

Part 3

An American Agenda

for 2008 and Beyond

A “Purely” American Citizen Based Agenda

*“No apologies are owed or will be offered to any person,
any group, or any nation”*

Introduction

Simply stated, what is required at this juncture in our nation’s history is a National Agenda that is devoid of biased party politics freed from self-serving special interest influences. And that is a revolutionary concept!

My sincere goal and patriotic intent is for these contents to be read by my fellow Americans and then to be seriously debated by individuals and groups in every town in our nation. Further, to present a publicly acceptable National Vision with a straightforward strategy designed to get the nation moving aggressively in that direction. A Common Vision and a strategy that we Americans can agree to, embrace, and begin to see enacted – and that means starting in 2008!

The analytical challenge is to make such a practical and logical case that the majority of the electorate will be personally motivated to endorse most if not all of the concepts and proposals presented. To earn the public’s acceptance of *An American Agenda* that will aggressively address and correct many existing national problems and will bring into focus an attainable Vision of our nation’s future.

Bold statements, but frankly — do you see anyone else especially our elected leadership with all the resources and expertise at their disposal, even attempting to do something constructive about the Big Picture? Including the 18 announced Presidential candidates (as of 7-4-07). Serious, long-standing problems will now be confronted and resolved — rather than being ignored or studied and re-studied forever – and never being resolved.

The initial set of solution-oriented approaches and proposals presented in CS2 are more than adequate to define and begin the deliberate restructuring of our National System for the Common Good of our citizens and to declare our Second and Final American Revolution (2AR).

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Proposals for the Common Good

“For We the People to prevail, everything must be on the table”

“Often Times the Hardest Things to Do – Are the Right Things to Do”

Our Aggressive and Nationally Practical Baseline Agenda

I have been researching and considering various social and economic reform issues for many years and will not burden you with many of the details of that history herein. I will repeat that the actual public problem that first caught my curiosity and initiated this entire experience some 25 years ago was the national War on Drugs. Everything that is found in this book has evolved from that personal decision to research, analyze, and attempt to develop a viable and publicly acceptable solution to that complex national problem.

Many of the CS2 proposals really began to come together in 2003. I believe they combine to offer a group of workable approaches that pro-actively address key public issues with the Common Good of American citizens and therefore the day-to-day quality of life in America as the driving requirements.

The American Agenda proposals vary in purpose and complexity. Several are only a few pages of public policy concept, but will make the necessary points on the purpose to be served by that proposal area. Most offer concept and working detail on what is being proposed. There will be no questions about the intent of each.

Some of the kind folks that reviewed drafts said they had to re-read some parts in order to really understand what was presented. Not that it was hard, but these are issues that most of us do not normally take the time to consider. I know I did not before beginning the process years ago. Proposal topics range from:

- putting the highly effective, non-aerobic exercise program – Pilates — in all public schools (K-12) for the health and physical conditioning of our children,
- explaining why so many kids and adults cannot learn, presenting how to correct the problems, and also putting that solution in all public schools and other places as well,
- re-establishing the Selective Service Draft to save our younger adults and other viable public purposes,
- making pre-meditated murder, and rape, and pedophile offenses subject to

- immediate Death Penalty punishment,
- creating a unique National Citizen Identification system and registering all American citizens and Other Legal Occupants (OLOs) – the 2010 US Census started early and made far more productive,
- rapid construction of the 2000 mile Southern Border fence to deter both IO and drug flow,
- the repatriation of the majority of IOs from all over the world,
- the full legalization, decriminalization, and medical availability of marijuana,
- winning the War on Drugs and the public control of hard drugs,
- and the admittedly radical, yet absolutely required restructuring of certain industries, such as:
 - Medical Insurance
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Tobacco
 - Oil
 - Banking
 - Defense – the Military Industrial Complex

The objective is that the shared public understanding and general acceptance of this set of problem-solving proposals will cause the start of our virtual Second and Final American Revolution.

Further, that the public's overwhelming reaction to CS2 (for and against) would actually *save us all* from experiencing the dreaded, predictable, boring, irritating, insulting, and un-productive coming performance in the 2008 Presidential and Congressional campaigns — which have began too early. *To turn those campaigns upside-down*, because nothing less is required between now and 11-4-2008.

We would then observe Real political campaigns made up of hard problem-solving debates and where some of the fixes actually begin implementation during the 2008 campaign. Not another year-plus of mindless, fruitless, political propaganda and BS — with a final 60 days of talking about how “lousy” the other candidate is and nothing of substance being addressed at all.

The Congressional and White House candidates will not be allowed to dance around real problems this time or ever again. We the People, have had enough of that and our nation cannot afford it anymore. Nevermore!

