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1776: American Colonies of King George III.

2000: American Monarchy of King George II. History repeats itself.

Will we allow the ascension of a King George III to the American throne in the 21st Century?

COMMON SENSE II POLITICAL REFORMS

...is dedicated to promoting government "of, by and for" all of the people of the United States through the spread of common sense ideas for political reform. *The Overdue Voter Revolution* was my jumping off place in 1996 to attempt a personal evaluation of what was wrong with our two-party political system. Common sense led me to the conclusion that absolute control of politics from the top-down by the DNC and RNC, a national political dictatorship, was the problem. I call that dictatorship the monopoly two-party system. My dream is to restore the promise of freedom and democracy to our people through public awareness and widespread civic participation in grassroots politics. We need to rewrite civil law to make "public service" the only possible benefit that can be had from holding public office. I invite you to pursue the dream of self-government promised in the Declaration of Independence and made sustainable by the provisions of the US Constitution. The only guarantee Freedom has is our political participation.

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COMMON SENSE II

THE OVERDUE VOTER REVOLUTION

A GRASSROOTS INDICTMENT OF THE DNC & RNC

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The original purpose of these web pages in 1997 was to introduce needed common sense ideas into our political process. The "[voter revolution pamphlet](#)" contains a few good ideas that support the pledge below. We need to change the way we vote, because we need new political leaders free of party control. The pledge and good ideas alone, without creative political participation, cannot establish a new political reality that honors freedom and democracy. The pledge and pamphlet make us aware of "something wrong here" in our politics. After recognition of a problem, solutions become possible. We need an intentional political mass movement:

NON-PARTISAN VOTER PLEDGE

I, _____ **PLEASE PRINT** _____, the undersigned **citizen** of the United States of America, do pledge before Nature's God and my fellow citizens to legally register and vote in all local, state, and national elections for the rest of my life. I consider the bipartisan power struggle between Democrats (**DNC**) and Republicans (**RNC**) a threat to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America. Special interest money donations to the **DNC & RNC** two-party monopoly robs our citizens of political representation within legislative bodies and executive branches at all levels of government. I must withdraw wholehearted support from any bipartisan candidate of the monopoly Democratic and Republican Parties. I pledge to support qualified **non-partisan independent** and **minor party** candidates in order to elect government that represents people at the local, state and national levels.

My legal residence, Address _____, City _____, State _____, qualifies me to vote in precinct # _____, in _____ (City, Village, or Township) in the State of _____.

My pledge signed this _____ day of _____, _____, at (City) _____, (State) _____.

My Signature _____

We need new political leaders free of party control. We need to petition to put more non-partisan independent and minor party candidates on every ballot. Read the pledge. Be active as a petition circulator and Election Day participant. Join the non-partisan political movement to establish a more democratic republic. Vote for candidates not owned by any political party or any other wealthy special interest. We still have a republic, if we can keep it. Freedom is participation in power.

If you see merit in seeking a new political reality beyond the monopoly two-party system, ask your friends and family to visit this web site so they can help create that new reality. If you want this conversation in our political life, read these pages and share your new insights. Email and fax worthwhile pages to others. Talk to the sea of non-partisan independents, 80%, that surround your daily life. To have more ballot choices we need to circulate petitions for non-partisan independents and minor parties. We can elect candidates we choose to put on the ballot. The non-partisan political movement must win elections to gain control over our undemocratic bipartisan two-party system. — RICH STEVENSON

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COMMON SENSE II is a name reverently borrowed from Thomas Paine, who published the original **Common Sense** pamphlet in January 1776. He came to the colonies less than two years before Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. His **Common Sense** pamphlet played a large part in convincing the colonists of a need to separate from the British Crown. He believed in the "natural rights" of man, and was a professed "atheist." He may have been influenced in his religious beliefs by a need to rebel against kings who claimed to "rule by divine right." I believe he is the father of our political way of life. He is one man who made the "bill of rights" palatable to the society of his time. I owe him my freedom of religion and of speech. He is my all-time favorite revolutionary hero. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were not "atheists." However, they were proud to be deists. As deists, they believed in "God," but rejected revelation and the supernatural doctrines of Christianity. We also owe them for favoring the separation of Church and State. Many of the colonists fled Europe to escape various tyrannical State Churches, religious persecution, and rule under the divine rights of Kings. A Republic ruled by civil law, not by the moralist tyranny of divine inspiration or authority, is our country's greatest gift to humankind. The freedom of every citizen to determine his/her own philosophical, religious Truth is the greatest gift of our founding fathers to our citizens. The creativity allowed by our melting pot of intellectual freedom has produced abundant invention and great wealth for our nation.

