

A Pragmatic Action Plan for Defending and Rebuilding the American Republic

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Preface

It can be a temptation to write philosophically and to become very analytical in discussing the problems and issues that face us as a people, as a society living in and comprising the United States of America. Some of us have a very strong inclination and disposition to do so, and to go into great depth and detail about the underlying causes, the dynamics, the forces at work and at play, the possible and likely outcomes in different areas of living. However, our situation now is very critical. There will be time for philosophical, scientific, legal and even forensic investigations, both physical and financial. That time is not now. What we need is an Action Plan by which people can take sensible, logical, efficient, practical steps to correct the problems that are converging upon our whole society and that are pressing us to one or several precipices – economically, politically, socially, psychologically.

The purpose of this small booklet is to provide exactly that which is so needed and about which an increasing number of people have been asking and inquiring. Pragmatic steps, things that can be done by people as individuals and small groups, often with scant resources of money, time, or experience. Practical actions that can reverse and overcome that which has been first an undercurrent, then a clamoring noise, and now a deafening roar as it steamrolls through our streets, through our halls of government, justice, education, through our places of work, through the fields of our land.

The time has come for direct, clear, and focused Action. We are at the brink, and there can be no delay, no excuse, and no wasting of time or energy. America needs to be rebuilt, almost from the ground up politically, economically, morally, socially. America needs to be shored up and defended, by every man, woman and child who can wield an intelligent word and make a rational sound, by everyone who can use a tool and work as part of a team. If we do not act now and rebuild America, then we will be fighting tooth and nail with guns in the streets and in the fields and forests, and it will be for basic survival, no longer for a nation, and it will not be a war against a foreign army, nor a war between two separate states from within our original nation, but it will be a war among warlords and gangs against each other and against ordinary citizens and families.

This Action Plan is a set of guidelines, insights and inspirations, produced after years of empirical observation and careful thinking, by which we can avoid things coming to such a state. Anything that is here may need to be changed, modified, and improved. By all means, think of adaptation and improvement as you read these pages! If you read this booklet and can only criticize it, destructively, then you are doing no good for any of us and you are contributing to the hordes of naysayers and destroyers who only want to tear down what our forbearers and ancestors have built, and even we ourselves, by our blood, sweat and hard labor. But if you can read these pages and think of ways to transform what is given here, into something more appropriate, more fitting, and stronger for your situation, your community, and our nation, then you are doing something that can help us all.

The Renaissance of the American Republic

First, in Part One I present a Twelve-Step Action Plan that leads to the operation of a cohesive network of individuals and teams, distributed geographically and conducting the work of rebuilding both an understanding of what is important for this country and also an economic and social base for achieving real and positive change to conserve, preserve and sustain our nation.

Also presented in Part One are Eight Principles and Four Projects that embody them. These Principles are given as guideposts for political action and community living; the Projects are given as strong suggestions for how goals can be achieved in the most economical use of time, money and other resources.

Thereafter, in Part Two, I present a Commentary on the Art and Science of Strategy, with clear and concrete examples of how to act and think strategically in the context of the present condition of war within the United States of America.

Part One

A Twelve-Step Action Plan

I. Establish a concentrated, focused attitude for positive progress

Dedicate yourself to identifying and doing specific works, not abstractions, but specific tasks that can be measured for their results and that will, if successful, make some clear changes in people's lives, no matter how localized or how simple it seems.

This can be done only by you as an individual and it must be done as the first step. You need to clear your head of dispositions to think only of what's wrong or what you think cannot be accomplished, and you have to get clear of abstract, vague, general, and non-specific thinking.

You need to dedicate and commit yourself to hard and unrelenting work that will require sacrifices – of time, money, pleasure, relaxation. You need to “steel yourself” and then put that steel into the forge, heat it up, put it on the anvil, and carefully but forcefully hammer away to make yourself into a blade so strong, so keen, so sharp that you know you can cut through obstacles as they come up against you, for indeed they will!

Clear your mind, center yourself, and create the mental and physical space for doing the hard work of the other eleven steps. Accept that your life and the lives of those you love, honor and respect depend upon you doing your part, because it is exactly that way! We all need you and we all need each other to be as powerful as we can be in whatever specific works we undertake. We need for all of us to be laser-focused, sharp, precise, alert, and quick.

Just as if we were in a military formation, part of an army, facing an opposing army double or triple our size and armament. For that is exactly the situation we are in right now! Do not for a single moment think otherwise!

But there is no alternative other than to fight and to fight well and to fight in perfect unity and perfect strategy. Losing our country is not an option! Burn that into your eyes, your ears, your mind, your soul! Eat on it, walk each step with it as your rhythm, sleep on it, and be willing to sacrifice a lot for it! Some of us may even be called upon to die for our country, and we should not be afraid to do so because this is not just about a political structure, nor an financial entity, nor a piece of paper, but it is about your family, your children, your relatives and neighbors, your ancestors, and all of our futures.

II. Educate yourself about the facts and the logics of our condition

You cannot be effective in moving and changing other people unless you are knowledgeable and able to communicate your knowledge.

Read all that you can but be discerning and discriminatory in your use of time.

Understand how all parties and factions think, believe, and act.

Find the facts and understand the arguments so that you can logically convince people who are not even aware of the problems, or who are aware but who simply aren't thinking about it, just following along like leaves and twigs floating in a mountain stream. Grasp the issues and the arguments so that you can convince people, but not just on light reasoning, not just in an emotional way, not merely through charisma and rhetoric, because all of those techniques may work for awhile but they will not work for the long term and we need to substantively Change people!