Our Agenda Proposal Groupings

I have grouped the initial set of 27 proposals into four (4) functional categories starting at the Federal level, which are:

- Federal Reform Programs
- National Programs
- Local Community Programs
- Industry Restructuring

A few proposals are light in delivery and content, while others are very thought-provoking, contain multiple programs, and are upsetting to the status quo! The purpose of these is to facilitate the sharing of real background and perspective in order to promote common understanding (I did not say nor could anyone expect total acceptance) on issues of importance to American citizens. You will be the judge. You are who I am writing to.

Federal Reform Programs

- 1 Presidential and U.S. Representative Term Amendments
- 2 Voting Day Reform – Access to the Polls
- 3 Eligible Voter Reform
- 4 Real Campaign Finance Reform

National Programs

- 5 American Population Management (APM)
- 6 English as First and Only Language
- 7 The U.S. Re-Employment System
- 8 National Drug Reform (Controlling the Hard Drug Industry)
- 9 Re-Considering the Military Draft – Saving Our Youth
- 10 Zero Tolerance for Free-Will Crime by All People
- 11 The Family Support Administration
- 12 Family Basic Asset Protection
- 13 American Owned Business Preference Policy

Local Community Programs

- 14 Local Pride and Accountability
- 15 Education – The “Final Answer” for Many Students and Adults
- 16 Physical Fitness for Our Children
- 17 Community Service Responsibilities

American Industry Restructuring (AIR)

New and Renewal Industries

- 18 Re-Cycling as a Major Industry
- 19 Hemp Industry – The Truth for a Change
- 20 Domestic Cannabis Industry
- 21 Take Back Industries (TBIs) – Domestic Manufacturing and IGEs

Existing Industries

- 22 Health Care Insurance for ALL Americans
- 23 The Pharmaceutical Industry
- 24 The Tobacco (Nailing the Most Deadly Drug) Industry
- 25 The Oil Industry
- 26 The Banking and Credit Card Industry
- 27 The Defense (Military Industry Complex) Industry

Not what could be called a light or a complete listing, but we had to start somewhere and if this set does not do the trick — We are in Big Trouble!

An American Agenda is offered presented as nothing less than a top-down American Citizen Platform for the 2008 Presidential and US Congressional campaign.

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In Our Beginning

Our national ancestors, the American colonists came to a radical conclusion regarding their desired national vision and on a viable strategy to take them there. Although, the changes that we must face today are considerable and will touch each one of us, they actually pale in comparison to the historic challenge they boldly took on and were victorious over. Their revolution was fought with muskets, bayonets, cannon, and blood. Our revolution will be won by way of *individuals voting*, domestic legislation, strict enforcement of new and existing laws, and rational international treaties.

It will be the Pen rather than the Sword, but not necessarily without the threat of the sword in some specific cases. And do not doubt for an instant the absolute intensity of the struggle that will be engaged when these proposals are openly and seriously considered by the American electorate for implementation.

To borrow a phrase (currently being used in a religious context), the first American Revolution was the common people – the American colonists exercising “*Intelligent Design*” against the status quo – the tyranny of the Old

World Order. In doing so our American Democracy was created and America was born as a free nation. They acted together to remove an oppressive form of government that had always been the natural order of things and in doing so created the first government designed to serve the Common Good of the People – the Masses and not the self-serving Few.

We are now challenged, to execute an “*Intelligent Re-design*” operation – to dictate a series of prudent adjustments to our National System designed to preserve the Common Good of today’s Masses – our citizens and the nation. The self-serving Few will lose the power and control over that National System (and us) that they are increasingly abusing — and as a result the often talked about New World Order – designed to serve the Common Good of the Masses will finally begin to materialize and start its relentless spread across this struggling planet.

Have no doubt. We the People hold the future in our united hands!

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This time instead of less than 3 million colonists, we have Common Interest of some 300 million citizens to join in the contest.

This time We will not be changing our form of government for it is still finest in the world. Rather, We will be calling our elected leadership to task for their consistent failure to serve the Will and Common Good of the people. For not doing the job the Congress and every White House administration are elected by the People to do.

We will make known our common demands and the specific issues to be addressed by Congress and to be acted upon before the 2008 election. We will not allow anymore “do nothing” Congresses (and Administrations) regardless of which party is in control of the House, Senate, and White House.

Currently the two parties only seek retention of Power and Control to maintain the dysfunctional status quo of today’s American National System. It is hard to argue with that observation.

We will demand real Solutions and observable Progress, as well as deliberate and steady movement toward a little mentioned state of affairs called, *Peace* — on both the domestic and foreign fronts. What a concept...