My writing is appropriate for the political challenges of our time.

Richard L. Stevenson in 1997

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OPEN LETTER TO OHIO DISTRICT ONE VOTERS AND OTHERS:

I am a lifelong non-partisan independent voter and moderate political activist who was an active Reform Party leader. I was a delegate to the 1997, 1998, 1999, and "Real" 2000 Reform Party conventions. In 2000, at Long Beach, CA, John Hagelin/Nat Goldhaber were nominated as Presidential candidates. I also was a delegate to the 2000 Natural Law Party/Reform Party Coalition Convention in Washington DC where John Hagelin/Nat Goldhaber were confirmed as coalition nominees of both parties. The national Reform Party was badly splintered through the misdeeds of Pat Buchanan and top leaders within the Reform Party. Many Reform Party members lost their party, myself included. Pat Buchanan, a Republican double agent, radicalized and split the Ohio Reform Party.

I was on your ballot for Ohio District One Representative to the US Congress on November 7, 2000 as a Natural Law Party candidate. I did not get enough signatures to get on the ballot in 2002 as a non-partisan independent. The incumbent and a Democrat were the only candidates on the 2002 ballot for OH One. The bipartisan monopoly won. I was on your ballot in 2004 as a write-in. The bipartisan monopoly won again. I will petition to be on the ballot again for the same office on November 7, 2006 as a non-partisan independent, with the same non-partisan values and issues. When elected, I will be a populist statesman lobbying for the non-partisan individual interests of all citizens.

I supported Ralph Nader in 2000 and 2004, as the only cohesive non-partisan independent voice in the Presidential elections. His message, vastly unheard, was one of unity of the non-partisan independent masses.

I am personally committed to vote for any qualified non-partisan independent or minor party candidate I find on my ballot. A 2004 Presidential contest, with Ralph Nader and other ballot qualified candidates in every Bush and Kerry debate, would have been a small "d" democracy triumph for our nation. We need to elect a person of great integrity, like Ralph Nader, to be a non-partisan independent President.

Everyone could have voted for their first choice if Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) had been used in the year 2000 and 2004 elections. With IRV there would be no "spoiler" candidate. We all would have been able to cast preferential votes on every candidate in the election to select a new President. In the IRV system, all of your votes (**yes, that is plural**) would have meaning. Unfortunately, we all had just one vote to cast for President in the uncertain elections of 2000 and 2004. The two parties won. We lost.

I am very disappointed that King George II was selected to the Presidency, both times. I oppose monarchy and hereditary rule in our democratic republic. The Presidency was purchased like a dollar

store trinket. Sadly, the same statement would apply if Gore or Kerry had become President. A partisan Supreme Court broke the line of Presidential succession in 2000 for the first time in US history. The system remains broken at this point in time.

The re-selection of Bush was beyond rational contemplation. It seems to me that Bush would not have been elected President in 2000 if his brother had not been Governor of Florida. The coincidence is too great to avoid intense historical inquiry. More bipartisan election tampering took place in 2004, with Ohio becoming 2004's Florida.

Fixing elections threatens to become a flagrant bipartisan habit. Polarization grows. Division of voters based on support of extreme religious values, helped to select Bush, in a very hate-based values war. Each half of the electorate has been taught to disrespect the deeply held values of the other half. The negatives muddy a steep slope slipping slowly toward eventual intolerance, confrontation, and violence. Free speech and tolerance are being challenged to a duel. Bush and the religious right are leading the nation slowly toward a religious Civil War. We are looking more and more like Northern Ireland and warring ethnic factions in divided Yugoslavia. We must get back to reason and law to stabilize our political process.

