without sufficient amounts of **Conscience**, **Education**, **Transparency**, and **Accountability** leads to **Corruption**.
- that **Education** can help compensate for insufficient **Conscience/Virtue**, if people understand the consequences of the abuse of **Power**.
- that voters they must learn to keep a close watch on government, and demand Transparency wherever possible. To ignore government invites abuse and corruption. Government should devise all systems with maximum **Transparency**, with controls in place to identify illegal activity, and hold violators **Accountable** (i.e. no presidential pardons that put politicians above the law). Also, government employees accused of defrauding tax payers should lose part (or all) of their government pen\$ions.
- The Voters *can* bring about this simple change, at no cost, peacefully, if they ignore the many clever distractions. The government must **Education** the voters to recognize and reject all of the many things (e.g. parties, party affiliations, petty partisan politics and bickering, religion, race, gender, wealth, age, nationality, language, level of education, etc.) that are cleverly used and abused to distract us, and divide the voters so that a majority can never exist to hold irresponsible incumbent politicians accountable.
- There are always some people that want to control and use others. Voters must

learn to recognize and reject the clever, circular distractions, and reject the greatest myth that is perpetuated by some pandering politicians . . . that taps into voters own selfishness, that we can all live at the expense of everyone else. Before long, everyone is riding in the wagon, while no one is left to push the wagon. Voters must realize they are often being bribed with their very own tax-dollars.

- Voters must understand that they, the Voters, are *ULTIMATELY* accountable, and **ONLY** the Voters can make this change possible, because it is unlikely government will ever reform itself voluntarily. Voters are culpable *too*, and there will be painful consequences for their own excessive apathy, complacency, blind partisanship, wallowing in the circular and distracting partisan warfare, misplaced loyalties, greed, selfishness, delusion, irrational fear, laziness, and ignorance.
- Voters must understand that government will not become more transparent, accountable, and responsible by repeatedly rewarding too many irresponsible incumbent politicians with 85%-to-90% re-election rates. Government will not become responsible until the voters do too.
- Voters must understand that an uninformed vote is possibly worse than no vote at all.
- Voters should try to energize and educate each other, share opinions and ideas, and debate government policies that affect all voters.
- Voters must understand common-sense voting guidelines and strategies.

Bottom line: We are the government. The government is us. Therefore, vote responsibly !

[More solutions . . .](#)



BENEFITS / REASONS:

Don't Re-elect Irresponsible Incumbent Politicians.

That one simple idea offers many benefits. Sure, you can nit-pick the idea, and maybe find some questions and arguments. Please do, and please tell us what they are. But, remember, that every journey starts with the first few steps. Please don't overlook the many benefits, which most likely, outweigh the negatives (if any). These are the many **benefits and reasons** it *could* work:

(01) SIMPLICITY: An important reason and benefit to never re-elect irresponsible incumbents is because it is **simple**. But, not only is it simple, it is simply the right thing to do. Don't Re-elect Irresponsible Incumbent Politicians. It is the most common-sense, ethical, peaceful, non-partisan, inexpensive, justifiable, and responsible thing that voters were supposed to be doing all along to peacefully force government to be transparent, accountable, and responsible too. Some will try to say it's a bad idea because it is simple. Nonsense. Since when was the most simple solution a bad thing. Most incumbents are fiscally and morally irresponsible and unaccountable, as evidenced by the current condition of the nation. While our troops risk life and limb, go without armor, adequate medical care, and promised benefits, many (if not all) Congress persons give themselves raises (10 times between 1997 and 2009), vote on pork-barrel, subsidies for the wealthy, corporate welfare, waste, and other manifestations of unchecked greed. So why repeatedly reward those incumbent politicians with perpetual re-election? That's the price the incumbent politicians should pay for looking the other way, failing to police their own ranks, ignoring the nation's most pressing problems, and these 10+ abuses which are causing some of the worst economic conditions ever and/or since the 1930s and 1940s.

It's that simple.
No complex theories.
No vast conspiracies.
No grand schemes.
Nothing more, than voting responsibly to peacefully force government to be responsible too.
As long as voters can vote and obtain an accurate vote count, the voters have the government that the voters elect (and deserve).

