

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF RECALLING

“...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

The Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln

“The key difference between a **democracy** and a **republic** lies in the limits placed on government by the law, which has implications for minority rights. Both forms of government tend to use a *representational system* — i.e., citizens vote to elect politicians to *represent* their interests and form the government. **In a republic**, a constitution or charter of rights protects certain inalienable rights that cannot be taken away by the government, even if it has been elected by a majority of voters. **In a "pure democracy,"** the majority is not restrained in this way and can impose its will on the minority.”

Wikipedia

Recall Of Elected Federal Officials:

“Summary

Under the United States Constitution and congressional practice, Members of Congress may have their services ended prior to the normal expiration of their constitutionally established terms of office by their resignation or death, or by action of the house of Congress in which they are a Member by way of an “expulsion,” or by a finding that in accepting a subsequent “incompatible” public office, the Member would be deemed to have vacated his congressional seat...

As to removal by recall, the United States Constitution does not provide for nor authorize the recall of United States officers such as Senators, Representatives, or the President or Vice President, and thus no Member of Congress has ever been recalled in the history of the United States. The recall of Members was considered during the time of the drafting of the federal Constitution in 1787, but no such provisions were included in the final version sent to the states for ratification, and the specific drafting and ratifying debates indicate an express understanding of the framers and ratifiers that no right or power to recall a Senator or Representative in Congress exists under the Constitution.

Constitutional Amendment; Pro and Con

From U.S. Supreme Court rulings and explanations regarding terms and qualifications of Members of Congress, as well as from several state judicial rulings and attorneys general opinions, it would appear that **for a recall provision to be enforceable against a Member of Congress a constitutional amendment authorizing such a recall procedure would need to be adopted by the requisite number of states...**

Supporters of recall provisions see this mechanism as a device to assure regular and close oversight of elected public officials, and to make elected officials more continuously, rather than periodically, responsible and responsive to the will and desires

of the electorate. With recall procedures available, it is argued, there is no need for the electorate to tolerate an incompetent, corrupt, and/or unresponsive official until that official's term is over.

Those who oppose recall note that recall petitions generally need only a relatively small minority of the electorate to force a recall election of an official. With the threat of a recall election ever present, it is argued that an official may be deterred from, and penalized for, taking strong and clear political positions that could offend even a small, but vociferous and active political group. **It is contended that such small special interest or "single-issue" groups might effectively stymie an official by constantly occupying the official with the potential need to campaign and run in a recall election.** It is also argued that complex governmental programs and policies may often need to function and to be evaluated over time; but with the threat of immediate recall, Members may be deterred in supporting long-term plans and programs for the country which may not bring immediate, short-term benefits to constituents."

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"We have the purpose of corralling corrupting influences on government at its source while recognizing that in doing this it isn't about blame for who alone could resist the temptation of power that ensnares all, even those with the intent of doing so much good."

Jonathan Schiesel

Because the Constitution does not currently provide for the Recall of a Federally Elected Official, We The People are not permitted to initiate a procedure for an immediate replacement of such a federally elected official. Yet, we deserve and require an Amendment to the Constitution that provides for the Recall of Federally Elected Officials. This goal has brought me to explore such circumstances.

In doing so I would like to commence with what may seem like an obtuse inquiry, but one that may provide insight to the nature of this exploration. The question: Is there an intelligence behind the type of conflict that leads to war? I mean can the two antagonists be completely unaware that they are being so easily manipulated into grasping each other's throat in a life and death struggle where the winner is still the loser; always being answerable to their conflict's financier who is all too often the same source for both combatants? Associated with this question is this not the answer to why these financiers are always protected from prosecution regardless of which side wins.

War takes organization. War takes planning. War requires financing. War requires years of training the core military force. War requires logistics to create and move huge amounts of resources. War takes preparation; advanced intelligence, and the development of strategies and tactics. War requires propaganda to make war seem reasonable to the population supporting it. War requires the engagement of the citizens' emotional fervor through rising rhetoric and the ability to broadcast it to the public's ear leading to reason being subjugated to a frenzy of Righteous Indignation.

