

## Part 2

# Our American Condition

### Time and Reason

With the opening words of *Common Sense*, Thomas Paine addressed the American colonists acknowledging that what they were about to read was ‘not in accordance’ with the existing order of things. He stated that what followed was different and would not necessarily find initial favor with many of them.

Paine was writing to his fellow colonists about the National System of their day — the way that England’s American colonies really worked socially, economically, and of governmentally on a day-to-day basis. He wrote with particular emphasis on the hereditary nature of the English monarchy and the aristocracy’s absolute power over the masses.

After all, they were about to read about historically radical governmental and societal changes. Thomas Paine wrote to his fellow colonists regarding the acceptance of Change:

“PERHAPS the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing *wrong*, gives it the superficial appearance of being *right*, and raises at first the formidable outcry in the defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason.”

### Reason and the Common Good

Yes, **Time** often does make converts more than *reason* – as people often need a period of time to ponder a topic no matter how logically it is presented. **But, Reason must first be presented for consideration!**

What is critical in a true problem-solving process is that the reasoning must be developed as objectively as possible. To leave no doubt, it must be acknowledged that objectivity *always* has a frame of reference it is based upon. And in CS2 that frame of reference is the Common Good of some 300 million American citizens – no one and nothing else! That public-minded objectivity focused squarely upon the Common Good of our citizens and society *as a whole body*, has been my over-riding concern and goal in the development of what you will read herein.

I will define the basic philosophy and primary public interest requirements that are the foundation upon which the social and economic concepts and solution-oriented proposals presented are based. We Americans have long expected that our elected leaders could present us with publicly-oriented approaches and clear legislation that would actually solve our common problems. That our so-called national leadership could finally demonstrate the personal creativity, public leadership, and their political “guts” by resolving the hard issues that confront day-to-day America. *However*, We the People are still waiting — and we have waited long enough!

The *Second Coming of Common Sense* (CS2) aggressively confronts the fact that the needs and interests of the Americans — our fellow citizens — and even those of many American businesses are being functionally ignored by that elected national leadership. To be crystal clear — they are ignored in favor of individuals, groups, and industries with narrow and self-serving agendas. Those being the politically and financially influential Few that acknowledge no responsibility for nor have a real concern about the Common Good of the people — only their own wants, desires, and financial benefit.

Therefore, *We the People* must once again stand together and determine to face and conquer the issues that our current national leadership, of their own free will, has decided to ignore or are collectively incapable of resolving.

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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 independence 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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You will see these words again, after we have reviewed our hard challenges laid down in CS2 and the proposals that *We the People* can decide to act upon to preserve the Common Good.

## **American Themes**

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

### **Basic National Themes**

To overview the basic philosophy and primary public interest requirements upon which the concepts and solution-oriented proposals that comprise the initial American Agenda were developed, four (4) underlying national themes are presented:

- America and Americans First
- Common Interest
- Civil Responsibility
- Free Will Accountability

These are important themes that speak to the common beliefs of our people and the national spirit of America. To provide for mutual understanding some background on each is presented.

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### **America and Americans First**

This is the *primary theme*. Straightforward and to the point! Again, no apologies will be offered as this core requirement is presented and driven home. It strictly means we will take any action in domestic and foreign policy to care for our country and our *citizens'* needs first and foremost.

Secondary to our citizen population, we will consider the *needs* of legal, non-citizen occupants. Going forward those individuals will be held to higher standard of conduct and civil behavior than is currently being practiced in too many cases. Or their privilege to remain in our country will be revoked and they will return to their country of origin.

Beyond those — the *wants and desires* of all other countries and their respective citizens that are currently IOs (Illegal Occupants) in our country will be of the least concern in the framing of future policy. They will be commonly viewed as a negative and preventable factor in areas such as immigration control policy, employment opportunities, and social services of all types!

To be very clear — as We the People sit down together to resolve our nation's

common problems, it is a discussion and debate for and by citizens, only — any and all other party's, simply back away.

### **America First**

This simply means that the needs of America come before the needs of any other country, whether we are addressing domestic or foreign policy matters. Our nation supported by the good will of the American public works for good purposes all over the world. However, we are all too often taken for granted and are increasingly harassed by various other parties with narrow-minded and negative views of the world. These types of situations must be “prudently and decisively dealt with” both to improve the quality of life for our nation and that of the world in general.

It must be acknowledged, not that it could be ignored, that our foreign policy in many areas has been an increasing national embarrassment and somewhat of a disaster since 2002. The American public realizes that we have been headed in the wrong direction and that we must decisively act to turn the wheel of our national voyage in a positive direction.

