

Maximizing Minimums



"If we don't get our act together and come in commonality with the organisms that sustain us today, not only will we destroy those organisms, but we will destroy ourselves. We need to have a paradigm shift in our consciousness. What will it take to achieve that? If I die trying, but I'm inadequate to the task to make a course change in the evolution of life on this planet, the fact is that I tried. How many people are not trying? If you knew that every breath you took could save hundreds of lives into the future had you walked down this path of knowledge, wouldn't you run down that path of knowledge as fast as you could? I believe nature is a force of good. Good is not only a concept, it is a spirit, and so, hopefully, the spirit of goodness will survive."

~ Paul Stamets, Mycologist, a video titled "Moving Art" at www.fantasticfungi.net, by Louie Schwartzberg.

Introduction

This project had its beginnings after I had been listening to my favorite radio talk show host many years ago. The host was educated as an attorney and has run for congress in the past. I find him to be both brilliant and entertaining. On this particular day, a caller had called in and expressed their concerns for our country, asking, "What do you recommend we do?" To my surprise and disappointment, the brilliant host stammered "Well, I guess what you can do is to get involved on a local level in your communities." That was the extent of the host's advice. Again, I was flabbergasted.

This host, now nationally syndicated, had been given a bully pulpit from which he could influence and lead our nation and, for that matter, the world. In his time of opportunity, he had no platform to offer. On that day, I had an epiphany and I made a commitment to myself. In these times of national peril or at any other time, when the affairs of man are beyond the grid of logic, I would never fail to know what it is I believe in. This writing is the result of that commitment.

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It must first be understood that no economic system is perfect. It is also understood that converting from one system to another is extremely difficult. More importantly, however, is the hard reality that at times in history; change has come, ready, easy or not. Brought on by a myriad of forces, the realities of the day have overwhelmed the status quo, bringing along change previously unseen. Be it generated by man (Stalinism in the 1950's), environmental (the dust bowl of the 1930's) or sociological (the bubonic plague of the 1300's to the 1700's), all have made their dramatic effect. Some have lingered.

Today, America stands at a crossroads. At this writing, we are five months from an election as polarized as any in history. On the right, we have a candidate who has been the beneficiary of capitalism in the extreme. Opposite him is a choice between two avowed socialists. Seldom before has the national political stage been set in such a state of disarray.

That said, an even larger question looms; is either free reigning capitalism OR socialism the answer for the country today? On the stage of world history, socialism has yet to demonstrate a single success. On the other hand, free market capitalism is in the process of offering up its most striking failure to date – that of the United States of America. The abuses of the American banking industry, the mystery of the Federal Reserve System, the failure of corporate America and our educational system suggest that it may be time to consider alternatives. More importantly, a paradigm change in the character of American society may well prove to be the next tsunami in sociological evolution. How much longer can this nation resist the demands that are, encroaching upon us? The call for a Godless society, the addiction to entitlements, the growing need and dependence for the false reality provided by hallucinogenic drugs, the failure of our society to teach young people a work ethic, the failure of our educational system to prepare students with careers offering at least a livable wage, etc., etc. As the disparity between the “haves and the have nots” has grown to extreme proportions, how much longer can the traditional economic policies of the past put out the flames of the call for “change”?

Maximizing Minimums is a free market system with restraints on excess. The system utilizes the best aspects of a free market system while limiting most negatives. The fundamental principal is that the world's resources and wealth can no longer be dominated by a few, particularly in a global economy conscious of environmental and social limitations. International social responsibility is suggesting that all individuals have equal access to resources and opportunity, and that accumulation of wealth by individuals be limited to levels suitable to sustain life and a reasonable level of comfort, but not to the point of extreme excess.

Maximizing Minimums is not socialism, a system in which the benefits of individual ability are not encouraged. It is also not free reigning capitalism, with all of its inherent excess.

The fundamentals of the system are as follows:

- **A limit on personal income based on a multiple of the current wage level. If for instance, the living wage level is \$25,000 and the selected multiple is 40, the maximum personal income would be \$1,000,000. (The numbers have been chosen for demonstration purposes only.)**
- **As in a free market system, all individuals would be encouraged to aspire to and beyond the maximum income level. Income exceeding the maximum level would be taxed in the following manner: 50% can be reinvested into a totally new industry or business, thereby encouraging economic growth as well as creating employment. 25% will be paid directly into the government tax system, and 25% directed into an educational system designed to meet the educational needs of all citizens.**
- **The educational system will offer career testing, vocational training, course work and career counseling. Most importantly, this educational system and the professions that would result from it will be in direct response to those professions forecasted to be in demand in the country's future. No longer will our students be directed into career choices where no opportunities exist or where their skill sets are not a fit. Our citizenry is procreating faster than our economy is expanding. Rather than try to cram our rapidly expanding population into a limited economy, we need a paradigm shift that prepares individuals to fit into the economy of the future. The educational choices of our students will be a direct response to the needs of the world in which they will live. The objective is to enable all individuals in the society to achieve their full career potential, thereby allowing them to move up the financial ladder.**
- **One of the most severe challenges to the United States today is the exporting of jobs and technology, a practice that is growing at an alarming rate. A fundamental issue at work here is the move away from an industrial society to that of technology. In so doing, labor positions are either eliminated or exported to foreign countries offering a lower wage base. By raising the educational level of all Americans, emerging opportunities will be matched with an educationally evolving populace.**

