

## **“Staging the Second American Revolution”**

### ***“Discharging the Full House and a Third of the Senate”***

#### ***“Putting the Fear of the Electorate into the Current and Future Members of Congress”***

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All things considered, the U.S. Congress must be confronted in the most politically aggressive, yet fully appropriate manner that *We the People* possess under the provisions of our U.S. Constitution.

My absolute intent now is to present a direct challenge to my fellow Americans — a hard challenge to the American electorate that I have already not so casually alluded to several times in CS2.

Thomas Paine challenged his fellow colonists to reject the abusive control of the King and his ministers exercised over their lives and destiny.

I now, in the name of *Common Sense* do challenge my fellow Americans to reject the abusive control that U.S. Congress and our the Special Interest driven political parties are now exercising over our very lives and destiny.

I once and for all question the prudent rationale and functional practicality of our re-electing in 2008 and thus extending the public employment of 468 of the 535 members of Congress that are collectively performing our nation such a gross disservice.

The American colonists had to decide to take up arms and fight a bloody war to meet their challenge. We American citizens thanks to the Constitution that some of our national ancestors died to provide us, only need to decide to cast a solemn vote to meet our challenge.

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The growing inability of our elected National leadership, regardless of party affiliation, to resolve or even to seriously attempt to address our very visible national issues and problems brings into absolute question why We the People, their employers should allow any of them to continue to do such an “inadequate” job for the nation. For us to allow our failed leadership to continue to walk the halls under the Great U.S. Capitol Dome, beyond their current term is without question lacking all practical logic and *common sense*.

Further, We the People cannot afford nor can we allow continued Congressional

inaction. Especially, when the remaining months leading up to what will be a historic November day are wrapped around a presidential campaign. A period of time during which as history documents they accomplish even less — if that is even possible. We must aggressively disturb that traditional *legislative dead zone*.

Beginning in the early summer of 2006 I have been talking with people on the idea of the American electorate going to the polls and voting out every incumbent in the U.S. Congress regardless of party or platform. As stated before I talk with many people most of whom I have never met, and the response to the concept has been overwhelmingly positive. Needless to say it generated a little conversation at times, but at least 8 out of 10 would seriously consider such action. Not surprisingly more than a few were already planning to ride the anti-incumbent bandwagon and the near historic results of the November 2006 Off-year Congressional Election demonstrated the growing displeasure among the electorate — more on that encouraging event shortly.

The virtual pump of dramatic public change has been primed and is in readiness for November 2008.

### **Public Concerns Regarding an 87% Congressional Replacement**

It goes without saying that such a voting action on our part would be a momentously radical, yet very controlled change in America's elected national level office-holders. However, it should not be viewed as a dangerous or reckless political action on our part. The peace and security in the nation would not be at risk. Although, the *chicken-little's* will be out in maximum force to announce and to declare that the sky will fall should we take such reckless action.

Just remember what the man said, "*The only thing we have to fear — is fear itself*".

To rephrase, consider for a moment that should this decisive Political Action exercise catch on with the voters during the remainder of the 2008 campaign, which after all is the absolute goal here, the suddenly *at risk* Congressional incumbents in the 535-Club will be crying that the sky will fall should they all be removed from their offices. Such rhetoric in poker terms is called, "bluffing." And We the People will be calling their bluff!

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Here we will review some concerns and perspectives on Congressional Replacement from my conversations with some of our fellow Americans:

- First of all, be comforted that the losing incumbent's accumulated body of

knowledge would only be one step removed from office, since the former Congressional members would still be available to the new members of Congress. Importantly, most of the Congressional Staff of former members with their own accumulated body of knowledge on how Congress functions would also be looking for work. And frankly, they do most of the real work on the Hill anyway. Many would not even balk at changing parties if they were still serving their state and had a job!

The newly “retired” incumbents would still be responsible to the residents of their respective states and the nation for the smooth and functional turnover to the new officeholders. As is standard procedure anytime a Congressional member leaves office, there is a formal transition and follow-up as needed. And the citizens of each state will expect nothing less.

- In one entertaining “public poll” (a few years ago) regarding Congressional job performance, people generally only had a 60% or so approval rating of their state’s Senators and Representatives, but no more than 30% approval of everybody else’s. You know — my state’s people are OK but the other 49 are a problem! Not at all surprising.