An America that is performing *good-works* is still the best hope for a better world.

### **Americans First**

The needs and interests of American citizens — with absolute emphasis on the group that are citizens — will come before the needs of any other group, again whether we are talking about domestic or foreign policy matters.

As a real example of the policy corrections to be made under An American Agenda — for many years we have had various job hiring preferences such as for veterans and those with various physical and mental challenges. Those are only proper in our society and those will continue with some prudent revisions.

### **An Example of Near-Term (2008) Legislative Action – Citizen Hiring Preference Policy**

Going forward, there will be an over-riding preference given to American citizens to be hired before **any non-citizen**. This revised national employment policy directive specifically applies to all **taxpayer funded jobs, public sector**, e.g., local, state, federal, and military positions. Foreign-born, non-citizens will find it very difficult if not impossible to obtain these jobs any longer.

The Screamers for various non-citizen groups will be out in force over this one, but enough is enough.

This prudent approach may be called whatever someone likes — We do not care! For one thing it is the only practical policy to follow in a shrinking *quality* job pool. Also, it unashamedly is taking care of our own people in filling taxpayer funded public sector jobs (with their associated job security and good benefits) just as other countries so regulate. Remember — Americans First!

Those non-citizens that have already secured such positions will continue in them. However, such public employment opportunities (privileges) will no longer be an option. And any existing laws to the contrary will be dealt with swiftly!

There will be more on this policy under the proposal entitled the U.S. Re-Employment System.

#### International Population Containment Responsibility

That is mouthful isn't it?

It is time for every country to adjust their domestic policy and social structures such that they will be held responsible for all of their own citizens. Bluntly this means controlling and managing their population growth! You know the concept of “planned” parenthood and responsible family sizing that is historically ignored for religious *reasons*.

To those in various religions that reject family size responsibility and/or prescribe ten (10) children per faithful family and will stand to “scream” at those statements – hear this.

With regard to the seldom talked about concerns that the world will some day in the future become *functionally* over-populated – well, *welcome to the future!* The world has been in that not so delicate condition for some years now!

Too many countries with too many people are covertly and overtly sending their population elsewhere — often times resulting in problems in those other countries whether they were invited (as in France) or not (as in America). I am not suggesting that immigration between countries be stopped altogether, BUT simply common sense must finally be applied.

New international rules of civil conduct must be acknowledged and all people held accountable. In situations where cultural and religious differences are involved – the visitor will be “expected to respect” the society that they have been allowed to enter or they will expect to be deported.

If the Masses of world desire Peace — which we do — then the Few in the world that freely disturb it must be called to Civil Responsibility. Such people and groups must be confronted and told that if they really want to live in a society which they or their parents lived in before coming to their new host country – then they will be required to pack-up and return to that place. Just go! And they will often not like what they find there.

France finds itself in that situation today. The growing Moslem population that “was invited in” years ago by the French government in oil related deals, has become a disturbance and some unruly percentage of them do not want to blend into French society. Periodic riots and the almost daily burning of cars cannot be considered blending in! A straightforward, no-nonsense international Civil Conduct Agreement signed by all nations would put such people on notice for their freewill behavior.

England is also struggling with people and groups that do not want to honor traditional English culture. And they are finally beginning to tell such people to adjust or leave!

The IOs that American society is struggling with today do in fact come from all over the world with the majority of course from Central and South America and greatest percentage from Mexico. These are blatant examples of nations dumping their excess population on other countries – Mexico on America in particular.

If a given country in 2008 has more people than it can humanely support (food, shelter, medicine, clothing, employment), but refuses for the usual political reasons to address that imbalance with their own people – *they will required to deal with it*. The catch phrase will be **“If you make them — you can keep them.”** And in particular, families with large numbers of children will be required to remain in their home countries and not burden them on another.

America’s useless Immigration Control Policy must take some hard turns and all the games will come to an end. The “legal” immigration rules will be publicly presented, reconciled, revised, and enforced for a change. All immigration will probably need to be frozen for several years while we conduct our upcoming national housekeeping exercise, achieve control over our own borders and a minor little thing called Homeland Security.

#### The U.S. Southern Fence – A Very Necessary Evil

In 2008 the U.S. Congress will act to put in place a full 2,000 mile U.S. Southern Border Fence consisting of parallel chain link fences to be complimented with razor-wire and motion sensors. It will be rapidly put in place and guarded. A

no-brainer of a public works program. And the easy flow of IOs – and drugs — will be permanently interrupted.

