

Our Moment in Time

So guess what America? We are now the People, and it is “our moment in time”. That is it will be if We determine by our united actions to make it so. It is our national free will decision.

We have the opportunity, if not the solemn responsibility to take this bold step as a nation. In doing so, we will begin to address the social and economic problems that ripple through the National System. It will be *awkward at first*, but the beneficial changes will soon become part of our improved National System, the “new and improved” way in which America really works.

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As I first wrote the following short piece for your review early in Part 2 in order to offer some sense of pure, human emotion of Paine’s words to the colonists. Now as my own sincere offering to you draws to an end and each of us quietly ponders our own thoughts on such dramatic national Changes, I repeat them and his words that are as near to perfection as may be written,

For some perspective on the words that helped the colonists to come to terms with Paine’s overall challenge — that they should declare their war of independence from the British Empire, I have placed the closing words of *Common Sense* here for your review. It spoke to the colonists about finally facing and resolving their hard challenges – just as we will soon be coming to face ours.

“These proceedings may at first appear strange and difficult; but, like all other steps which we have already passed over, will in a little time become familiar and agreeable; and, until an independance is declared, the Continent will feel itself like a man who continues putting off some unpleasant business from day to day, yet knows it must be done, hates to set about it, wishes it over, *and is continually haunted with the thoughts of its necessity.*”

– Thomas Paine, January 1776

Truly, the written word at it’s very finest.

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We, the American public have the intelligence and the Constitutional Power, should we choose to exercise it to resolve any of our national problems. In changing the National System to finally solve serious national problems winners and losers will be created, just as there has always been when any nation's system was dramatically altered.

We the People must unite our spirits and creativity just as the Founders did when they considered their options – focusing on the Common Good, to do what needs to be done to improve and maintain the Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness for all Americans. To accomplish this, the Majority of us need to continue to act responsibly, and must rightfully demand that the Minority (all those that would rather not change) to do the same.

We the People must always be willing to help our people that are trying to better themselves. That pure humanitarian quality runs deep in our basic national character and was born in the Christian foundation of our country.

However, we must absolutely now be willing to get tough and be determined to back it up — to declare that from now on, those who will not be responsible for their negative freewill actions will surely know **the full fury of our disapproval**. This will be accomplished by raising the invisible Bar of Civil Responsibility and expecting that every American at least try to pull his or her own weight in our society. Their petty and lame excuses will no longer matter or be tolerated. The free rides will be over.

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We will have a few very tough things to do to bring our national house to proper order. And although it is said that pain is relative, what we face pales in comparison to what those brave men and women that preceded us had to endure.

And now, our children and our national ancestors are watching us to see if We will have the vision and the courage — the individual and collective strength to face the challenge of our time and achieve victory for the sake of our fellow Americans today and our posterity tomorrow.

That is our challenge.

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This Effort on Our Behalf

My objective in writing the *Second Coming of Common Sense* has not been to convince you to agree with all of the concepts and proposals presented herein.

First of all, considering the range of issues and the necessary aggressiveness of some of the proposed solutions, that expectation would be foolish on my part, as well as an insult to your individuality.

Secondly, and what may surprise you is that the problem solving measures contained in the proposals presented do not in all cases represent my personal values and opinions. That would violate the objective spirit of systems analysis! These are the findings of a Systems Analyst.

Let it stand that these contents are in fact the analytical findings of a career business systems analyst, with 30+ years of practical experience developing objective solution options for clients in both the corporate and federal government sectors. And in many cases, implementing those solutions!

Ultimately, I absolutely believe that after critical public review, with open public debate and the consideration by We the People that most if not all of what is presented herein will in prudent time, be mutually agreed upon by the Masses and implemented into our National System. For the words of CS2 are not my thoughts alone, they have been purposely refined based upon the personal feedback received in conversations with a few thousand of you.

Admittedly, We will not like the practical necessity of certain *required* actions anymore than our national ancestors desired to fight a physical war against mother England. However, with our common agreement, with a mutual understanding of where we truly are, with the acknowledgement that we cannot continue as we have been, and knowing what We have it within our power to do what is required to move forward into a desirable national future — We the People will truly be declaring and experiencing our Second American Revolution — and prayerfully the final one.