That false, yet common appraisal combined with the well-orchestrated Congressional Re-districting makes it more difficult all the time for a challenger to defeat any incumbent. “Lifers” in Congress is not what the Founders had in mind. And in objectively judging these long-term incumbents’ dysfunctional job performance validates – it is absolutely not what the National System and our society needs either. Period!

- This highly dysfunctional situation must be seriously considered by each voter (yes, that means you) between now and what will be a nation defining 2008 Election Day. There are definitely those that will say that their Congress men and/or women take care of them and get their state funding and other types of goodies, and they will be very concerned about losing some of that leverage. A selfish, yet practical concern for certain.

Frankly, this is one place where each of us will need to consider the Big Picture and think beyond our local and state boundaries. This goes directly to defining our national character and having a Common Vision as a Democratic society. Be encouraged that the newly elected members will be very interested in taking care of their state’s concerns and people issues. Again, that is supposed to be their job.

And just imagine how much more attentive to the Common Good of the people of their state, as well as the nation, the new members of Congress would be — IF — We the People execute what may well become known as the “November Surprise”.

- Another “*hardball*” issue with people to be hit head-on is Party preference or allegiance. To be perfectly clear, we are talking about Democrats voting out Democrats and Republicans voting out Republicans. There are also a few Independent members to be dealt with as well.

This will be extremely difficult for some people to deal with and there will surely be those that will not be able to do it. And that is their absolute right as an American citizen. All that I can offer the discussion is the Plain Truth that while individually there are some good people in Congress (and you may really like your man or your woman in that office) the bone-marrow reality is that collectively they are not getting our job done.

Factually and grimly, there are real people in every one of the 435 Congressional Districts that are actually suffering from their failure to be effective national leaders.

Further, WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE UNDENIABLE TRUTH — scores of our fellow Americans are literally dying needlessly everyday due to their collective legislative and public leadership incompetence. And I am not talking about our brave troops being lost in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere around the world.

And when is the last time we saw or heard of any member of Congress standing up and declaring that a given critical problem could be resolved with the proposal they were presenting. And would not sit down or be quiet until it became a national media event and finally saw to it that the required legislation was fully enacted. I am only talking about an issue of true importance to the Common Good of the American public. Don’t strain yourself. It is always difficult to recall something that has never happened!

- More than one person in my conversations commented that they believed most members of Congress would pull whatever dirty trick necessary to get re-elected. And they did not always put it that nicely either!
- More and more in recent years Congressional elections (House and Senate — both parties) are pretty well rigged to reelect the incumbent. That is why Term Limits legislation never sees the light of day. We have the authority to reset 468 Congressional terms to *zero* on Election Day!

The majority of the Congress (87%) would be replaced with an assorted group of people, most of whom never really expected to be elected — given the usual 90-plus percent incumbent reelection rate in Congressional races. The new members of Congress would be thrilled to have the position, the opportunity to serve, and would be anxious to please We the People that

acted together to put them there!

Party loyalty would suddenly take second place to People loyalty. It will be a new beginning.

- This new crop of truly ‘elected’ American men and women in Congress would absolutely have received a “mandate from the people.” Not a false public mandate as sometimes claimed by the political parties after securing a resounding 51% of the vote with at best a 60% voter turnout. So let’s see now — 51% of a 60 % voter turnout would seem to equal a ‘mandate’ from maybe 30% of the electorate. The other 70% of us needs to wake up!
- Consider that the new 435 House members will know to immediately be about the People’s work — or else — in 24 more months (or 48 if the Amendment is passed) We the People will install yet another new batch of 435 Representatives in the House. Believe me they will us loud and clear!

Further, the new House members will not need to focus on raising millions for their re-election race, because if they do a good job over the next 24 or 48 months We the People will reward them with easy re-election. However, if they do not get the message and do not aggressively attend to the People’s issues, all the money they could raise will not keep them from the same electoral defeat as their predecessors in 2008.

The new 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives will technically be on 24 to 48 month job probation. Any questions?

- Consider also that the next batch of 34 of incumbent Senators up for re-election in 2010 may just as well plan on retiring should the American Electorate claim this Congressional housekeeping task as their own in 2008. Note that the Senate is structured such that one third of the 100 members are up for re-election every two (2) years (i.e., 33 in 2008, 34 in 2010, 33 in 2012, and so on.