If the Congress does not take such action in 2008 and immediately override potential Bush II veto, it will serve as just another justification for the electorate. And as mentioned before, the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 33 of 100 members of the U.S. Senate should not bother running for re-election in 2008! Continued Congressional in-action will produce decisive public re-action.

So how is all this sounding to you thus far? Pretty intense at times.

### **Common Interest**

Those two words imply that the fundamental interests and needs of the American public as a united group are of the greatest importance, and will not be neglected in favor of the few among us with selfish and shortsighted agendas.

The Common Interest of **all** must be important in American Democracy, but it must have a realistic and practical balance. The Majority interests must acknowledge and consider the needs of the Minority interests whatever they may be, **while not permitting** those minority-centered interests to negatively impact the Common Good. And this balance applies to individuals and entire industries.

This is all about the real challenges of true public leadership! And we are not talking about race, gender or any of the usual suspects here!

### **Helping Those to Help Themselves**

Our common goal will be to constantly act to help our fellow Americans at an economic and social disadvantage to progress to a higher level of living status. That means helping individuals to (and insisting they will) earn it. Our good will assistance *must* be met with their commitment to work and better themselves, because American taxpayers will no longer pay for free rides or national pity parties! Yes, I said pity parties!

It is in our national, Christian-based character to be forgiving and to help those in need. However, those with need must be willing to step up and work with the system (not work the system) to better their lives and anyone else they are responsible for!

A **stern part** of our national challenge is how We — not They — will determine to deal with the *have/have-not realities* that are fast reaching critical mass in our society. We must determine to move forward together as a maturing

Democratic society and nation. Every country in the world struggles with these imbalances and most do a terrible job of it.

In case you are wondering, these points are not being written as a Liberal, they are purely American.

We must and will commonly agree to raise the **bottom** levels of the economic food chain in America. We will practically confront the reality that a growing numbers of individuals (30-plus million) and families at the lower end of the economic system are our fellow Americans and they are struggling to simply survive. We will act to **fix** the problems.

And at the same time we will act to reverse the destruction of the Middle Class.

The growing negative effects of a “survival of the fittest” mentality in the pursuit of false profits, and the blatant retention of wealth and political power to benefit the Few in America will be neutralized.

In the 1920’s, the Few were running the country and ran it right into the ground on that dark day in 1929. It can happen again. Remember, “Those that do not learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat it.” That economic collapse required nothing less than World War II to recover the world economy.

Today, among other national and international “items” — the un-checked greed of the Oil Industry, the world Banking System on the edge of disaster, and the worldwide, self-perpetuating Military Industrial Complex that President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned the nation about 45 years ago must all be confronted, restructured, and never again allowed to use people and countries like a casual game of Risk.

And we cannot afford wait until the November 2008 election to begin the required national consciousness adjustments.

### Our Leadership?

During the final weeks of the 2006 Congressional Election campaign both political parties “obscenely” demonstrated in front of the American public (and the world) that their *first priority* was the retention and/or attainment of **Power – for the sake of power!**

Congressional incumbents were not seeking re-election for the opportunity to better *serve* the Common Good of the People. Their common goal was to retain the Power of their position and party in order to preserve, protect, and defend the

*dysfunctional status quo* of the National System.

Truth is Truth!

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The Few have been gathering wealth and political power at an accelerated rate over the past decade and during the last six years in particular. In the meantime, the Many are experiencing a decreasing quality-of-life, fewer viable employment opportunities, even less political influence, and being forced to continue living with a host of avoidable public problems.

The *First American Revolution* forever disturbed an un-interrupted evolution of dictatorial forms of government. It gave the people of all other countries a living example of people-driven government – the Many not the Few could direct a nation's voyage.

The *Second American Revolution* will renew and preserve that model of people-driven government – the Many not the Few in control. The U.S. Constitution provides us the Right to re-take that control that has been slipping away in recent times.

Furthermore and most importantly this revolution will act to reconcile the age-old struggle between the Have and the Have-nots – the economic tyranny that always evolves as the financially and politically powerful Few, overtly and covertly act to make the economy of a given country serve their wants and desires before the needs of the struggling Masses.

We the People will now confront the tedious and volatile issues of the day, conquer them as a united people, and once again set an example for the world.

We will begin making national course corrections for the Common Good as soon as possible – which means starting in 2008.

*Common Interest* calls for each of us to actually be concerned with the Common Good of **all other** American citizens and the nation overall — and to be personally ready and willing to do what is needed to insure it.