(02) PEACEFUL FORCE: This idea provides the necessary **FORCE** required to give politicians sufficient incentive to do the right thing. Nothing else provides the peaceful **FORCE** that is required. Government will not do it themselves, and nothing else seems to be working.

(03) PEER PRESSURE: An important reason and benefit to *never* re-elect irresponsible incumbents is because it gives the politicians an incentive to police their own ranks, and pressure their fellow politicians to be more responsible. **Don't Re-elect Irresponsible Incumbent Politicians.** Congress and the Executive Branch of government should be treated as one entity/team. This is an effective tactic used by the military; often, the entire squad or platoon is punished for one person's transgression, which creates internal peer pressure from the group on the transgressor to improve. The benefit will be increased accountability and efficiency, and politicians with an incentive to police their own ranks.

(04) CANDIDATE CHOICES and FAIR ACCESS TO GET ON VOTING BALLOTS: The choice of candidates is **not** the fundamental problem anymore, because main-party partisan-bigots have limited your choices. And, it doesn't seem to matter anymore **WHO** you vote for, because the system is dysfunctional, and good or well-meaning politicians, after being elected, are powerless to create responsible and accountable government. There are not sufficient incentives to force elected officials to be transparent, accountable, and responsible. Especially since some pandering politicians are almost immediately stricken with "jelly-brain" disease shortly after being elected to office, and forget many (or all) of their campaign promises (i.e. "read my lips"). The fundamental problem is the greed and corruption that takes over once some politicians are elected into office, which makes politicians and government dysfunctional. Also, voters should always **still** attempt to find new **honest** candidates to place on **ALL** ballots for **ALL** elections. But, the barriers to third parties trying to get onto voting ballots must be torn down. This is a serious problem, and it's a serious violation of the Constitution.

(05) BALANCE OF POWER: Politicians don't have any power except for the power voters grant them.
We must stop empowering them to continue the abuse and corruption. This one simple idea provides the force required to peacefully balance the power (not merely shift it, or strip government of power to accomplish anything) between government and the people. It merely encourages the people to do the thing they should have been doing all along: use their vote wisely and responsibly to make government be responsible too.

(06) REDUCE CORRUPTION: It would reduce or eliminate Pork-Barrel spending, pandering, false promises to buy votes, waste, and it would reduce or eliminate graft and special-interest groups and lobbyists from gaining influence, favors, and power via bribery and illegal unethical campaign contributions. It will reduce greed and corruption (which is rooted in laziness), and it will reduce all of the negative things it breeds. Thus, it will increase productivity. Perhaps, even, taxes could be lowered? This plan will make elections much less expensive. There will be less reasons to send a lot of money to a party or candidate. It will help get the money out of politics. When money gets into politics and elections, they are **rotten** thereafter. Thus, elections can be won by candidates that are not wealthy, which would bring a much needed viewpoint to the government.