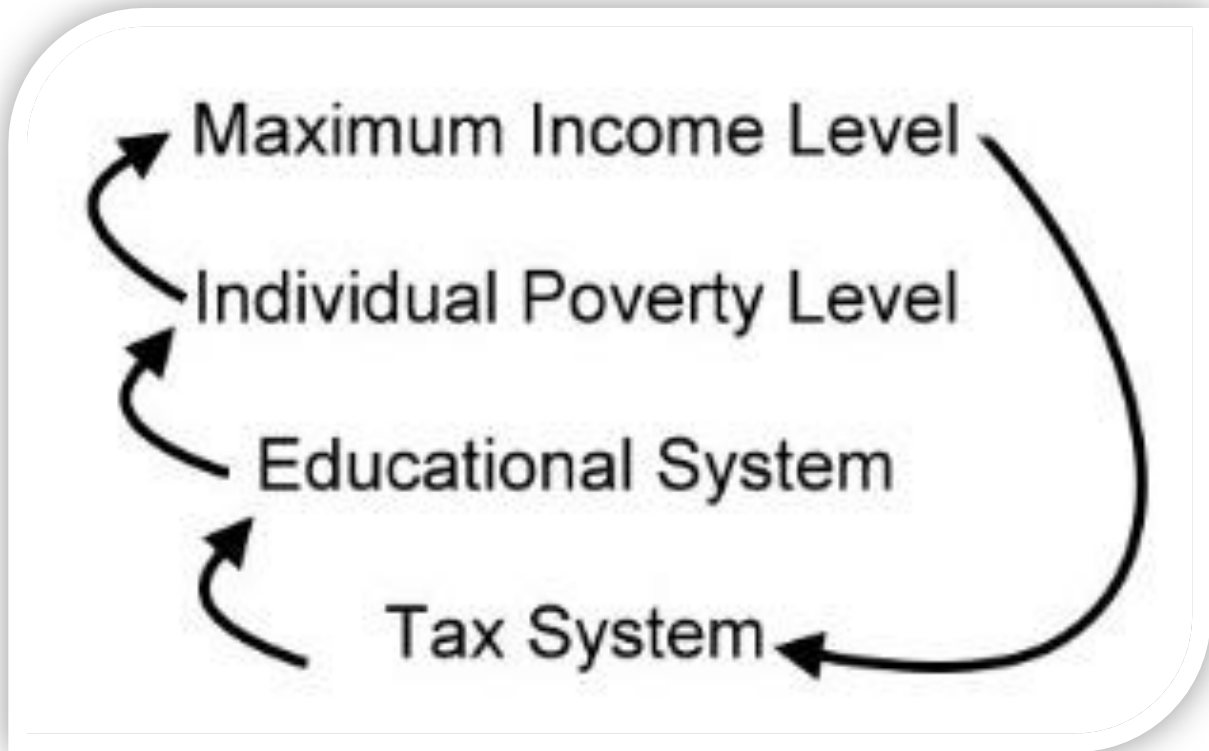
There would be no welfare system with the exception of those medically handicapped or retired.

The social security system for retired individuals will take into account all personal income and support only those whose levels of income are below the minimum level.

The overriding benefit of this system is bringing the entire populace to its full potential through education. By providing total access to education for all citizens, the social ills and costs of poverty, violence and crime can be significantly reduced as citizens

experience the benefit of personal fulfillment.

The system can be diagrammed as follows:



One man, one vote

The tyranny of today is the rule by the fringe that has evolved in our generation. The loudest voice is granted legitimacy, regardless of the true level of public support. Political correctness and overstated rights for special interests have severely altered our democratic process. History has shown that the vast majority of eligible voters, and particularly those whose lives will be adversely affected by the political interests of the vocal minority, do not vote. The minority wins because the democratic majority abstains from the political process. For democracy to thrive, true majority rule must prevail. To this end, I suggest one man, one vote via the combination of both an on-line and the conventional voter registration process.

Voter registration

Voter registration could be conducted by DNA registration. No longer would unverified, undocumented, illegal vocal minorities be allowed to dominate. Establishing such a registration system will take time and money. Our nation is, however, in dire need of the creation of jobs AND something better than wars to spend the taxpayer's money on. Citizens would be encouraged to register on line. If they lack a computer, community libraries and city governments will offer voter registration. Failure to vote will result in the withholding of annual income tax refunds.

Limiting Legislation

All local, state and federal issues would be voted on a once-a-month basis, thereby limiting the excessive cost of maintaining ongoing government. A purposely limited amount of legislation would be taken into consideration in each monthly session. Re-submission of failed legislation would be limited to once every five years to avoid the cost of repeated and failed attempts at passage. Once legislation has been re-submitted and failed a second time, the total cost of submitting that same legislation in the future would be borne by those sponsoring the bill. If the legislation fails a third time, the sponsoring party would pay all costs associated with its consideration. The purpose of this policy is the elimination of repeated attempts to pass legislation that has been previously disapproved by the majority.

An agenda for new legislation

- Liberals have an agenda and they are working diligently to implement it.
- Much of their implementation plan is to propose liberal legislation and to get it passed without public scrutiny or awareness.
- Once in place, liberals are quick to attach the influence of "political correctness" to their newly legalized legislation.
- As this new "movement" gains momentum, it gains in its ability to garner votes.
- Before long, we have a movement, backed by the rule of law, propelled by a vocal minority, dominating the actions of the citizenry on a national basis. The tsunami of progressivism!
- Take the "gender free" rest room phenomenon, for instance. Sixty days ago, the issue was unheard of. Today, this ridiculous issue is being enforced across the nation! Some

of the largest corporations in the country are bowing to this new manifestation of “progressivism”. Businesses and industries are caught up in this avalanche of submission while the rest of the nation stands helplessly by. In the meantime, there isn’t a person among us who has the slightest idea of where this whole movement came from or, as importantly, who the original sponsors were.

Liberals have gotten away with this for generations. They are getting away with it more today than ever. That is simply because to date, conservatives have made little effort whatsoever to expose, on a regular basis, these sponsors of the socialist agenda. Each year, thousands of new laws are brought to bear on the American people. Can there be any doubt of the deleterious and collective effect these liberal laws have on our society?

The solution

I believe all fifty states have a JBS affiliate. I would propose that each office agree to participate in what I will call “The National Legislation Depot”. Each office will establish an online application to receive proposed legislation from every legislative session. (Such access may already exist.) The responsibility of the participating affiliate will be to review all proposed legislation at their state level. (I believe this could be handled by one person within the affiliate.) That legislation deemed to be unacceptably liberal will be flagged and sent to JBS headquarters.