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We the People, are now being tested in an increasingly uncomfortable struggle between the Masses and “they” the politically influential Few and certain

industries — over the Common Good of the American society. The colonist's war was a physical war. Our war is a philosophical and intellectual confrontation that will be settled legislatively under the umbrella of the American people's ultimate protector – the ***U.S. Constitution***.

In the Constitution's revolutionary predecessor, the ***Declaration of Independence***, the Thomas Jefferson laid down these words regarding the people's responsibility to watch-over their government and to take action when needed to maintain proper control over their society:

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

*That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, **it is the Right of the People to alter** or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

(Amen)

Herein we will not be talking about the “throwing off” of our government, but will be bluntly calling the current U.S. Congress and White House to task for their growing disregard for the fate of the Masses.

We the People, will be causing a publicly viable shift *to alter* the true Balance of Power in day-to-day America – where all of us really live.

One versus Many

I would point out that in 1776 Thomas Paine presented the entire argument for a “declaration of independence” and his narrative on the Origin and Design of Representative Government to the American colonists in a 46-page paperback

size pamphlet. While I would never minimize his monumental task it is fair to point out that Paine in his writing to his fellow American colonists “only” had one overall problem to deal with in order to straighten out their National System problems. His *Common Sense* proposal to solve their common problem was “just” a revolutionary war of independence against the British Empire!

Some 230 years later I am writing to my fellow American citizens about an ‘incomplete collection’ of public problems and their prudent solutions that will allow us to conquer major issues we have within our National System. This national struggle will require *more common sense* on our parts to conduct prudent legislative combat operations against “ourselves” to achieve victory! We will be facing a national reconciliation that could be as difficult and uncomfortable as when our national ancestors struggled for their national independence.

Many of the American Agenda proposals could not be fully detailed in 46 pages each. However, my goal in each is to provide sufficient data and crystal-clear direction to *begin* the national debate.

The American Press – those that the Founders appointed as watchdogs of our freedom — along with the Internet will provide all the details needed and much more.

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My analytical intent with CS2 is to provide you with objective perspectives on serious issues and common sense approaches to actually address them. With the shared awareness of the perspectives presented in *An American Agenda*, my prayer is that it will cause of us all to start moving toward an agreeable National Vision.

Realistically, most of us do not like to deal with politics let alone dig into it, and if our elected leadership were *actually doing* the job (for us!) we would not need to bother with this! However, they are not — so we must in order to first control and then to preserve the Common Good of the nation for our people.

So please take of your time to read and consider these Agenda contents that have been sincerely prepared for your information and encouragement, and our mutual, national understanding.

Again, please pardon the varying detail in these proposals, but my baseline goals and intent are achieved to have each of these meaningful issues raised and considered by you and us! There will undoubtedly be vast amounts of information on these and other topics (pro and con) over the months leading up to the historic 11-4-08 US Presidential and Congressional Election Day.

On the Bar of Civil Responsibility

“First it will be Stabilized and then it will be Raised”

Regarding Social Programs and Change

It took the American Civil War, another hundred years, and the U.S. Constitution for us to come to terms with one of our major national imbalances. The People addressed a problem created by those in power in prior generations.

The time has come when various special interest leaders must acknowledge that true progress that has been made in recent decades driven by new laws and changing individual and public attitudes. Practical progress made by *individuals* within each of these groups that have stood up, worked with the system, and moved ahead.

We must all acknowledge that there are those in every group, American-Whites included, that will sit and wait for whatever special treatment or handout they can get. And, after receiving it they may well sit and wait for more. The Clinton administration to their credit made it harder for people to keep playing the system. There are successful and unsuccessful people within all groups that make up America today. And the successful of these groups are found at all levels of society and business, as well.

America was not founded or originally populated by people who could not or would not pull their own weight. They worked or they died. Some worked very hard, but still perished. We have a segment in our society which again crosses all groups, that expects for one reason or another that the System, our tax dollars, owes them something. They say and/or feel that, “I have had a hard life, and the System owes it to me.” I have had people look me in the eye and say that!

Well, enough is enough, and as I like to say, “When you finally reach the point where you want to yell that you have had enough of something — you really mean you have had **too much** of it!”

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Therefore, instead of continuing to lower the bar as we have been in the habit of doing in recent decades in too many areas within the National System, we must raise the bar of Civil Responsibility and to increase Civil Expectation – for every person and every business! We must be prepared and willing to help those that need help in working to improve their personal and family situation – and to build “domestic” businesses, as well.

However, at the same time *We the People* will be prepared and very determined to publicly kick those that need it! No more free rides and no more pity parties! No more self-serving, publicly irresponsible lobbying that in the end is destroying the Common Good.

The concept of increased Civil Responsibility in public policy development is extremely important if we are to not only continue to progress as a nation and mature positively as an open society, but even to exist as the America that we desire and expect to live in.

The stakes have never been higher and that is the Plain Truth.