Yes, there is an intelligence behind conflict! On the other hand, there is some evidence that there be no intelligence behind conflict. How is this possible? It has been suggested that conflict is a natural element of human society. Either a society dominates, temporarily co-exists with other powers, or is dominated. It is natural as the rising, the traveling, and the setting sun. It is viewed as an endless cycle of creation and annihilation. If not this year, then next year.

Seems kind of hopeless. Seems inevitable whether conflict is intelligence driven or it is a compulsion locked within the DNA of humanity. But of course it isn't an either or situation. Nor is it about which is first. The chicken or an egg? It's really a good dose of both. Yet it may not be hopeless, for what exists forever? Nothing on this planet! So, is it possible that even catastrophic conflict may also have a life span and what once thrived, now may be reaching the stage in which it suddenly ages, shrivels and dies? Just needs a little push. Let's Push.

In my view, what has given conflict life is that we live in a dimension of polarizing duality. It has been said that The Belief creates The Reality. The more believers the greater the power and thus greater the life force of that Belief. It's easily seen in religion where before the Belief in The One God there were numerous gods. Usually in the pre-monotheistic cultures one or two of the many gods were most attractive and thus the power and influence of those gods grew in size and influence. Then eventually, for many reasons, those god's adherents eventually declined, probably due to the losses caused by war or famine or by just absolute corruption of the priests. With the loss of adherents those gods' life force diminished as did their power and most of them vanished with only stone statues remaining.

Is it possible that this could also happen given the trends of what we are experiencing with the addiction of so many to unregulated material accumulation that

creates such a gross imbalance between the few and the many. There are those who claim that the acclamation of the empowerment of greed as the highest value of the Capitalistic economy is increasingly resulting in the undermining and marginalization of the highest religious values of the One God People; those being the values of a sharing community. So as these wonderfully supportive and nurturing values are being degraded, they have less and less influence as to the direction society is taking. More greed is the creed of the powerful and it is so seductive it results in the greater the number of those seeking the same. As a result our culture is less able to live the values of the Holy Teachings. What will be the outcome? Today Jews, Christians and Muslims all pray to The One God, yet it's possible that one day as has occurred to other theologies of the past, temples, churches and mosques will be dug up as future cultures seek for the reasons in the past. Menorahs from the ruins of synagogues, figures of a distressed man on a cross found in the ruins of churches, and mosaics uncovered in the ruins of mosques.

A warning. Time wears away the life force of all creations. So too, ideas and beliefs. They are born, live, and eventually die and it's time that the hold of the type of Duality that we glorify that leads to conflict (Survival of the Fittest) passes into the dust of time. This is not to suggest the elements of duality must cease to exist; rather these elements need to be moved into a more healthy configuration than one that fosters opposition such as Mine and Yours; the factors of conflict.

All states of societal imbalance lead to social tensions that can lead to conflict. Let's explore the transition to a new configuration of Duality so that instead of the extremes leading to conflict they foster a sense of unity and health. It's time for the establishment of Peace that comes from developing the skills of Balance; the equitable sharing of sustainable resources. This requires a close examination of the function and placement of the societal Fulcrum. It's all about how the fulcrum is placed that either creates balance or imbalance. I like the image of the old scale in which a tray was placed at each end of a bar and raised up by the placement of a fulcrum on which the trays were balanced equally so that they were level with each other. Once the centering of the fulcrum was established then it became functional. Something of value was placed in one tray and a certain measure of weights was placed onto the other side. When the two sides balanced with the fulcrum in the exact middle, the value was determined. Example. A pound of potatoes cost \$1.00. How many potatoes make a pound? A 1 lb. weight was placed on one tray and potatoes were added to the other tray until they balanced. Not too much, not too little. Just right. When the two trays are in balance a just measure is determined.