Once collected, this legislation will be put in the JBS web site, in its newsletter, in press releases on a national basis and on social media. The names of the sponsors will be included. These proposed laws will be monitored as they go through the legislative process. Should the law pass, periodic updates on the law will be shared on an ongoing basis.

The purpose will be to expose sponsors of liberal legislation to make them more accountable to the voting public.

Diluting Legislative Influence

The nation has regressed largely into a “one man, one rule” system. Legislative control and balance have been compromised for years. Lyndon Johnson marched us into Vietnam without Congressional approval, and by lying about the Gulf of Tonkin attack. We lost 58,250 sons and daughters in an illegal, ill-conceived war as a result. Richard Nixon took us off the gold standard, the age old standard for accumulating wealth. Untold fortunes have been lost because of it. The Bush family marched us into Iraq and Afghanistan, to which there is no end in sight, trillions of dollars later. And now comes Barry Hussein Obama. Not only was he not vetted by his own party or that of his opposition, he has managed to appropriate in the name of government more wealth than all previous administrations while financially burdening future generations almost beyond hope. Meanwhile, we, the people, the “owners” of this system, sit idly by. It’s time to take back what belongs to the citizens. The legislative process should be reestablished with the ground rules and checks and balances first envisioned by our founding fathers. Nothing less is acceptable.

Limited Government

Government was never seen as the answer to all problems by our founding fathers. More often, it has proven to be the problem. Today, one is hard pressed to identify a government program that is an economic success or one that has not grown wildly out of control. We need to convert to a fundamental policy where the private sector is looked to for our answers. A most glaring example of this is seen today in the field of airport security. The cost of all forms of government should be determined by those responsibilities as assigned by the Constitution. Anything in excess of this amount of spending should be eliminated. The government must establish a budget annually and conform to it. Deficit spending should not be allowed.

Today, federal employees earn 60% more than those in the private sector.

Leadership

At a time when a very serious percentage of Americans are extremely fearful for their futures, when a very serious percentage of Americans have lost their life's savings, we have a president taking more vacation time and spending more of our taxpayer dollars than any president before him. At a time when the president should be making a serious effort to encourage the American people and find a way for our nation, Barry Hussein Obama is directing the nation in a direction approved by only 30% of the country. It has been reported that in excess of \$400,000 was spent on Obama's election by unnamed individuals from outside the United States. The Democratic Party should be prosecuted for their failure to properly vet this community activist. He and they should be held financially responsible for the economic damage they have done to the country.

Economic Policy

The following statistics were printed in the Wall Street Journal:

- **433** - Total number of days it takes in the U.S. to start a business, register a property, pay taxes, get an import/export license and enforce a contract
- **368** - The total number of days it took to accomplish the same tasks in 2006.
- **7** - U.S. ranking out of 144 countries, on the World Economic Forum's 2012 – 2013 Global Competitiveness Index.
- **1** - U.S. ranking on the 2008 – 2009 Global Competitiveness Index.
- **33** - U.S. ranking for its legal system and property rights in 2010 on the Fraser Institutes Economic Freedom Index, out of 144 countries.
- **9** - U.S. ranking for its legal system and property rights in 2000.

The decline of U.S. institutions is well documented but largely ignored.

An economic plan should be determined for local, state and federal governments. The plan would center on the free market system and be mandated to operate within balanced budgets at all times. The plan would maintain an "America First" posture. During the height of this

current recession, the U.S. lent \$8.3 billion to a Mexican government that is responsible for exporting more illegal drug trade and violence into our country than any other outside influence. Recently, we committed to provide an economic bailout to the European Union: This and more, at a time when the majority of our own cities and states are preparing to file for bankruptcy. Amazing, irresponsible and unsustainable! A fundamental priority in all economic policies should be to limit to an absolute minimum any bureaucratic “red tape” that exists as an obstacle to free market capitalism.

Constitutional Law

Adherence to constitutional law should be re-established and maintained. A panel of Constitutional scholars could preside within the court systems and be responsible for determining adherence to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Acts determined to be against the Constitution and the Bill of Rights will be considered to be unacceptable.

Balancing the Federal Budget

Balancing the Federal Budget is critical to our national defense, as well as our well-being. It can be done expeditiously with the following actions:

- A 15% cut in all Federal expenditures, across the board, with no job losses. (We will all have to feel the pain to stop the drain.)
- Establish an aggressive rewards program for identifying financial waste and loss.
- Eliminate all military expenditures and facilities not deemed to be of critical strategic national defense.

The U.S. Government is one of the largest landowners in the world. In Minnesota, the land of 20,000 lakes, much of the lake shore and forest land is also owned by the federal government. It is said that in excess of 80% of the land in the western states is owned by the government. Selling this land would achieve two objectives: it would generate funds from the sale while returning the property to the tax rolls for the collection of future taxes. Applied on a national basis, this approach will go a long way toward resolving our fiscal emergency. I know of no strategic interest that this sale would jeopardize. All sales will have to be to American citizens. No foreign interests. Our federal budget deficit can be overcome. As General David Petraeus has been quoted as saying, “hard isn't impossible”.

Economic Incentives

To solve our economic quagmire, we should learn to think “outside the box”. There are industries and technologies lying dormant right before us that we continue to overlook. If we can learn to identify them, we can learn to profit from them. Case in point: What about an industry that would create thousands of jobs nationwide, while also being profitable and also

feed the world? This industry would be the desalinization of salt water. The technology has been in use for years in Saudi Arabia and around the world. In the 1950's, nuclear submarines were, of necessity, equipped with desalinization systems capable of supplying enough potable water for extended periods of time. If the U.S. Government were to offer financial incentives, American industrialists and investors would immediately jump on the opportunity. The result would include the following:

- A thriving, profitable industry would be created.
- Thousands of construction and manufacturing jobs would be created.
- Arid land would become productive.
- Agriculture would thrive.
- Millions of people would be fed from the foods that are created.
- The needs of major metropolitan areas could be satisfied.