Something as simple, yet absolutely critical to your future as making certain that you and yours are registered to vote on 11-4-2008. We the People, each by Right have that one (1) shot to fire each Election Day. Be Prepared – be *loaded to vote* for our nation's future on that day.

**Civil Responsibility**

An increased public awareness and acceptance of the concepts and obligations of Civil Responsibility at all levels of American society and business, is required to insure America's short and long term prospects.

Since the beginning of my research into the various social and economic issues that impact the American way of life, I have become absolutely convinced of the necessity for our society to embrace and promote the requirement for Civil Responsibility on the part of all Americans, as well as business and industry.

Further, our nation just as any other has the Sovereign Right to demand at least that same level of conduct on the part of **all non-citizens and visitors** to our shores, or they will be gone – and the criminals first.

The simple fact of the life is this – that the negative 'free will' behavior of a fractional minority among us – the people that freely decide not to act civilly responsible, does in turn cause the majority of the population – physical harm, useless expense, and other avoidable problems that directly decrease in our local and national quality-of-life.

We must promote Civil Responsibility and the prudent concern for the Common Good of our fellow Americans.

The public expectation of *Civil Responsibility* applied throughout the American National System is at the heart of the message of CS2.

That is all, short and sweet.

### **Free Will Accountability**

Individual, free-will — what a concept!

Without intending to get biblical on you, it is accepted by most people that every person has free-will with regard to what they choose to do, or not do, in various situations throughout their life. Each of us has deliberate control over our personal actions.

That personal control and decision making authority applies whether someone is deciding to take a long over-due day off, or which of five (5) random people standing on a street corner to shoot — just because they feel like doing it! All of us make our choices everyday.

The free-will issue primarily comes into play with regard to proposals aimed at dealing with and severely decreasing criminal activity in our society. To begin with, free-will crimes such as murder, pre-mediated rape, the physical assault of

minors, the smuggling of people into the country, gang activity, and hard drug trafficking and sales — **will no longer be tolerated** by the law-abiding, tax-paying American public! Are you OK with that? Those and other optional criminal acts will be systematically and sharply reduced over the next seven (7) years starting in 2008.

**This is to be an American Reformation!**

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What is accepted as *civil conduct and behavior* in American society will be openly debated, publicly clarified, confirmed, and accepted by the electorate. From that point of Common Agreement everyone will know the new rules and absolute punishment in advance! Is that too much to ask? I and at least 90% of those I talk with think not!

Specifically, and with few exceptions free-will crimes involving violent physical or predatory financial assault on another person or persons will be met with extreme punishment. The Death Penalty (administered by lethal injection) with no option of a lengthy imprisonment will be fairly and effectively utilized to *reduce and deter* the vast majority of such **free will** crimes. This approach will really cut down on repeat offender cases, don't you think?

Anyone that is now sitting there, murmuring that the Death Penalty (DP) is not a true deterrent to free will crime, please explain why it works so well in countries where it is the rule. Is the human DNA different there?

But we are talking about our country and what is civilly acceptable and required to make life here safe for our people. Because what we have been doing for years is definitely not getting the job done!

The classic screaming Liberal against even civilly prudent use of the DP, as well as those that simply make their living off the self-perpetuating, revolving door Judicial Legal Complex (my term for the Justice System), have had their way with society for decades and collectively they have failed American society.

Now it is We the People's turn.

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## **A Look into the Our Controllable Future**

I have literally had few thousand conversations with people over the last 25-plus years about public policy issues. Those two-way conversations have provided me with what I believe to be a real insight regarding the public's over-riding attitude on many issues. Everything in my political writing has been refined by the feedback varying issues received from those conversations and the passion with which people often spoke on them. The American public wants, needs, and deserves positive Change – and we are very tired of waiting for it.

Here is a stern example of what I firmly believe the American public (as well as the people of many other countries) will accept regarding how a civilized, Democratic society shall deal with certain free will criminals:

### **The Death Penalty Act (DPA) of 2008 – Effective on 03-01-2009**

The U.S. Congress by October 1, 2008 will pass legislation to cover the following scenario:

Effective March 1, 2009 — a person walks into the store with the intent to rob it. That person has a gun or another potentially lethal weapon, and whether it was their intent to do it or not, they wind up killing one or more persons in the store.

To be crystal clear — It will be understood that when a person possesses a weapon in the commission of a crime and a murder occurs, the murder will be considered pre-meditated.

Due to security cameras, DNA, eyewitnesses, etc., the person is identified and is obviously guilty – beyond a doubt. Once apprehended the person will go directly to jail with no bail opportunity. They will then will receive “a” single fair trial in a standard Court of Law, and will then be so convicted with no appeal process allowed because again we are only talking about the obviously guilty — there is no question of guilt – the reality in well-over 50% of cases.