What messes up everything is an attractive illusion that gives the appearance of balance, but in which the fulcrum is actually closer to one side than the other so that the advantage is leaning toward the side that is closest to the fulcrum. In the example above if the one lb. weight were placed on the tray that is closer to the fulcrum, fewer potatoes would have to be added to the tray further from the fulcrum in order for the scale to be balanced. This would have the outcome of cheating the buyer. Gambling in Vegas is another good example where the House has shifted the fulcrum so that the odds are always in favor of the House. This sham of shifting the fulcrum is most evident in the financial markets.

Through the influence of the largest houses of finance on federal politicians who set the rules for the function of commerce and the financial markets, they are able to mask their success in shifting the fulcrum in their favor whether the market goes up or declines. Their power to make this shift has tipped the flow of resources into the hands of the few at the cost of the health and welfare of the many. The outcome is supported by the justifying rhetoric that fosters the illusion that those with more have worked harder than those who have less. The Wealthy use the rhetoric of Politics to cast this illusion by utilizing the psychological dynamic that anything repeated enough times would be believed by most people. They have been so effective that the general public feels inadequate and thus guilty of not having earned more.

Another question. Is not politics deceit by design and doesn't politics control all that goes on regardless of fostering the illusion that its institutions are the very foundation of fairness? The very competition of the two major political parties demonstrate this so well with one side winning and one side losing. How is this fair? What about the needs of the people on the losing side? Still, can government exist without Politics? No. Can a nation exist without a government? NO. Seems like a conundrum. Historically it has been. But as suggested above, what's great about the future is that it really can't be predicted. It can be anticipated, but never accurately predicted. It's in The Past where the alternative to politics through a winner and a loser exists. "We win. You lose." It's in the future where exists A Politic of Balance and Fairness. A politic that supports the health and welfare of a nation, which means the health and welfare of its people. That's the Vision. A politic in which every one wins.

So how can this Politic of Health and Welfare be generated? It's obvious that there is a corrupting force in politics. The nature of power politics is in the concentration of power and this concentration of power is the corrupting force regardless of all efforts to contain it. It's not possible for any individual to be elected without being subjected to the corrupting force of power. It's like atomic energy. Sure it can be used to power a region, but what to do with the spent rods that continue to emit radiation at such a level as to be a deadly influence on health. There is no safe place to store them and in time they even corrupt the containers in which they are held. Too much power with no means of rendering them safe. So too, current financial power and its influence on politics. No matter how much initial integrity the elected official has, once that person wins the election the corrupting force acts like a virus and it attaches itself to the person. Currently there is no cure to corruption; no immunizing shot that can be administered to prevent the outbreak of corruption. It consumes everyone who comes into contact with power.

However, at that State level of government if an elected official is corrupt or not capable of satisfying the required standards of performance they then can be removed from office through the procedure of public Recall. As stated at the beginning of this article there is no such procedure at the Federal Level of Politics. Neither the President, the Vice-President, nor a congressional politician can be recalled by the voting public. The removal of the President is through Impeachment and a Congressional politician can be removed by action of the House of Congress in which they are a member by way of an expulsion.

In the case of Federally elected officials the legal proceedings takes place between political peers and excludes the engagement of the voters. Is the exclusion of the citizens'

ability to Recall a Federally Elected Politicians beneficial to our Democratic Republic? From my experience I feel that I can't really depend upon a jury of political peers to act to fairly protect the welfare of the people. In my opinion it is only through the mechanism of The Recall that The People can actually limit the corrupting affect of power on those elected into Federal office. While We the People need to have the benefit of the Recall there is another aspect of politics that needs attention that would increase the likelihood for justice and honesty to prevail.