Another growth industry, one offering critically-needed national defense improvements, is the defense and development of our national electric grid. In the last thirty years, the world community has turned completely to computerization. Little if anything has been done to secure the electric system from the acts of terrorism, yet the grid itself remains as the most vulnerable aspects of our economy and nation. We need go no further than to look at the recent leak sponsored by Wiki-leaks to realize just how vulnerable we are. The same can be said for our gas and oil industries. Incentivizing these industries will provide the spark needed for their development and protection. The possibility of these improvements in this field of industry arises simply by thinking outside the traditional box.

Domestic Policy

An economic domestic plan should be developed along with the national economic plan mentioned earlier. The domestic financial plan could be created that best suits the needs of all Americans. The country can ill afford to practise only that which benefits corporate America at the peril of its people. The country can no longer allow its technologies to be stolen by foreign governments and interests. The country can no longer afford to allow the exportation of its manufacturing sector. The plan to be developed must and should provide a balance with all domestic economic interests.

Crime

The rule of law can be better clarified and implemented. Our nation has long ago passed the threshold of tolerance for criminal behavior. On February 20, 2000, it was announced that the United States then had in excess of 2,000,000 citizens incarcerated in prison. Today, we far exceed that number. We are well past the time of need for the widespread implementation of "tough love".

- Parents of adolescent children should be held responsible for their children until adulthood. In the event that adolescent children are found guilty of breaking the law, the parents should be financially liable for the costs of their incarceration.
- One of the difficulties in the field of crime is for innocent victims to recognize a perpetrator before the crime occurs. In order to facilitate recognizing convicted felons, adult criminals could be subject to forehead branding. A branding will occur in the middle of the felons forehead, 2" square in size. In the event of a murderer, an "M" will be branded. In the case of a rape, an "R", etc. Branding as punishment will have two deterrent effects: Those considering crime will be reluctant to experience permanent disfigurement. The second effect is that it will be more difficult for potential victims to be surprised by a branded criminal.
- Gangs should be elevated to the level of terrorists and prosecuted as aggressively. As I said at the beginning of this section, we are well past the time of need for the widespread implementation of "tough love".

Illegal Drugs

All recipients of welfare should be subject to monthly urinalysis exams. Failure would permanently cancel all welfare programs for the individual. A benefit from this program would be the establishment of a health care industry and the jobs resulting from it. As a nation, we can no longer afford to reward drug addicts and dealers through the welfare system. Those found guilty of felony drug crimes will be considered as terrorist and prosecuted accordingly. Said punishment will include incarceration at Guantanamo Bay and future forced release in Cuba or a Muslim nation.

Science

In today's "one world economy", too much speculation has occurred regarding the sciences. The consideration of "Global Warming" has escalated phenomenally in recent years and yet the science community remains at odds over the scientific research behind it. The world can ill-afford such exercises in futility. The US Government should select a panel of the most accomplished scientists available. This panel would make their recommendations for American policy based strictly on irrefutable scientific determination.

A study several years ago indicated the following:

"Traces of the chemicals used in pesticides are found in our food, in the air and rain, in fish and birds, and even in the arctic ice pack. Some pesticides are persistent: The long banned DDT, for example, routinely shows up in the breast milk of American women, often in higher concentrations than the government permits in cows' milk. By the age of five years, many children in the U.S. have already ingested one third of their acceptable lifetime level of some pesticides. The Department of Agriculture recently tested apples, bananas and other produce and found a total of forty-nine chemicals in more than sixty percent of the foods tested."

Many with environmental concerns

In 1980, a group of high school students from Le Center, Minnesota came upon a pond filled with deformed frogs. Eventually, these deformed frogs were found across the northern regions of the U.S., southern Canada and Japan. The United States government offered some finances, feigning interest in the problem for a year or two before losing interest.

In 2015, great interest and concern arose over the absence of honey bees found in nature. One year later, interest is already waning. As a world society, we must establish far greater interest and concern about our lifeline to this earth. To have anything less is to condemn the earth to a suicide pact.

When is the last time you heard a relevant discussion regarding the disposal of nuclear waste? These are but three topics, either of which could lead to the demise of all of humanity and yet, the world remains largely silent.

I am remembering one of the considerations of the 2011 nuclear disaster in Fukushima, Japan. The essence of the story was that a decision was made due to financial constraint. I was told that the nuclear plant could have been and should have been built on top of a nearby hill. Due to financial considerations, however, the decision was made to construct it at coastline level. The rest, as they say, is history. Another example of how the decisions of a few men and women can imperil the entire world.

We must learn to take the matters of this earth seriously and devote ourselves to technologies that are self-sustaining.

Government Waste

Financial rewards would be given for identifying governmental and industrial waste.

Government Corruption

Any governmental representative found guilty of a felony would be denied future involvement in government service at any level. All income, retirement and pension income would be forfeited. Government officials would be entitled to the same benefits as the American people, including insurance and retirement.

Foreign Policy

The United States would operate internationally in accordance with a foreign policy based on the principals of the Constitution and democracy, approved by the American people. Any country failing to conform to these democratic principles will be denied any economic

involvement with or political aid from the U.S. or our allies. This includes the adoption of all democratic institutions and the maintenance of the rule of law by the subject country. The reestablishment of economic and political relations between the U.S. and her allies and the subject country will occur only when it is determined that the subject country has achieved conformity to our democratic principles. One of the obvious benefits of this consideration is the elimination of despots who develop into tyrannical dictators.

The liberals' proposition for world-wide poverty is the universal re-distribution of wealth. "Not so", I say! Instead, bring the rest of the world up to our standard. Help them to have a Constitution. Help them to learn to respect and live by the rule of law. Help them develop an economic blueprint by which to thrive. Help them develop an educational blueprint. Help them come to understand the benefits of Christian living. (You don't have to be a Christian to see the good in its teachings.)

Any country found guilty of stealing US technology or working against the US Democratic agenda would be equally isolated.

A Panel of History will be established. its purpose will be to document and clarify the accurate history of foreign affairs for the purpose of avoiding the mistake of the past while determining the proper foreign policy of the future.