- (07) VOTER IMPOSED TERM-LIMITS:** It creates instant term-limits that irresponsible incumbent politicians will never allow. It would immediately eliminate the few truly bad career politicians that remain in office as long as they keep bringing home the pork. Irresponsible incumbent politicians will never voluntarily pass a law for term-limits, or any law that might even remotely reduce their power, opportunities for self-gain, and the security of their cu\$hy, coveted seats of power. Therefore, they deserve to have term-limits imposed for the very same reasons that there are term-limits on the office of president, and because most (if not all) incumbents are currently irresponsible and unaccountable. Perhaps that can be modified in the future, but not until there exists a better way to put an end to career politicians that are difficult to oust because of numerous unfair incumbent advantages. But, the obvious problem with this and many badly-needed, common-sense reforms is that irresponsible incumbent politicians will never pass them, so it is now up to the voters.
- (08) FRUSTRATED VOTERS:** The people are frustrated. Some main party voters are frustrated also, and they're searching for answers, because they can see what we're doing now is not working. Most voters are hard working Americans that are paying the majority of taxes, and they are **not** receiving money or benefits from the government. Perhaps, this ONE idea may be the one thing that is simple enough to resonate with voters. If a party (or all third parties combined) championed this ONE simple idea, they may possibly acquire more support than ever before. This idea is probably the one thing that some politicians hope the people will never discover. So spread the message.
- (09) A BETTER VOTING SYSTEM:** We need more choices. The two main parties have effectively limited our choices to them alone, and they simply take turns gettin' theirs, votin' on pork-barrel, graft, and being irresponsible and unaccountable. Perhaps a change in the voting system should be considered too. Perhaps, something similar to the Approval Voting System. It may provide a better voting system, and it would also allow for more voting choices (candidates). The Approval Voting System is a more democratic voting system, that not only provides more choices (i.e. candidates), but also increases voter turn-out, provides minorities better representation, increases chances of the strongest candidate, eliminates the "Spoiler Effect" and the "Wasted Vote Syndrome", reduces negative campaigning, and focuses more on issues than geographical areas. Some nations are already using this type of voting system. <http://www.approvalvoting.org/benefits.html>
- (10) FREEDOM and ABUNDANCE:** Many other subsequent improvements will naturally follow, and the country would flourish and prosper knowing it has a plan, and is on a better path. Perhaps, taxes could be lower, while still providing for the truly needy, a strong national defense, better law enforcement and protection, and equal opportunity for all citizens.
- (11) IS WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW WORKING ?:** Some say the definition of insanity is repeatedly doing the same thing, and expecting a different result. Is what we're doing working? Isn't it about time for the people to also be responsible and do one simple thing that may peacefully bring about a more transparent, accountable, and responsible government? If government continues to be irresponsible, what was lost? Even if it doesn't work, if nothing changes, then no harm has been done? With record level deficits, pork-barrel spending, mismanagement of Social Security, Congress voting themselves raises during it, does anyone need more proof that the system needs a jolt to somehow bring about a balance of power (not simply shift it) between government and the people? Nothing else seems to be working.
- (12) REDUCES THE INFLUENCE OF BIG MONEY IN ELECTIONS:** Voting for lesser known non-incumbent candidates makes it difficult to predict winners, and helps to reduce the influence of big money in campaigns (i.e. from those that really hold the reins of power, that attempt to buy and own seats in government; government should not be for sale).

(13) **UNTIL** when ? **WHEN DOES IT END ?** Only, when things get better ([see answer above](#)). And if government, ever again, forgets who they serve, implement this one-simple-idea: **Don't Re-elect Irresponsible Incumbent Politicians !**

Now please **SPREAD** this one simple idea to: voters, internet, web-sites, political parties, news papers, blogs, friends, family, politicians, Senators, Representatives, etc.

Feel free to copy this message & share it with everyone.

Also, [research](#) your congress persons, and then share your research to help education other voters.

Also see: [PROs and CONs](#) (why to stop re-electing irresponsible incumbent politicians).

CONCLUSION:

Most people, naturally, seek security and prosperity with the least amount of effort and pain, but some (cheaters) often resort to dishonest, unethical, or illegal methods. Without sufficient education, transparency, and accountability, then corruption grows, and power can amplify the problem. A lack of education creates an environment ripe for corruption. A lack of transparency creates opportunities for self gain. A lack of accountability means there are no consequences. A lack of all three breeds corruption, greed, fiscal and moral bankruptcy.

Only **Conscience**, **Education**, **Transparency**, **Accountability**, and **Power** can yield **Responsibility**, and reduce **Corruption**:

Conscience = the source of moral and ethical judgment; a sense of right and wrong. A good **Conscience** is not merely knowing what is right or wrong, but doing what is right, and provides the motivation to seek **Education**, **Transparency**, **Accountability**, and **Power** required for any successful society, government, or organization;

Education = an understanding of the importance of **Conscience**, **Education**, **Transparency**, **Accountability**, **Power**, **Responsibility**, **Corruption**, and the fundamental human desire to seek security and prosperity with the least effort and pain, and that some will resort to dishonest, unethical, or illegal methods to obtain it

Transparency = visibility and simplification of cleverly over-complicated processes to reveal and identify abusers, reduce opportunities for abuse, create outrage of abuse, discourage abuse, and discourage dishonesty

Accountability = consequences needed to encourage law enforcement, discourage abuse, and discourage dishonesty

Power = force required to enforce the laws, ensure consequences, discontinue abuse, punish abusers, discourage abuse, and discourage dishonesty

Power + **Conscience** + **Education** + **Transparency** +
Responsibility = **Accountability**

Power - Conscience - Education - Transparency -
Corruption = Accountability

THE PROBLEM:

The government is irresponsible and unaccountable, and too many voters allow it. Government needs **Power** to enforce the laws, *but* the dangerous risk of any government is **Power** without **Responsibility**, which yields **Corruption**, dishonesty, irresponsibility, and unaccountability.