They could go ahead and draft their 2010 farewell speech in 2008. And the remaining 33 can make similar plans for 2012. Three votes and they are all out! It will be a clean sweep!

- Another sticking factor in process is the single-issue voter. Prime examples are religion, the abortion issue, gun control, gay and lesbian rights to name a few of the hot button issues that too many politicians blatantly hype just for the sake of fundraising and getting reelected.

It must be said that every American voter has the right to personally and privately decide why he or she chooses to vote for or against a given

candidate. My challenge to those Americans of deep conviction on a given issue is to please step back and look this one time beyond that single issue and consider the Common Good of the other 299,999,999 American citizens and our Common Interests.

Therefore, when you privately go into that voting booth and are casting your vote (firing your single shot in the Second American Revolution) with no one but yourself to answer to – consider the overall state of the nation and collective failure of our current national leadership. And then do what you believe is the right thing.

The bottom line of the current Congressional condition is that we have men and women in national leadership that provide lip service on major issues when they are fundraising and getting votes while running for office, but are doing nothing about them in between. This can only be described as irresponsible, manipulative, and *dysfunctional leadership* — which equates to *non-leadership* and in the end is literally *negative leadership*! They are functionally leading American society in the wrong direction!

The major reason that problems continue without resolution is simply because Congress can get reelected without addressing them. Frankly, we're mostly taken for granted on Election Day and then ignored.

Together, We have it within our United Voting Power to give social and economic change in the name of the Common Good a real opportunity! And the results will be astounding! It will be the Second Coming of American Democracy...

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### **Consider This**

What if we were talking about a business or an industry? To survive in the marketplace, a given business must be run in such a manner that it can provide the buying public with desirable goods and/or services or their business will fail being replaced by those that can.

Further, publicly held corporations must provide their stockholder's with dividends or the existing management will be replaced with those that can produce those returns. Otherwise the business will falter and/or be consumed by other business interests.

The subtitle of this book, *Our Second and Final American Revolution*, was not chosen to be cute or to be a catchy phrase. We not only have the Power, but we have a solemn Obligation to ourselves, our children, and theirs to call our elected

leadership to task for the inadequate job they have done for us over these last few decades. We must determine to exercise practical corrective action. And We must do it now! We do not have 2, let alone 4 more years to waste.

Consider that our national ancestors, the American colonists of the 1770s had an absolute monarch controlling their daily life and destiny. It is now 2008 and we have a government of elected federal national politicians that we are currently under the control of, but that We have the Constitutional Right to have control over — but only if We act! And if We come together and agree to it, We can replace all of them with people that will be far more concerned about our Common Good.

As they say, like it or not it is our watch and we are responsible for straightening out and wresting control over the National System from those that are so selfishly controlling it today! It is our decision and freewill choice to make. We can either permit this growing chaos to worsen or we will elect national leadership that will respond to our concerns and heed our direct suggestions for prudent, practical, and fair Change.

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I do sincerely wish, as I am sure most Americans are, that this major change in our leadership and high percentage replacement of the U.S. Congress membership were not a practical necessity, but reality is reality. Once we have boldly,

- clarified our expectations,
- shown that We are their *managers* and not their *pawns*,
- clarified that they are civil servants not Kings and Queens,
- declared that the misuse political power of any business, industry, and the politically influential will not be tolerated —

our newly elected Congress will surely be about the People's business and be dedicated to preserving the Common Good.

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With the accomplishment of such a historic, non-violent replacement of our national leadership, another and hopefully the last era of irresponsible political influence in American politics will be dealt with, and American Democracy will truly be born again!

When, We the People stand and lead, our leaders will surely follow.

*America is for Americans*

**We Will Control Our National Destiny — Only If We Act!**

With the chaotic combination of the nation being in another Republican Presidential cycle, the hard realities of the global economy, and the current version of the New World Order running amok — it seems America cannot really depend on the either Party or the collective resources of the U.S. Congress to figure out what to do to pull us out of the economic Recession We are in as 2008 begins.