Beyond that formal conviction a separate Grand Jury may provide prudent oversight and quick, final review in order to certify the conviction.

Subsequently the person will be sentenced to a fixed three (3) months in prison on Death Row, at the end of which they will receive the Death Penalty (DP) by lethal injection.

Incidentally, when first discussing this option with people I used a 6-month prison term before the DP was administered. However, both men and women said why wait for six months, so I cut it to three! The public is sick of death, crime, and ‘sicker’ of paying for prisons.

You would be absolutely amazed if not stunned at how many people of all types and beliefs will vote for the DPA when given the opportunity. In this and other programs you would also be surprised to know that Liberals approve of it as well, proving that even Liberals have their limits!

#### And Two More For Now

The DPA will also be applied to pre-meditated rape. Every woman I asked about that option simply nodded or said “yes”. This will be reviewed more later, but “date rape” situations would not be included here since there are too many gray areas. However, the pre-meditated, predatory acts of this kind will be met with extreme and expedient justice.

Further, in the discussions on the application of the DPA on perpetrators of free will murder and pre-meditated rape, people and not just parents, began *telling me* to add “pedophile crimes” to the list. And so it is there.

Therefore, pre-meditated murder, rape, and pedophile crimes will initiate the DPA implementation by 2009. If we demand it!

We the People are fed-up! Those that challenge these rules shall lose..

#### Financial Assault

Under the heading of Financial Assault we could soon be adding the free will predatory crimes of *identity theft* and schemes aimed at swindling innocent people out of their wealth to the list. We will have order.

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More on these matters under An American Agenda, but for a few moments please consider the Plain Truth fact that we have excessive, redundant crimes in this country because the existing Criminal Justice System allows it to continue! Someone once described the Criminal Justice System as an un-productive industry.

This portion of the *status quo* within our National System shall be changed for the sake of the Common Good. It will absolutely result in people being saved from death and assault everyday.

#### **“T” — Could Just Scream!**

The ever-growing Criminal Justice industry, again that I have labeled the Judicial Legal Complex (JLC) – consisting of all levels of the courts, the lawyers, various

Liberal groups, and the “almighty law” have not succeeded in making our neighborhoods safe — did you notice I do not include police officers in that grouping.

The statistically verifiable, grim result of the JLC’s efforts is just the opposite and the resulting public condition will no longer be tolerated or paid for by our tax dollars.

We the People, by Common Agreement will determine to effectively crush such criminal behavior in America. We will no longer continue to allow such acts by our own citizens, and will be extremely less tolerant of any such behavior on the part of non-citizens, and IOs in particular.

Frankly, every time I hear or read about career opportunities for people in the “growing field” of criminal justice — or — advertisements referring to professional criminals (e.g., car thieves), it makes **me** want to *scream*!

We the People will act to reel in the JLC over the next seven (7) years to truly clean-up our streets and decrease the demand for law schools. Again, what a concept!

Our people will see this coming and quickly realize they need to find other more positive fields such as math, energy, science, environment, and engineering to make their way. Our nation requires that domestic brain trust to be grown to insure America’s future as a world leader.

And Consider This

The DPA legislation in conjunction with other American Agenda programs such as the U.S. Re-Employment System, and a restarted Selective Service (Draft) System will facilitate our nation’s absolutely attainable goal to virtually eliminate criminal gang activities no later than 12-31-2014, the unofficial end date of our 7-year Second and Final American Revolution.

We can and we will make these things happen.

**And we will never need to build another prison!**

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Our National Themes are Just More Common Sense

If you generally agree with the hard, but practical rationale behind those National Themes and the civil codes they speak to, then it is easy to appreciate that the overwhelming number of your fellow Americans are of the same mind.

Thus for the sake of our nation and its positive destiny we must acknowledge the existence of such Common Agreements among the vast majority of our 300 million fellow citizens. In essence, those four (4) basic Themes form the very foundation of America's "publicly acceptable" future — the cornerstones of our much needed National Vision. And frankly, they represent the real manner in which the vast majority of We the People already live our lives.

A real National Vision of our country's "potential" future runs through the remainder of this book and is for you to ponder in your private moments.

Be encouraged, my fellow Americans. We the People have the collective Power and the Constitutional Right to demand and have any such civilly responsible changes implemented. We only need to Stand United!

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**“Some people see things as they are and say why.  
I dream things that never were and say why not?”**

**— Robert F. Kennedy**