THE SOLUTION:

Voters need **Education** to understand the *fundamental elements* above, recognize the clever manipulations and controlling mechanisms of abusers, and remember that **no** reforms will ever be possible *until* voters do the one simple, common-sense, no-brainer, non-partisan, inexpensive, peaceful and responsible thing that voters were supposed to be doing *all along*:

The simple recommendation is to simply stop re-electing **Irresponsible Incumbent Politicians**.

Simply stop rewarding and empowering irresponsible politicians by repeatedly re-electing them.

Vote for challengers, but don't re-elect them *either* if they are irresponsible too.

Eventually, politicians will get the message and finally agree to pass some of the many badly-needed, common-sense, responsible **reforms** that incumbents have refused to pass for so many decades. The irresponsibility of the federal government is **threatening the future** and security of the nation. The United States is facing many pressing problems, but these problems can never be resolved and no reforms can ever be passed without *first* peacefully forcing government to be **Transparent, Accountable, and Responsible too!**

Peacefully force government to be **Transparent**, which yields **Accountability**.

Many important **issues** exist, but a core change must take place *first*.

First, voters must identify and understand the fundamental factors above, the root **PROBLEM**, and agree upon the first step toward the **SOLUTION**. Government rarely (if ever) reforms itself sufficiently.

Laziness, breeds greed & corruption. Government is irresponsible, arrogant, wants to meddle, control, and over-complicate everything, but be accountable for nothing. Government is guilty of tremendous waste, pork-barrel spending, bribery, unfair taxation, legal plunder, etc. (the list is too long to show here), because of a lack of transparency and accountability. No reforms are possible until voters stop empowering irresponsible incumbents to do it.

See the many **BENEFITS** (see [list](#) above), and then **SPREAD** the word to everyone.

Share this **One-Simple-Idea** with voters, politicians, internet web-sites, political parties, news papers, blogs, friends, family, Senators, Representatives, etc. Feel free to copy this message & **share** it with everyone.

Also, **research** your congress persons, and then share your research to help education other voters.

After the **PROBLEM** is identified, and the **SOLUTION** is implemented, and many badly-needed reforms are passed, many other subsequent improvements will naturally follow.

Voters should always also attempt to find new candidates to place on ALL ballots for ALL elections.

WHEN DOES IT END? ([see answer above](#)).

The Voters must realize that they are ultimately responsible. If one or more political parties would champion this one simple idea, they may get more support than ever before. Perhaps, only something as simple as this one simple idea will resonate with voters ?



PRESSING PROBLEMS FACING the United States:



[Some of the *Most* Pressing Problems Facing the Nation](#)

Is the sky falling yet ?

No. The fact is, what we do now takes many years before its impact is seen in the economy. That also means what we've been doing for decades past will eventually have consequences. It may take decades, but there will eventually be consequences for several decades of irresponsibility.

Many economic forecasts predict a positive future for the near term. But an increasing number of economists are **not** forecasting such a rosy outlook in the near future (beyond 2010), because of these many [pressing problems](#) facing the Nation, and if we continue along the road of fiscal irresponsibility. Time may be running out (if it's not too late already; nobody knows).

Doomsday is not here yet, but, we are headed for something. Perhaps too many Americans think they're immune to all these problems. Just one or two problems (e.g. Energy Shortages, National Debt, failure of Social Security & Medicare, a terrorist attack, or war, etc.) have the potential to trigger the beginning of some very seriously troubled times.

So, what's next? Hard to say, but one thing is certain. If we continue to ignore these [pressing problems](#) , it will guarantee disaster.

Peak-oil usage and energy shortages were predicted a long time ago. And, now, as China, India, and other populous countries begin to also use more oil, shortages are inevitable.