And that is to say nothing about the serious issues on the public's Grievance List presented earlier. It is apparent to the public at least, that the growing negative economic and social conditions We are facing in 2008 and on into 2009 are going to take some strong medicine to remedy. Our alleged national leadership of both Parties in Congress waste far too much time doing functionally nothing with regard to our Common Good. That is why I have used the word dysfunctional so often when referring to them.

When starting this book on July 1, 2005 I already believed that neither Party had the vision or the political guts to effectively confront the Special Interest driven status Quo and resolve our Common Problems. It is now early February 2008 – and the events of the last 2 and a-half years, unfortunately have proven them even less capable or willing to confront those challenges.

It is just another reason why somebody had to write such a book as CS2 about really confronting and resolving some of those serious on-going problems – to call our People to action – and to propose our Second American Revolution.

In **1776**, it took *Common Sense* and our national ancestor's blood and determination to *create* America and our radical new Democratic form of government. They confronted the all too powerful Few within their own country, in the name of the Common Good of the Many and took control of their Destiny.

In **2008 and beyond**, it will take the *Second Coming of Common Sense* and the united actions of our fellow Americans to re-establish the People's control over the government and *preserve* our Democracy. We must confront the Few that are exercising far too much power over the Common Good and regain control over our national Destiny. That not being dramatic, because it is the Plain Truth.

**We the People, must decide our nation's future.** To confront our historic challenges of 2008 and decide whether or not to control our own destiny...

In particular I am challenging my fellow Baby Boomers for it is now our watch. We must show true leadership for the sake of our children's generation and for

those that follow them.

And, like it or not, We will now unavoidably make that Common Decision — either by our deliberate action or our inaction.

As for me, I am all in, and I say We will stand together and fight!

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We the People, can initiate our present day Revolution by performing one of the simplest and most precious of our Democratic Rights of American citizenship. By casting our historic Vote on 11-4-08!

That momentous November day would prove to be *our Declaration* signaling the start of our Second and Final American Revolution. We the People each get one shot! And if We boldly and deliberately launch this coordinated assault in the name of Democracy and for the Common Good of our people, *it will be heard around the world.*

We will challenge the Presidential and Congressional candidates during the 2008 campaign to address and respond to the concepts and proposals presented in An American Agenda.

We can challenge the Congress to take action on some of the proposals presented in that Agenda **prior to** the November 2008 election, even though based upon more than a decade of under-performance, there is little confidence that they would take such action.

Therefore, We will inform the incumbents of the House and Senate running for re-election that they have collectively and of their own free will decision failed in the sworn Responsibilities to the People. And for that failure they will not be re-elected. We will literally effectively clear the House and one third of the Senate on November 4, 2008.

We the People, can no longer tolerate or subsidize the Dysfunctional U.S. Congress and their Special Interest Puppeteers.

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### **Now About that Last Ten Percent**

You may recall that in the Introduction to Part 3, I mentioned that I had sent about 90% of Part 5 to the publisher. The next few, important pages represent that remaining 10%.

This is one of the spots in CS2 that this 175,000-plus word extended, personal letter to you from me, where the words get very important and personal. And where the decisions We are reviewing could not be more critical. We are absolutely talking altering the future from its present course. Consider that for a moment. We hold the future in our hands if We choose to re-shape it.

In this piece I will briefly write about the encouraging results of the 2006 Congressional Election, complimenting the high voter turn-out, especially in those states that actually kicked-out some Congressional incumbents. That was just a taste of what could come this year.

We will then review the historic, Democratic action that the Electorate *should* take in voting out 468 U.S. House and Senate incumbents this November. Although – We might consider giving the House rookies that won their first election in 2006 one more opportunity to show what they could do in a “refreshed, free, and independent” Congress. After all they would have An American Agenda as a guide.

And finally We will review the 2008 Presidential Election, its final players, and our options.

The potential benefit to the Common Good of the Electorate’s general acceptance of An American Agenda, the deliberate firing of most of the Congress, the appearance of new Congress with an un-mistakably clear message and charter from the People, and a new President that knows exactly what the People expect them to do – would be as historic as the first days of the American Revolution.

We the People can direct all of those Good Things to occur by taking no more than a few hours of our individual time on a single day this November, to proudly execute our Right of Citizenship by voting as a united People to Declare our Second American Revolution.

We can now bring order to our national chaos. We must, each of us, accept that it is possible to correct the errors of the past and the present, and create the positive future We all desire to live in.