To offset the corruptibility of politics there must be an accompanying reconfiguration in the concept of the duality of the two-party system. It is absurd to view the American system of politics as an ethical democratic Republic strictly on the basis that people vote. An ethical democratic Republic demands that the elected officials represent the society as a whole and not just the constituents that are of the same party as the elected official. However, whether a Democrat or a Republican is elected in the United States they do not pretend to represent the people of their district that didn't vote for them. If the vote is 51% to 49% then the elected official supporting their party's platform ignores the will of the 49% of the people who were voting for the politician of the other party. This is an inherent flaw of the politics in the United States. **The system of The Two Party politic as it is practiced in our society inadvertently acts as a corrupting force upon the maintenance of our ethical democratic Republic when the winning candidate fails to represent all the people of their district.**

There are other ways that the Two Party System can be defined and put into operation. This suggests that the Two Party System isn't inherently unethical. It is rather in the current practice and the failure to understand representational politics and the concept of one-person one-vote that makes the current practice of the Two Party System so out of balance. **There needs to be a mechanism that requires the two parties to work together to promote the welfare of all citizens for only then do they truly represent the totality of the people.** The minority parties such as the Green Party, the Peace and Freedom Party, the American Independent Party, and the Libertarian Party, which account for a small portion of the vote, nonetheless must also have a means for their inclusion in the team effort.

The current Two Party system is akin to a two year-old, (No offense intended to the two-year olds of the world) because the winning politician sees the world only through their own eyes. They have not yet developed a coherent social consciousness. **In an Ethical Democratic Republic all the elected officials regardless of their Party Affiliation need to be the best person in their district who can work cooperatively with the elected officials from all other districts with the sole purpose of supporting the increasing health and welfare of all the people. This development requires the political and social maturity of a wise adult and a wise and mature electorate.** It does this by establishing a coherent and easily acceptable mechanism to measure health and welfare so as to be able to determine whether all the people are being justly served. This requires the appreciation and fostering of a readily recognizable nation wide Baseline that measures and assures the actual manifestation of a yet to be declared **Declaration of Health and Welfare that defines our National Core Values.**

The categories of the Baseline are simple to determine and once presented no one can ethically argue with their presence. The Baseline is measured in the following

categories of affordability: Health, personal and national safety, housing, education, employment, food, clothing, transportation, retirement, recreation, and a safety net to sustain any and all people who are partially or fully disabled and can't afford to provide for themselves. Taking it in its best light The Two Party System as it is currently practiced has the Democratic Party attempting to Define the Core Values as described above and the Republican Party trying to define religion's role, finance and economics that supports this effort. But instead of working together, it's obvious that they treat each other in the manner of an intense and destructive sibling rivalry. This conflict pushes elements of each party further into an extreme frame of mind thus making any cooperation less-and-less likely. The Liberal Left ends up blaming the rich and the Conservative Right ends up blaming the poor. Crazy! People are poor because some group is taking more than their share of opportunity and resources and the Rich with all their skill and power are blamed for this. However they also have the knowledge and skill that could be shared and in that sharing the Wealthy have a great deal to teach the poor. But, some of the Rich would have to have an epiphany, an awakening and while they may happen to some of them, can we really wait for such an awakening to the reality that we are all one family? Currently there is no mechanism to balance the polarizing and disruptive relationship of finance and politics that supports endless wars as the driving force of the economy and so the people are left without a voice. So let's rectify this.

The key is the awakening of We The People and it has always been in the hands of The People when they are not deluded into accepting a government that is self-injuring and thereby unable to protect the majority. Salvation will be through The People demanding the creation of a guiding Declaration of Health and Welfare that defines our National Core Values; a healing intervention to support the full realization of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

To promote this outcome, the Federal politicians' adherence to this inherent foundation of Ethical Core Values must be mandatory. Their adherence needs to be the determining factor whether they will be allowed to complete their term of office. Regardless of which Party dominates in the vote, the elected officials must work diligently to support the Baseline of this Declaration. We have to look at our economic and financial system as a tool and not as a religion that has to be blindly followed no matter how poorly these tools are being used by those in power. For those who see this as a threat to Capitalism, it is and it isn't. In the effort to trick We The People the Voice of the Fundamental Capitalists have worked hard since W.W. II to present these American Core Values as Communism and Socialism. It's time for WE THE PEOPLE to wake up from this subterfuge. A base of affordability is not Communism or Socialism. It is just the living of our sacred religious teachings, especially the Golden Rule: "Treat others as you would like to have others treat you."