For far too long, America has focused our efforts in what we export as a nation on the lowest common denominator – things like arms and militarism. We have done far too little to export our best – knowledge for instance. Throughout history and, in particular, the cold war, the United States had waged a phenomenal battle of lives and costs against tyranny (in the former Soviet Union, for instance). When the Soviet Union fell, precious little effort was made to fill the void with our democratic principles. At the critical moment in history, our nation failed to provide to the Soviet people the tools by which to build their own democratic nation. The result is that today, Russia represents little more than a mafia state, headed in a mostly regressive direction.

During World War II, my dad risked his life as an Army scout in what was then known as Burma. Today, Myanmar is considered to be one of the most abusive countries on earth. The essence of the matter is that, as a society, we haven't done enough to represent our principals to the world, largely because our principals have become very blurred. Our new foreign policy needs to identify our democratic principals in order that they can be considered by the citizens of the world. We, ourselves, should not take them for granted or assume that they are known by others.

One of the most obvious opportunities for exportation is our knowledge. Recently, I viewed photographs taken from NASA astronauts. The photographs were incredible. In part, they represented to me an illustration of the capability of best efforts of man. Internationally however, few people have observed what I witnessed; know of it; or have even benefited in any way. The United States is capable of being the world's greatest source of knowledge to the benefit of mankind. All we need to do so is to develop the "lesson plan" for what the United States wants to teach the world and then do it. By so doing, we will begin a much needed change of our image around the world.

The United States should work diligently to limit the international sale of armaments, both by us and by all foreign governments.

U.S. Support of Israel

The US Government would establish a policy for the Israeli government related to disputed territories. Said policy would be voted on by the American populace. In the event Israeli government fails to conform to this policy, all foreign aid, both financial and military, will immediately cease. Our country can no longer bear the cost of their Israeli intransigence.

Illegal Immigration

My suggestion is that a date be determined in the near future. By said date, all immigrants now in the U.S. must provide documentation showing their legal status. Those not able to do so will face three choices:

- 1) Five years of civil service with a satisfactory rating upon completion.
- 2) Four years of active military service with an honorable discharge.
- 3) Incarceration to Guantanamo Bay and future release in Cuba or a Muslim nation.

Sharia Law

America was founded on and has succeeded because of Christian principals. Period. No questions, no changes, no “modern day adaptations” needed. Advocates for the Muslim faith (the enemies of Christianity) are now in the early stages of implementing their curriculum in the schools of our children. The verdict is in on what sharia law has done in other nations and throughout history. This platform recommends that sharia law and radical Muslimism and its promulgation will be considered a treasonous act. Both practices will be disallowed from the U.S. Any act of either will be subject to incarceration to Guantanamo Bay and future release in Cuba.

Acts of Treason

As defined by Webster, treason is: *“the offense of attempting by overt acts to overthrow the government of the state to which the offender owes allegiance”*. For the purpose of defining “government” herein, the definition is identified by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Any act seen as threatening the rights represented in the Constitution and the law of the land shall be deemed “treasonous”. To the degree that liberals or others conspire to change or destroy the Constitution, their acts will be determined to be “treasonous” and thereby punishable by law. The days of tolerance for aberrant behavior are over.

The War on Terror

More than thirteen years have passed since September 11, 2001. On that day, over 3,000 Americans died. Since then, 6,000 more Americans have died in retribution. To date, there has been no formal and official apology from Muslim leadership. And still, the war rages on, no end in sight. This is no way to wage war. We either fight to win or we get the hell out. The following is my recommendation:

- The leadership of a military enemy is its leadership. Achieve the surrender of the leadership of your enemy and you win the war.
- The leadership of Al-Qaeda, our enemy, is made up of Muslim clerics. The clerics have neither apologized, nor called off their radical followers. The answer in defeating our enemy therefore, is to force their leadership to surrender. The process for doing so is as follows:
 - Identify the top Muslim cleric. Confine the cleric. Explain to that cleric that there is now a drone over his head. Give that cleric a 12 hour notice to call off his followers, lay down their weapons and declare peace. If the cleric refuses, execute him via drone attack or in a manner that is most objectionable to Muslims while also eliminating their mosque.
 - Identify the next targeted cleric. Repeat the process.
 - Repeat the process until victory the enemy surrenders and calls for ongoing peace.

War is hell. Taking our gloves off is way overdue. For those who think this policy is too harsh, I would quote from an article I read in the Minneapolis Tribune dated 12/30/2010. The article spoke of one Lieutenant Colonel Shamil-al-Jabouri, a legendary police commanded in Mosul, Iraq:

“Lt. Col. Shamil-al-Jabouri was renowned in the tense northern city of Mosul for his relentless pursuit of the terror group Al-Qaeda. Insurgents had tried at least five times to kill him. On the sixth attempt, suicide bombers, dressed as policemen, snuck into his compound and succeeded in killing him. We’ve lost a sword of Mosul who chased Al-Qaeda terrorists out of the city. Al-Jabouri leaves a wife and four children.”

For anyone thinking my suggestion for winning a war is too harsh, I would invite and encourage you to apply for Mr. Shamil-al-Jabouri's now vacant position as police commander in Mosul. Perhaps you have a better way to achieve peace. Either that or YOU personally enlist in the United States Marine Corp along with your marriage partner and all adult children.

Military Budget

The military budget will be controlled by the Federal budget and subject to the same fiscal constraints. In conforming to the military budget, all expenditures must demonstrate the

validity of their financial as well as their security contributions. Without a valid demonstration, they will be terminated.

The military involvement in the Middle East for the last many years has clearly demonstrated the need for an advanced accounting process when waging war. Documentation has surfaced demonstrating that countless billions have been mismanaged and lost during the war effort. It was reported that the Defense Department is unable to properly account for \$8.7 billion out of \$9.1 billion in Iraqi oil revenue entrusted to it between 2004 and 2007. Of this amount, the military failed to provide any records at all for \$2.6 billion in purported reconstruction expenditures. Not only must the accounting of these wars be dramatically improved, but public scrutiny of these expenditures must be made available on an ongoing basis as well. The price of waging this war is measured primarily in the lives of our children fighting it. To also waste tax payer funds in the process is without excuse. Those in the highest office of the land must be held accountable.