And, the [National Debt](#) now, could take centuries to pay off, and more and more of that debt is to foreign nations, which could lead to some control of our government by foreign investors. Especially, when government is essentially *For-Sale* already.

Any one of our many serious problems could be the catalyst that triggers an economic melt-down. Run-away government spending and borrowing is equally disturbing. And while only one of these [pressing problems](#) may never do a great deal of harm, the culmination of all these problems, all occurring simultaneously, have the potential to unravel society as we now know it.

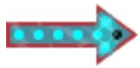
Merely consider the effect that 9/11/2001 had on the nation, economy, commerce, and morale of the nation.

Now, add the following occurring all about the same time: high unemployment & falling incomes (like after 9/11/2001), failure of Social Security & Medicare, plundered and bankrupt pensions, unaffordable & unreliable [health care](#), 30% of each tax dollar going to interest only on the [National Debt](#), worsening election fraud, and increasingly restricted access to voting ballots for independent and 3rd part candidates by main party bigots, ever increasing taxes and increasingly abused tax system, increasingly worse corporate investor fraud & stock fraud, declining public education, crumbling infrastructure (i.e. failing mass transit railways, airlines, etc.), globalization

& the race to the bottom, unsecured borders, increasing alienation of foreign allies, terrorism, war, increasing poverty, energy shortages, black-outs potentially followed by riots, looting, civil unrest, or worse.

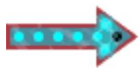
And, to make matters worse is [world over-population](#). It exacerbates everything. The world-population is currently (2007) growing exponentially at a rate of 249,000 persons per day! The world population increased by 1.0 billion in only 12 years (between 1987 and 1999). The population could grow to 13 billion in only 33 years (by 2039). Currently, at the current population of 6.68 billion people, there is 5.46 acres per person. By 2039, if the population grows to 13 billion, there will only be 2.81 acres per person. And, if that weren't enough, consider that only 21% of the land is [arable](#) (capable of being farmed). We get our food from the land and oceans. The oceans are already being severely over-fished. The planet has limits. How many people can it support?

It may be more than we can handle ? We've been through a lot. The Revolution, Civil War, and the Great Depression. What will our lives be like after the next [perfect storm](#) ?



[SOLUTIONS](#) for PRESSING PROBLEMS FACING the United States:

Please [send me your ideas](#) for solutions, or [post a comment](#). Thank you !



OTHER LINKS:

More about TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY:

- (01) <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/transgov/>
- (02) <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/transgov/begin.htm>
- (03) <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/transgov/sun.htm>
- (04) <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/transgov/records.htm>
- (05) http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/gproc_e/gptran_e.htm
- (06) <http://www.cdt.org/egov/handbook/transparency.shtml>
- (07) <http://www.newsfollowup.com/>
- (08) <http://www.ssrc.org/programs/itic/publications/civsocandgovdieterzinnbauer2.pdf>
- (09) <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0800/ijde/ijde0800.htm>
- (10) <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0800/ijde/vaughn.htm>
- (11) <http://www.buzzflash.com/contributors/04/12/con04534.html>
- (12) <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2004/angola0104/8.htm>

More? Search for "Transparency"

The United States Constitution:

- (01) <http://www.house.gov/Constitution/Constitution.html>
- (02) <http://www.house.gov/Constitution/Amend.html> (Amendments)
- (03) <http://FOAVC.ORG> (Congress is violating [Article V](#) of the Constitution, despite [730](#) requests by all 50 state legislatures to make amendments)

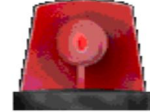
The United States Government:

- (01) <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G05/House.phtml>
- (02) http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm (Senators)
- (03) <http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.shtml> (Representatives)
- (04) <http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/Federal/Executive.shtml> (Executive Branch)

NATIONAL/PUBLIC DEBT:

Think the **NATIONAL DEBT** is out-of-control ?

Interest alone is about 1/4 of every dollar of tax revenue (about \$1 billion per day).



The **NATIONAL DEBT** is over \$11 trillion (and growing *fast*).

Do politicians even know how many digits are in a trillion ?