The question is: Can capitalism have a core of ethics that supports the health and welfare of all the citizens of the United States? Perhaps. People and not a system must be the linchpin of a healthy culture. Given the current degradation of ethics the High Priests of Capitalism need an incentive to moderate themselves. To me it's about increasing profits. It seems that when everyone is earning a living wage for the area within which they live, the number of active consumers will increase dramatically as will their ability to purchase goods and services. This means that the supply of sale of goods and services

will increase in a like manner. This would be great for the small and large businesses. With an increase in income and sales the amount of money from existing taxes would likewise increase. This increase in taxes will empower the Government's ability to support the Baseline as described in the Declaration of Health and Welfare that defines our National Core Values. It will do this by providing subsidies to the public where and when needed and low-interest long-term loans to consumers and the business community.

For those who are able to save and seek to put their savings to work through investments it is suggested that only once the Baseline is successfully achieved for all citizens, then and only then can investors be allowed to pursue that goal. The limiting regulator of that is the understanding that the intent to invest is granted through permission and not that of a right. The proper application of regulated investment assures the privilege. The regulation defines itself in the setting of reasonable boundaries that dictates that at no time can that body of investors undermine the maintenance of The Baseline for all People in this country. It's about investors being able to derive reasonable returns and to do so their disposable income will be guided to secure Governmental Bonds providing attractive interest rates. The money thus raised will be used for the improvement of the Country's infrastructure which will increase employment and the provision of goods and services.

Let's review for a moment. We The People need a mechanism of transparency and correction that will act as an antidote to the corruptibility of the political, economic and financial systems. **This requires us to incorporate a Recall Amendment to the Constitution that will allow the people to have the power to enforce the adherence to the Baseline of American Ethics.** This isn't about blame, or who is right or wrong. One can't really blame politicians and the wealthy for the outcome of corruptibility. Anyone elected or have the earning power would have the same outcome. What the politicians needs is not a safety net that removes them from responsibility, but rather a Protective Net that inhibits the full blossoming of that corruption. The Protective Net is about coming to an understanding that the high level of health and welfare of all citizens in the United States is The Baseline, which acts as a measure of the effectiveness of our ethical Democratic Republic and the advent of an ethical Capitalistic system. The measure isn't in the promise, but in the realization of this promise. Helping elected officials to hold to this standard and through them legislating to moderate the free ranging greed is the goal of this Movement.

Of course it is unreasonable to seek the cooperation of the current Congress to initiate on its own the implementation of a Constitutional Amendment to provide for the Recall. That being so, it is a goal that has to be worked for. First the American public has to be presented the value of such an amendment and to fortify this presentation with the step-by-step process that can lead to this outcome. The work will be accomplished in stages.

Stage 1. A non-profit group under the name of We The People or some such name and will be incorporated to nationally promote a Declaration of Health and Welfare that defines our National Core Values. A cross-section of the American public from all walks of life will be asked to volunteer to set up and to work within a We The People National Board of Equalization. This group will have the function of defining the elements of The Baseline and to set up a system to evaluate the performance of elected officials as to their

adherence to the Baseline, which is the foundation of the Core Values that define the Declaration of Health and Welfare. This will occur using analytics to keep an up-to-date score of federal politicians effort to introduce bills and to work across the Aisle to pass these bills to assure and then to maintain the approved Baseline. All citizens will have access to the data from the Analytics in every corner of The United States and thereby be able to engage with their politicians in a supportive role to keep them on the track to bringing the dream of the U.S.A. to all of its citizens. The created analytic will gradually broaden to the degree that it can also be used to evaluate not only the National politicians, but for each category of political office from the State level down to the smallest town. This will provide a clear and focused transparency, which will allow the citizenry to be educated as to who really cares about them.