The Wall Street Journal recently ran an article stating that the last surviving pensioner from the Civil War had died at the age of 92. The article listed the ongoing costs of the Civil War, the Spanish-American war, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, The Vietnam War and the Gulf/Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. These ongoing expenditures total \$8,000,000,000.

As for additional costs of war, the Department of Veterans Affairs has stated that for every 100,000 veterans, 56.77 committed suicide in 2007. That number is up from 44.99 percent just two years previous. The suicide rate among 18 – 29 year old veteran jumped 26% from 2005 – 2007.

Military budgets should be honored at all times and audited annually.

Acts of War

Governmental acts of war must be determined in accordance to the Constitution. In the event that a declaration of war is made by Congress, all Americans would serve in either active duty or supporting the war effort. There would be no exceptions. In the event of a military draft, a Board comprising mothers will preside.

The first to be drafted would be the sons and daughters of politicians. The second would be men and women aged 30 – 50. The last group taken would be those 18 – 20. Only those who have previously served in combat could participate in declarations and operations of war. To date, the United States has suffered in excess of 70,000 deaths from illegal wars – wars that were not declared by Congress but by the whims of politicians. It has been said that the reason we have representative government is to allow the wealthy to control the voting mechanism that could threaten their dominance. In honor of future generations, this must stop.

It should also be noted that we live in a “hair trigger” age. It has been reported that in 2015, NATO’s Baltic Air Policing unit scrambled planes more than 150 times. That is four times the number in 2013. *“Russian aircraft and naval vessels are probing well beyond the Baltics however, and have tested the capacity – and patience – of several NATO nations.”*

The United States must stop waging wars within countries to fail to take responsibility for the costs of their war or its consequences.

We live in an age where acts of terror are occurring on a weekly basis. We live with the constant threat of being just one step removed from a more disastrous act. It is imperative that we have failsafe mechanisms in place to ward off the failures of errant politicians or the ignorance of radicals. As we have learned from the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in nuclear war, there are no survivors, only “perishers”. It is the inherent responsibility of us, the people of the earth, to take the weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of the fractional few.

War on drugs

A recent report on drug use in the U.S. stated the following:

- One in five adults now take at least one psychiatric drug, such as antidepressants, antipsychotics or anti-anxiety drugs.
- Use of ADHD drugs such as Concerta and Vyvanse tripled among those aged 20 – 44 over a nine year span while doubling over that time for women in the 45 – 65 age group.
- Overall use of psychotic medications among adults grew 22% in the same nine year period.
- The report stated that “People from all walks of life are taking medications for mental health issues.
- A recent Archives of General Psychiatry paper found that 10% of the population takes an antidepressant while 21% of women do.
- In 2010, Americans spent \$16.1 billion on antipsychotics to treat depression, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, \$11.6 billion on anti-depressants and \$7.2 billion on treatment for ADHD.
- Use in the over 65 population increased approximately 30% during these same periods.

In the greatest, most privileged, most advanced nation in the history of the planet, we can't get past our psychosis, even at this late date. It is time we get to the bottom of what ails us, establish a meaningful game plan, and then execute the plan. We, our children and theirs deserve better.

Military Leadership

Declarations of would will now come as represented above. Wars will now be waged by the military solely for the purpose of victory. Neither the press or the government will interfere in

the waging of the war beyond those actions approved in the Constitution.

We can no longer send inept generals to fight illegal and ill-conceived wars through the disposable lives of our children.

Sovereignty

The definition of Sovereignty is *“the authority of a state to govern itself or another state.”*
“a self-governing state.”

As a nation and as a people, we may have no greater challenge before us than determining if we choose to retain our sovereignty. Do we wish to self-govern or do we prefer to be governed by interests beyond our national borders? Most of us have an understanding of our nation's history. What we may have failed to consider is not our past, but our current condition as well as that of the future.

Today, we are seeing the merging of many powerful forces coming together. Unfortunately, many of those forces stand in opposition to the national interests we have for so long treasured. Today, the nations that have long been our adversaries continue to be so. The Soviet Union, China, South Korea, etc., continue to strive for our downfall. Our technology is stolen, our military harassed and our national interests threatened. At the same time, powerful political interests desire not to bring our nation down but to bring our nation under their control. Their “one world order” continues in earnest to expand their own influence. Unfortunately, their cause is being helped by unscrupulous financiers with the same agenda. Never before in history has such wealth been accumulated by the likes of George Soros and so many others. To my amazement, individuals like Mr. Soros continue to work diligently against this nation while continuing to enjoy the fruits of the land. How it is that our government continues this suicidal relationship is beyond me.

As nation and as a people, we must decide. Do we wish to be a nation as a beacon on a hill, or do we choose to yield to the interests of those touting hegemony? As for me, I would choose an “America first” autonomy. Anything less would be treasonous.

School shooting

On the subject of school shootings: The unemployment rate with veterans in the U.S. is very high. Most veterans have received state-of-the-art gun training. Many have been in combat. Obama should take the money he plans to spend on our undocumented immigrants and hire vets for every school, business or meeting place in the nation. There is not a community in the country that couldn't fill these ranks at a moment's notice. Most veterans could bring their own weapons. We could not have a better source of security than veterans, plus we would be providing an income to men and women who truly deserve it. End of problem, end of story.

Common Core (by Wikipedia)

The Heartland Institute has been at the forefront of pushing back on Common Core education standards — a Washington-led scheme to take away the long-held control of curriculum from states, school boards, teachers, and parents. Our effort is led by Lennie Jarratt, project manager of the Center for Education Transforming, Teresa Mull, managing editor of School Reform News and her predecessor at the newspaper, Heartland Senior Fellow Joy Pullmann. Common Core State Standards for K-12 schools were adopted with little public debate by every state but Alaska, Nebraska, Texas, and Virginia in 2010, part of the price of getting federal dollars under the Obama administration's "Race to the Top" program. Now educators, parents, and policymakers are taking a closer look at what they agreed to, and many don't like what they see.