We will fulfill the challenge laid down by our national ancestors to preserve America – the Great Experiment in people-driven government that many said could not last without a monarchy.

“We chosen people” have it fully within our power and within our time to “complete” our American Democracy. We can realize the full potential of a government elected by and responsible only to We the People – We the American Citizens, and no one else.

Our National Challenges

As Thomas Paine wrote in the first page of *Common Sense*,

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

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

And considering that our destiny is not currently “in our hands” it is even more important...

For Them – Only One Challenge to Confront

It is not that it was simple. It was simply magnificent. The American colonists struggle against the oppressive and self-interested British Empire to claim their independence and to control their own future.

And it was not to be easy. However, they took the bold actions required to benefit their families, their neighbors, and their fellow colonists, and after years of actual warfare they became the first Americans. Those *chosen few* were the very first people in all of human history to feel the Freedom, the Liberty, and the absolute Blessings of being an American.

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Today, We the People of all 50 states, and DC, are challenged to take bold action for the Common Good of all those that are now Americans. While we will not need to resort to physical warfare to resolve the national issues presented herein, it will prove to be an absolute test of our Peoples’ common vision and united resolve.

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

We have our Democracy and our beloved U.S. Constitution that allows America to mature and self-correct our society’s course as we sail on our national voyage. It is time for us to come together, to unite in Common Purpose and to place steadier hands upon our ship’s wheel, because we have surely drifted a bit off the

People's desired course.

We only need to get back to some of the basic qualities, responsibilities, and principles that made America a great nation to start with and that have sustained this Great Experiment for 230 years. We the People need to clarify the basic set of Civil Responsibilities and Expectations of our citizens and our society. We must be absolutely firm in calling those to task that do not honor those Common Agreements, and in so doing, we will declare our resolve to make America's destiny one that will serve the Common Good of us all.

Should, after open public debate, the proposals presented herein be found to be acceptable to the People – and I do absolutely believe that the majority will be — We have it within our Power and our Rights to Demand that our elected officials implement them – and to do it now! Or we will aggressively keep replacing them until we find those individuals that will be true leaders.

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

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

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For Us – Many Challenges to Confront

On the other hand, it is fair to say that our current national problems and the historic reconciliation we are now approaching are far more complicated than that faced by the American colonists.

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

We are now challenged, to fairly and forcefully address internal issues that will make America all it can be.

We are now challenged, to acknowledge the irresponsible and avoidable international foolishness that has caused the world to become a far worse place for its inhabitants over the last few decades — rather than the better place it should be at this moment in time. We will be admitting our direct role in some of it, but will also hold other nations and their leadership responsible, as well.

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Now, it is Our Watch.

And while I am addressing all Americans in general, I am challenging my fellow Baby-Boomers in particular for we are now the lead Generation. It is now “40 years after” and the time has come for the second and final act in our generation’s great two-act play to be performed. Not only because our children are watching us, but that some have grandchildren watching, as well.

We Americans must all stand together,
just as our National Ancestors did when they won their war and created our
nation.

We all must now stand together
and take the actions that will Define and Insure our National Destiny.
To make us all proud to be Americans.

And most importantly,
to make our children proud of us.

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WE THE PEOPLE, of the United States of America will now be about our
Second American Revolution.

We will do these things for ourselves and for so many others around the world
that dream of the things that we shall put in motion.

We will do these things because only We have the ability, the privilege, the
solemn national Right to do what needs to be done – under our blessed U.S.
Constitution.

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

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

**And *We the People* can and will accomplish
all of these Hard things because**

We are Americans.

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To You in Closing

I sincerely thank you for your time and attention in reviewing these contents,
that were dutifully prepared and offered for your personal consideration.

Only the actions of others and the passage time
will reveal what comes from this effort.

And so for now I simply pray that
God will bless you and your family,

And that God will continue to bless America.

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