- (01) <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/opd/opdpenny.htm>
- (02) <http://www.uwsa.com/uwsa-usdebt.html>
- (03) <http://www.toptips.com/debtclock.html>
- (04) <http://zfacts.com/p/461.html>
- (05) http://brillig.com/debt_clock/
- (06) <http://freedompage.home.mindspring.com/clock.html>
- (07) http://www.worldnewsstand.net/history/your_debt.htm
- (08) <http://www.chaoscrossamerica.com/Info/Misc/NationalDebt.htm>
- (09) http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/faq.html
- (10) <http://One-Simple-Idea.com/NationalDebtPayOff20060101.gif>
- (11) <http://One-Simple-Idea.com/NationalDebtAndGDPAdjustedForInflation2005and1950Dollars.gif>
- (12) <http://One-Simple-Idea.com/NationalDebt2005and1950Dollars.gif>

More? Search for "National Debt"

Think government spending is out-of-control ?

PORK-BARREL SPENDING:

- (01) <http://www.cagw.org/site/PageServer>
- (02) http://www.cagw.org/site/PageServer?pagename=reports_porkbarrelreport
- (03) <http://www.aredy.net/mscott/porkabs.html>
- (04) <http://www.cnn.com/ALLPOLITICS/1997/gen/resources/pork/>
- (05) <http://www.aredy.net/mscott/pork.html>
- (06) <http://www.self-gov.org/good/a0248.html>
- (07) <http://www.hillnews.com/news/040903/pork.aspx>
- (08) http://www.cse.org/informed/issues_template.php?issue_id=990
- (09) <http://www.akdart.com/warpage8.html>
- (10) <http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=14345>
- (11) http://www.yourcongress.com/ViewArticle.asp?article_id=168
- (12) <http://www.progress.org/tcs62.htm>
- (13) <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Budget/wm608.cfm>
- (14) <http://www.akdart.com/pork.html>
- (15) <http://www.akdart.com/grichar.html>
- (16) <http://www.akdart.com/abu7.html>
- (17) <http://www.akdart.com/waste.html>
- (18) <http://www.akdart.com/gov1.html>

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What happens when government lacks Transparency and Accountability ?

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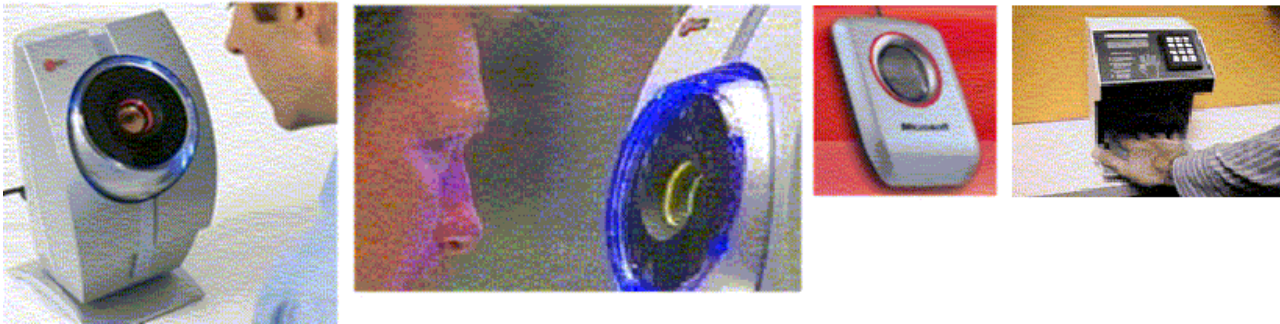
- (01) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_corruption#Conditions_favorable_for_corruption
- (02) <http://www.globalcorruptionreport.org/download.htm>

- (03) http://www.questia.com/popularSearches/political_corruption.jsp
 (04) <http://www.uiowa.edu/~c030111/papers/polcorruption.pdf>
 (05) <http://www.ourcrowdedplanet.org/politicalcowardice.htm>
 (06) <http://www.laststory.com/Political%20Corruption.htm>
 (07) http://www.yourcongress.com/ViewArticle.asp?article_id=2026
 (08) http://www.yourcongress.com/viewarticle.asp?article_ID=2027
 (09) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_scandals_of_the_United_States
 (10) <http://www.transparency.org/cpi/2004/cpi2004.en.html#cpi2004>
 (11) http://bastiat.org/en/the_law.html
 (12) <http://bastiat.org/>
 (13) <http://One-Simple-Idea.com/TheCheatersDialectic.htm> (power corrupts)

More? Search for "Political Corruption"

Concerned about IDentity theft ? Think it is getting out of control ?