Common Core has become toxic in most states. It has now been repealed or being revised in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Unfortunately many of these states are just renaming the standards to re brand them while keeping them mostly identical to Common Core. Michigan is currently attempting to replace its Common Core standards with the pre-Common Core Massachusetts standards which were ranked as one of the best in the nation. In addition to moving away from Common Core, states are also dropping the associated testing. Only seven states remain in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests. The consortium started with 26 states. Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) started with 27 governing and associate member states. SBAC currently has 15 governing states and two associate members.

And so I ask you, how in the world did we get here? How in the world did we go from a nation that has developed the highest standard of living in the history of the world to nation that is allowing control of the educational curriculums of our children to be "taken away from states, school boards, teachers and parents?"

This is painfully reminiscent of a nation that would allow the election to the office of President to be achieved by an un-vetted, "done nothing" Senator whose educational records have been "sealed" and whose birthplace has been obfuscated at best. This all tells me, ladies and gentlemen, that the citizens of these United States have let our guard down. Either that or we have been out-hustled, out strategized and out gunned one more time. Or maybe it is that we are naively allowing ourselves to be shepherded in some pre-conceived direction, by some very well thought out plans of individuals or organizations. It is time to wake up, America!

ISIS

For any culture to maintain itself for more than 25 years requires a fertility rate of 2.11 children per family. Anything less and the culture will decline.

No culture has ever reversed a 1.9 fertility rate. A 1.3 fertility rate is, therefore, impossible to

reverse as recovery would take 80 to 100 years. Unfortunately, there exists no economic model that could sustain a culture for that period of time. In other words, if two sets of parents each have one child there will be half as many children as there were parents. If those children each have one child, there will result one fourth as many grandchildren as grandparents.

If only one million babies are born in 2006, it is statistically impossible to have two million adults enter the work force in 2026.

As a population shrinks, so does the culture.

As of 2007, the fertility rate in France was 1.8; England was 1.6; Greece 1.3; Germany 1.3; Italy 1.2; Spain 1.1. The entire European Union, consisting of thirty one countries was at 1.38. Today, reversing this trend is impossible.

The population of Europe, however, is not declining. Why? Because of Islamic immigration. 90% of all immigration in Europe since 1990 has been Islamic.

The French citizenry today averages 1.8 children per family; French Muslims, 8.1. Today, southern France has more mosques than churches. Today, 30% of all children are Islamic. In larger cities, 45% of children are Islamic. By 2027, one in five Frenchmen will be Muslim. In 39 years, France will be a Muslim republic.

Britain has seen the Muslim population increase from 82,000 to 2,500,000, a thirty fold increase. Britain now has some 1,000 mosques, mostly former churches.

In the Netherlands, 50% of all newborns are Muslim. In fifteen years, 50% of the entire population will be Muslim.

Today, Russia has twenty three million Muslims (one in five). 40% of the Russian military will be Muslim in a few years.

In Belgium today, 25% of the population and 50% of the newborns are Muslim.

By the year 2025, one third of all European children will be born to Muslim families.

German officials have stated "The fall of the German population can no longer be stopped." The downward spiral can no longer be stopped. The downward spiral can no longer be stopped. It will be a Muslim nation by 2050 (German Federal Statistics Office).

Muammar Gaddafi said "There are signs that Allah will grant victory to Islam in Europe without swords, guns or conquest. We don't need terrorists or homicide bombings. The fifty million Muslims in Europe will turn it into a Muslim continent within a few decades.

Currently, the fifty two million Muslims in Europe will double in the next twenty years to 104,000,000.

Canada today has a fertility rate of 1.6. A rate of 2.11 is needed to sustain. Islam is now the

fastest growing segment of their population. From 2001 – 2006, the Canadian population increased by 1,600,000, 1,200,000 of which was from immigration.

The fertility rate in the United States today is 1.6. With Hispanics considered, it is 2.1. In 1970, there were 100,000 Muslims. Today, there are 9,000,000.

There are 250,000,000 Muslims in Europe today.

The Muslim mode of expansion is as follows:

- 1) Mobilize around sharia law
- 2) Create civil strife, then civil war
- 3) Law and order collapses, then street violence reigns.
- 4) Maintain the support of white, liberal and left wing collaborators, weak and corrupt liberal governments and a liberal press.
- 5) Transform citizenry into ethnic minorities.

Front lines have now appeared across Europe. Millions of citizens have disappeared in these civil wars as paramilitary groups on both sides do battle.

Today, Muslims make up 40% of the population in the United Kingdom, a country in which citizens have been forced to fight for their very existence. Destruction has been widespread, including many national landmarks and treasures. Millions have been displaced, made homeless, killed and raped. All are forced to convert to Islam or die. Millions of Africans are now pouring into Southern Europe as the scale of migrations swamp Europe.

Southern France, now an Islamic state, now wages war against northern France.

The only defense against this inevitable onslaught? Patriots are the only means of resistance.
by: Britain "First" Defense Force

Today, ISIS in our face. Their choice of atrocities - kidnapping and raping school girls, beheading innocents and mass executions, are meant to test of our will. "Will you or won't you?" they ask, "dare stop us". Our answer is and must be, yes, of course we will. For as you know, your atrocious acts leave us no choice.

The question is not "will we?" The questions are "at what cost?" and "at whose cost?" To date, Muslims have not, in mass, apologized for the attacks of 9/11/2001. So called "moderate Muslims" have done little, if anything, to allay our fears of their long term interests or their deep seeded convictions. There is no doubt in my mind that, given the right opportunity, Muslims would turn in mass against all others. History has shown us that they are simply waiting for the right opportunity. Their leadership, the "religious imams", have not called off their war dogs since the 9/11/2001 attacks. So called "moderates" have done little, if anything, to stop the radicals. This is no longer a matter of semantics in the conversation between "radicals and moderates". This is a matter of war.

Victory in war, by definition, has always been achieved by conquering the leadership of the opposition. In the past, this has meant defeating generals. In this war, the leadership is the Muslim imams. And so it is that by defeating the imams we will defeat radical Muslims.