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The ACLU is Hereby Challenged for the Common Good

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) — if ever there was an institution that Americans have a love/hate relationship with – this is the one.

The ACLU is hereby challenged to assist in the prudent review and implementation of many parts of the American Agenda, including items such as the critical National Citizen Registration process — rather than trying to fight them with legalistic, academic, and philosophical rationales.

Understand that we are not asking for their approval, because it is not their country to define — it is ours! We want, if not expect their national network to be **pro-active** in support of that grand, national housekeeping exercise, and other proposals as well. It would be to their organization's great credit to support such efforts.

Need I point out to the ACLU that the “A” does not stand for American – it does not stand for illegal and/or irresponsible!

You never know, but in due time their public interest organization could come to be known as,

The American Civil Liberties and Responsibilities Union – the ACLRU!

It is a question of prudent balance and the challenge is made. Peace...

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We the People, in order to maintain a more perfect union,

must reach a common, national agreement on what it is that America truly stands for. Americans are a strong and caring people blessed by God with free will, as well as having been provided with our US Constitution by the Founders. Therefore, once We as a united people resolve how the National System should be changed to serve the Common Good, we can and will attend to making it so!

The current national election cycle leading up to 11-4-08 **must be approached** as a major decision point in our nation's history, because like it or not — that is precisely what it is!

Some hard and sensitive public issues that have been functionally ignored for years, if not decades cannot be allowed to drift any longer. Herein we will review viable solutions to several of these hard problem areas. More issues and their practical resolutions will be developed in the future.

These solution-oriented proposals aggressively attack the hard issues and will raise many eyebrows, and I pray will begin the very loud public debate that the American electorate desires, deserves, and has too long been waiting to have. CS2 is not a feel good book – even to those that will embrace what it presents for review. Serious change at this level cannot be easy. *The agony* often requires a bit more agony to be experienced in order to finally realize *the ecstasy*. That summarizes what the American colonists experienced leading up to and through their Revolution. However, in the end they had free a nation, a people-driven Democracy, and became the first American citizens.

America today must have a realistic framework for our Social and Economic systems – the National System — which We the People will commonly understand, embrace, support, realize in the near term, and accept as the viable path to our desired national destiny.

I am what you would call a realistic optimist, but an optimist for certain otherwise I would not have kept pursuing this personal project when the negative thoughts, magnitude of the issues, and as life's events came to discourage the effort. You just have to suck it up, keep pressing forward, and never quit! Again, there is just too much at stake.

I without question believe that we Americans can and shall re-take control of our nation's ship of state. We will begin in 2008 to make the necessary changes — the right changes for the Common Good of us all.

Think of an 11-year old Child that You Know

As you read and are considering the Agenda proposals I ask that you occasionally think of an 11-year-old child that you know. It could your child or grandchild, a niece or nephew, or the child of a friend.

Then consider our Second American Revolution as a seven (7) year struggle that will begin to yield real results starting in 2008 — if We take action now.

To quietly ponder how the proposed social and economic changes (or lack thereof) could play out and re-shape the world by the year 2014, when that child is 18 years old, graduating from high school, and heading out into the world to further their education and/or to enter the workforce — because right now that is not a pleasant picture. And it is far worse for today's inner-city 11-year olds!

In too many cases an 11-year old child living in the inner cities of America must contend with far harsher day-to-day conditions and must confront hard situations and choices. The proposed social and economic changes presented will be true life-saver for many today's inner city children and spare the parents much grief. To be clear, we must solemnly acknowledge as a nation that every American child counts. Because they do!

Our American Challenge Circa 2008

Future Americans will look back at this time — our moment in time — and grade us on our response to this challenge. And the children are watching us today.

The National Vision will become clear — a vision purely *Of Common Interest* of all American citizens. So let the lively and sure to be intense debate over that desirable National Vision for the Common Good of *all* Americans — begin. The rest will be the history that We the People will write over the next seven years — for better or for worse — in what could be our Second and Final American Revolution!

As We the People sit down together
to resolve America's common problems,
it is a discussion and debate for citizens, only.
Any and all others simply back away.

Our over-riding national policy priority
that must define all of these proposals is simply,

America and Americans First

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Fortunately for us The Founders, and all those that have struggled, and fought, and died (and those that are unfortunately dying this very day) — created our government, provided us our Constitution, and have preserved it over all these years.

And so, it is now time for *Us the People* to stand together and against the forces that are not honoring all those sacrifices, the spirit of America, and the Intent of the Founders.

The existing Status Quo of our National System is not what our society now requires in order to Preserve the Common Good of *all* of our citizens or to finally resolve our long-standing national issues.

Therefore, We the People, have a lot of work to do!

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And now for An American Agenda