BIOMETRICs:



- (01) <http://www.iriscan.com/> (iris-print-scanner)
 (02) <http://www.eyenetwatch.com/biosecurity/uareu-fingerprint-reader-prowork.html/> (finger-print-scanner)
 (03) <http://www.biometriccatalog.org/>
 (04) <http://www.21stcenturylocks.com/benefits.htm>
 (05) <http://tibs.org/biometrics/>
 (06) <http://www.m2sys.com/>
 (07) <http://www.biometrics.org/>
 (08) http://www.21stcenturylocks.com/Iris_Recognition.pdf
 (09) http://www.biometricgroup.com/reports/public/reports_and_research.html
 (10) <http://www.aliconferences.com/conferences/biometricssummit/1004.html>
 (11) <http://www.gao.gov/archive/1995/os95020.pdf>
 (12) http://www.morpho.com/products/products_afis_civilafis.htm
 (13) <http://www.biometrics.dod.mil/>

Good uses for **Biometric IDentification:**

- x drivers licenses
- x pass ports, visas
- x voting
- x banks, credit cards, checking, check writing, ATMs
- x office buildings, work areas
- x time-in/time-out (e.g. similar to time cards)
- x access to homes, apartments
- x access to public airlines, mass transit systems
- x access to public buildings, courts, hospitals, etc.
- x access to public and private buildings
- x access to public and private schools, universities
- x access to laboratories
- x access to storage / supply / inventory rooms
- x access to safes

- x access to medical information
- x access to personal information / property
- x access to secret, classified, proprietary information
- x access to computer systems
- x access to weapons and weapon systems
- x access to vehicles, machines, instruments
- x access to any area where restricted access is required
- x pilot licenses, law-enforcement licenses, medical licenses, etc.
- x tracking non-citizens with expired visas
- x tracking criminals
- x tracking repeat offenders trespassing national borders illegally

VOTER EDUCATION / OTHER:

- (01) Press the Reset Button on Congress - OutWithIncumbents.org
- (02) TenureCorrupts.com ; [Nelson Walker Explains Why We Should Stop Electing Incumbents...](http://NelsonWalkerExplainsWhyWeShouldStopElectingIncumbents...)
- (03) <http://www.CommonCause.org/site/pp.asp?c=dLKNK1MQlwG&b=186966> (Common Cause)
- (04) <http://FactCheck.org/> (Fact Check)
- (05) [Good Bye Incumbents](http://GoodByeIncumbents)
- (06) <http://www.OnTheIssues.org> (On The Issues)
- (07) <http://Anti-Incumbents.com> (Anti-Incumbents.com)
- (08) <http://www.givecongressback.com/index.htm> (Give Congress Back)
- (09) <http://kickthemallout.com/> (Kick Them All Out)
- (10) <http://pirg.org/democracy/democracy.asp?id2=18208&id3=democracy&> (Public Interest Research Groups)
- (11) <http://www.pogo.org> (Project On Government Oversight)
- (12) <http://www.RunTheNovel.com> ("Run" the novel - by G. R. www.runthenovel.com)
- (13) <http://www.Vote-Smart.org/index.htm> (Vote-Smart)
- (14) <http://www.WhyTuesday.org/home.html> (Why Tuesday)
- (15) FOAVC.ORG - [Article V Convention](http://FOAVC.ORG) (the right of states to propose and ratify amendments is being violated)
- (16) [Constitutional Violations](http://ConstitutionalViolations)
- (17) [What All Voters Should Do-1](http://WhatAllVotersShouldDo-1)
- (18) [What All Voters Should Do-2](http://WhatAllVotersShouldDo-2)
- (19) [Voting Guidelines - Pros and Cons](http://VotingGuidelines)
- (20) [Solutions . . .](http://Solutions)



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