Donald Trump has said he would carpet bomb our enemy. Ted Cruz has said he would "Bomb the shi(P) out of them. Again, I ask at what cost war?

Alternative Plan:

Two weeks from a date certain, notice will be given that the following will happen unless the Muslim nation apologizes for their actions of 9/11 and their war dogs permanently and verifiably lay down their weapons, the purpose being to influence Muslim worldwide to take responsibility:

- 1) All Muslims in the USA will be registered as prospective terrorists.
- 2) All mosques in the USA will be closed permanently and destroyed.
- 3) All Muslim businesses will be closed permanently and confiscated.
- 4) All Muslims employed by the United States government will immediately be terminated with no further compensation.
- 5) All vestiges of sharia law will be deemed unconstitutional and, thus, illegal.

One month from the date certain, the following will occur:

- 1) All Muslims will be exported from the USA.
- 2) Ten mosques will be destroyed in the Middle East, regardless of occupancy. This schedule will continue on a weekly basis indefinitely.
- 3) Five imams per week will be terminally droned.
- 4) An international financial embargo will be imposed upon any nation sheltering warring Muslims

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The cost to the United States of America in lives lost will be **zero**.

The cost to the United States of America in dollars will be **minimal**.

The net effect to the “moderate” Muslim world will be to mobilize them to the maximum against the fringe Muslim element, thereby waging the battle **for us**.

The long term net effect will be to create a controlled, peaceful and respectful Muslim nation. You want a caliphate? We’ll give you a caliphate! It is past time for some tough love! Do you think this can’t be done? Think again. Muslims have been expelled from various nations throughout history:

Lucerna, Italy	1300
Portugal	1496
Spain	1500
Spain	1609

Balkans	1821
Greece	1922
Crete	1923
Chavakachcheri,	
Sri Lanka	October 1990

It can and should, must and can happen again.

One of the beauties of this plan is that what we are experiencing in the United States is being experienced throughout the world. Russia, China, Sweden, Norway, France, England and many other countries have also been overrun by radical Muslims. If we are smart enough, our efforts against the Muslim issue can be accomplished by our being unified with others with the same concerns.

Taxation

My recommendation is for a flat tax. A flat tax rate is a tax system with a constant marginal rate, usually applied to individual or corporate income. A true flat rate tax is a system of taxation where one tax rate is applied to all personal income with no deductions. All forms of “double taxation” i.e. “Estate or Death Taxes” would be eliminated.

There should be no financial aid to companies that take their labor overseas.

Morality

Of all people, women of the world should be adamant about the return of morality, primarily because of what the lack of morality is doing against them. For instance, immoral husbands abandon wives and families. Abandoned wives are forced to work or into poverty. Many are ill prepared, thereby facing very uncertain and unstable futures.

Fundamental morality has fallen to lows unimaginable just a few years ago. Twenty years ago, I remember being in a discussion of the value of a life. The discussion concluded with the agreement that the cost to murder someone was nearly inconceivable. Recently, in Minneapolis, two men were wounded in a gun battle over a bicycle! Today, you can be killed for your political beliefs, or in a road rage incident or for just being an innocent bystander. Society has fallen to a “hair trigger” mentality. Society must find a way to intervene.

More and more, the government has distanced itself from matters of morality. Assuming this must continue, much greater effort must be made by the government to defend the first amendment of our Constitution.

Class Warfare

45,000,000 people without health insurance will contribute to the class warfare that will occur. The difference between America’s average – or mean – income and its median income is at an accelerating all-time high. The only group for which there is an increase in income is the top earners.

Imagine the absurdity of us...

Our forefathers risk their lives to come to this country. Amazing in itself.

They have the wisdom and moral fortitude to structure the new country on sound and, apparently, God-inspired principals – a Constitution, the rule of law, servitude to God, family, hard work...

The country grows, abounds and profits.

Entirely new realms are achieved and passed – industrialization, communication, transportation, agriculture...

Then, just as unlimited, incredible potential comes into view, the lineage of those founders gives birth to a miscue ... taxation.

Taxation for infrastructure, taxation for the government, taxation for the underachieving... Those entrepreneurs had but two choices: Lower the potential for shared success, or search for the loophole in the tax law.

Some chose the latter. In doing so, all suffered.

The laborer suffered, because with the company's relocation to foreign markets, the laborer was left behind.

The government suffered, because with the company's relocation to foreign markets, tax revenue was left behind.

Society suffered, because the philanthropic nature of the entrepreneur would surely have flown.

And so it is. Because of our inability to live within our means, we kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

Clearly, the problem is our own ignorance.

We have turned a capitalistic haven into a socialist cripple.

Moral of the story? Recognize the hand that feeds you and harm it not.

Education on Constitution

I am certain that education on the U.S. Constitution has been removed from all curriculums by the liberal agenda purposely. There have been numerous studies in recent years demonstrating how little the youth of America understand about our founding document. This is a living tragedy. Our Constitution is the basis for our rule of law. How can we expect our nation to follow the standards in the document if we have not learned them? I would like to

see the teaching of Constitutional law reinstated as a priority in all levels of education.

Commentary

For the last two years, since the presidential election, we have been thrown from one constitutional challenging issue to the next, scarcely without a rest between. Each new week, we receive a new shock to our system, ranging from considerations of the economy to human rights to military rights to gay rights to wars to the environment to industrial takeovers to the Fed. It has come so hard, fast and systematically that one must conclude that it has all been by design and that it was, in fact, pre-orchestrated.

It hasn't ceased to date. We are becoming desensitized and, I fear, exhausted. The inevitable will be our silent acquiescence into the abyss, unable to motivate the populace in a national time of need. We are in dire need of a second wind, a foothold from the slide. We must all do all that we can to get a grip, to re-gain a perspective, a vision, in order to have a prayer of fighting back. The most difficult time in a momentum change is just before the change. Today, Americans need to take heart, lean into the burden and push – together. Uphill only lasts so long. We can get over this hill – together.

Remember, the bigger the government, the smaller the individual. How much will you be willing to inconvenience yourself over matters of moral principal?

And finally, the task ahead of me is never as great as the power behind me.