Stage 2. Sharing this process with the American public. The introduction of the benefit of adding an Amendment to the Constitution authorizing The Recall for Federally elected officials will be promoted. While this is going on We The People's National Board of Equalization will commence the analytics and in time will hold mock Recalls on politicians who fail to work for the benefit of the American population. To put this into action the politicians will be scored. Should their score fall below a pre-determined and reasonable level they then will be alerted in a public manner. We The People's National Board of Equalization will continue to monitor that politicians' progress and assure that the public is aware of the progress or lack of progress being made.

Stage 3. When the popularity of the Declaration of Health and Welfare that defines our National Core Values mounts to a crescendo a concerted effort to introduce the Amendment for Recall will be initiated in Congress. This moment will be the outcome of gaining sufficient support in Congress as a result of the determination of the voters to live in an American Society that values all of its citizens. Should the politicians balk at bringing the Amendment for Recall to the people or if We The People come under attack, then its members may choose to initiate a We The People political party, the focus of which is to assure the continued effort to secure the best for the people. A We The People party will create the opportunity for citizens to join a party of the middle, situated between the current extremes of the two existing parties. With this in place We The People will be able to draw the extremes elements of the Two Parties back into our family; the highly functional Ethical Democratic Republic that cares for all of its people.

Initially, We The People will provide support for politicians who best exemplify the determination to bring the vision into reality. The result of this approach will be to encourage politicians of either party to place the welfare and health of all citizens in the forefront of their one-sided ideological political endeavor. If one Party attempts to continue to promote extreme polarization by refusing to cooperate, then We The People will provide the swing votes for the other Party that is cooperative. Should neither party cooperate then the We The People will put up its own candidates for all offices.

Stage 4. With the successfully addition of the Recall Amendment to the Constitution the politician's who have resisted this effort will be given a reasonably determined time to be cooperative. Remember that the purpose of The Recall is to improve the outcome of those politicians who need to be encouraged to commit and to work diligently to achieve the original vision of the Founding Fathers in the realization of democracy in the U.S.A.

Stage 5. The continued use of the Analytics will be supported to keep the voters up-to-date with the progress and successes of We The People

In summary, the beginning stage of this transformation is the formation of the We The People nonprofit corporation. Once the Board is populated the first business will be the writing of the Declaration of Health and Welfare for all citizens of the United States in which health and welfare are defined. Supporting the Declaration will be the establishment of a Baseline. The Baseline will depend upon economic and financial analytics per region, the study of which will determine the Affordability factors. Once this is in place it will then be published and available both in hardcopy and online. The review of this document will open discussions on Social Media by the American people. Local community meetings will take place throughout the land to share their input and to put forth questions that need to be addressed. As this popular movement gains momentum Regional meetings will be set up and eventually National Conferences will be made available. Should the creation of the We The People political party be necessary then those feeling so inclined will be able to register. The core of the party's platform will be the Declaration of Health and Welfare and its realization for all citizens of the United States of America.

We The People will be attractive to citizens of both parties who share the hope of actually living in an ethical Democratic Republic that is fair, just, and deeply cares about the welfare and health of all of its citizens. It will be attractive to the independents who feel frustrated with the lack of conscious effort to resolve the polarizing conflict that is paralyzing the nation. It will be attractive to those who have worked hard to elevate their standard of living above the poverty level and those of the middle-class who are threatened by their current circumstances and are fearful of falling into poverty. It will be attractive to the upwardly mobile, small to large businesses, and the wealthy for with an increase in consumer welfare so is the economy stimulated. It will be attractive to people with strong ethical religious beliefs who seek to live the sacred values of their teachings. Because of its agenda to take an idealistic vision into reality it will also be attractive to youth and millennials whose future is yet to be determined.

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