To regain representation for the average citizen we must avoid election of Democrats or Republicans. Both parties are destructively bipartisan, as seen in the legal battle over the Presidency in Florida and Ohio. Both parties are a part of the nearly 190-year-old entrenched monopoly two-party system. Some would correctly say "dictatorship." Both parties rob our citizens of access and representation within legislative bodies and executive branches of government throughout the United States. Non-partisan independents like us need to gain small "d" democratic control to create political change. We must do more than mere voting. We must elect non-partisan independents to public office.

About 85% of registered voters are non-partisan independents — as in District One. Jesse Ventura, Governor of Minnesota, won his office as mayor (75% of the vote) and his office as governor by attracting more registered and unregistered voters to the polls. Jesse won the Governor's election with 37% of the vote. The 65% voter turnout was 20% higher than any other election in our country in 1998. Forty-one percent (41%) of his votes were from new voters, registered on Election Day. Non-partisan independents are at least 74% of 115,000,000 registered voters nationwide. In addition, another 100,000,000 age eligible non-partisan independents are not registered to vote. Altogether, there are roughly 175,000,000 (77%) potential non-partisan independent voters for non-partisan independent and minor party candidates compared to roughly 40,000,000 potential bipartisan "majority party" likely voters.

Non-partisan voters can easily put any candidate they choose into every public office in this country. One problem is education to let non-partisan independents know that their votes already determine the winner in every election. All elections. Together, we have a reason to become politically active. We can elect our candidates to public office.

A second problem is highly restrictive ballot access laws that exist at some level in all fifty states. To make the election of non-partisan leaders easier, we can increase voter turnout and voter registration. We can all learn to circulate petitions, to become active citizens. Moreover, we can find reasonably good grassroots non-partisan candidates for the numerous public offices we want to win. We can petition our candidates onto the ballot.

The American people must be educated to discover the extreme lack of popular support for the Democratic and Republican parties. Both parties are well financed by special interests and they make a lot of noise on TV and Radio. In the quiet of the voting booth their power is zero. Each citizen has the power of one vote. We must all learn to use the power of our single vote to gain representation in OH District One and in districts all over the nation. Your single vote is the key to the power you share with other citizens.

There are no major parties in our country, only two dominant minor parties. Both dominant parties are bullies with bragging rights. Each voter can fire the bullies. Each voter can have real friends in high places. Those friends are non-partisan independent or minor party candidates from our communities. Vote for those people-friendly candidates to have a

voice in your governments — local, state and national.

Winning 10% to 40% of all public offices all over this country by qualified non-partisan independent and minor party candidates can be done. To be free of the destructive bipartisan power struggle between the DNC & RNC and to connect government back to our people, it must be done.

We can take our political process back from special interests that have purchased power over our governments from the DNC and the RNC, the Democrats and Republicans. Vote for self term-limited, non-career non-partisan candidates for public office.

Solutions to many of our persistent problems can be accomplished by scaling down big money corruption in our political process. To move toward representative government we must eliminate soft money and PAC money from all political campaigns. We can have a more democratic republic.

We can elect non-partisan independents, 40 or 50 in the US House and 10 in the US Senate, to end bipartisan majority control of Congress. Bipartisan warfare over majority control of the US House and the US Senate will end immediately. With no legislative majority, career Democrats and Republicans will have to work with moderate non-partisan independents to adopt known legislative solutions to our national problems. Solutions have been blocked for decades by special interest control of the bipartisan two-party system.

With your participation, our non-partisan independent SUPER MAJORITY can show the world. We can elect public servants we choose who will legislate to represent a majority of our people.

To guarantee fragile freedom and democracy we must elect new people to replace bipartisan incumbents, as often as possible, and with as many newly elected non-partisan citizens as possible.



**RICH
DISTRICT ONE
CONGRESS
2006**

**85%
NON-PARTISAN
VOTER
MAJORITY**

Participate, Win in 2006

When elected, Rich will work night and day for a more democratic republic. Vote for "RICH." You win. Rich will be on your ballot for OH District One Representative to the US Congress on November 7, 2006. You will have your non-partisan independent voice in the US Congress.

You have an independent choice and a good reason to vote. I pledge to be self term-limited to two terms — four years. I will vote for your interests, our common good.

**RICH STEVENSON
INDEPENDENT LIKE YOU**
2004 Candidate for District One Congress
Paid for by Citizens for Stevenson

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