You do not need to be academic or pedantic about this. Time is of the essence. Knowing the basics and then knowing where to get more information as backup, as support, as reserve data for winning arguments, is essential. You need to be able to impress upon other people that you "know your stuff" and are thinking and speaking not from an emotion-dominated base but from reason.

People want to be able to trust others with leadership, with governance. There is an intuitive element at work in the entire process by which an individual decides to support X vs. Y. We need to make certain that we are reaching this inner conscience and sense of right and duty that is still alive in most people.

III. Free yourself of emotion while retaining and strengthening your passion

You must become as an individual and as a member of a group very passionate, very intense, but Reason must control you, not raw emotion! Otherwise, your attention and concentration will be off, and you will be vulnerable, in many and all manners and ways.

However, you must be able to engage people in a spirited way, to capture their attention, to develop a good connection with their soul. Pay close attention to what interests people as

individuals, their personal dispositions and temperaments. Get them to open up about their feelings, their emotions, and especially the things that give them anxiety and stress. Let them take the lead in guiding you to the right topics and “hot buttons” that need to be pressed and treated persuasively by you.

IV. Communicate and dialog with small groups, especially making use of the internet

Work with people to make small teams and let these grow but keep up strong individual communications about how to solve concrete, specific economic and social needs within the team (group) and how to solve concrete, specific political action needs in the neighborhoods.

V. Meet physically and network in a conscious, focused manner to build teams that are cohesive, disciplined, and committed.

We cannot lose sight of the important of face-to-face meetings, and as a temporary substitute, web-based videoconferences as well.

These first five steps may be considered to be the Foundational Steps, the Preparation for the Proactive, Forward Actions that make up the remainder of the Twelve Steps in the Action Plan.

VI. Establish Task Teams for specific projects in communications, economics (finance and trade), education

These Task Teams may consist of individuals, families, small businesses or any mix thereof. They may be widely distributed geographically because there is the ability to do nearly all Task Team activities through telecommuting via the internet.

However, wherever and whenever it is possible, get together face-to-face, in peoples' homes, offices, libraries, restaurants, cafes, parks. Begin to build common-unity through dialog but constantly move it toward specific action targets. Some of these may be directly or overtly political, but many targets will be things that need to be done among the members of the Task Teams.

The more we can support one another economically and in terms of everyday tasks that normally require time and money, then the more time and money is available for use in the Work of rebuilding our local communities, states and Nation. Furthermore, people will have lower stress levels and better health as a result of more shared and symbiotic work that is done among and for members of the Task Teams.

VII. Establish and Secure Economic Trade Alliances among Task Teams

Begin to develop real trading, real exchanges, of goods and services, that are between members of the Task Teams, and wherever and whenever it is possible, keep things simple,

emphasizing barter trades rather than cash-intensive trades that require credit risk to people and organizations.

VIII. Secure and Develop Networked Assets including Land, communication protocols, health measures, energy resources, and other aspects of community and economy.

Begin to put together plans, specific plans, for acquiring and securing land, homes, shops, vehicles, and all sorts of basic-life resources among the teams and larger networked groups.

IX. Develop and refine defenses, countermeasures and counterstrike tactics for preserving assets and infrastructures within the network of Task Teams.

Identify weak spots- people, institutions – within the opponent organizations, particularly in middle-level layers of their organizations.

X. Refine and test rigorously all aspects of material, financial, and informational structures and processes

Model carefully and self-critically the kinds of tasks – physical, informational, economic, legal – that can and no doubt will be made against you by any number and variety of opponents.

XI. Assemble and support Lightning-Strike Teams that will use intelligence

(in both senses of the word) to identify where to attack with information or legal or financial measures or by other appropriate and within-principle means in order to weaken the opponents' system of command, control and communication.

XII. Organize economic “armies” and “arsenals”

that can be employed to simultaneously drain opponents of energy, resources, concentration, and ability to lead and mount offensive actions, and also dislodge opponents from strategic positions in the economy and political institutions.

Eight Principles

Honesty and sincerity in communications and in making agreements and commitments
Directness, openness and clarity in speaking your mind and in what you are telling people
Vigilance for both problems and opportunities, for oneself but also for the group
Being concrete and specific in tasks, action items and undertakings
Being willing to share what is not absolutely needed by you today
Being willing to commit to taking care of any group resource as if it were you own and your life depended upon it
Being willing to sacrifice the short-term personal gain for the long-term gain for the group (family, neighborhood, network, community)
Constant commitment to putting aside ego and self so that reason and common sense can prevail over emotion

Four Projects

Private REIT (“real estate investment trust”) Projects whereby team members form partnerships for buying or otherwise long-term acquiring control over practical-value parcels of real estate for residential, agricultural, manufacturing, and security uses for the group.

Collective, team efforts to help members of the team and related teams to obtain employment and bartering of services (medical, legal, transportation, other basics in life).

Collective, team efforts to help members of the team and related teams to obtain investment capital for projects that enhance the interests of the members.

Collective, team efforts at public relations and media attention for the benefit of team members and their needs, projects, and activities that are commonly accepted as being in the best interests of the whole team.

Part Two

A Commentary on the Art and Science of Strategy

Part Two is not finished, in fact it is barely begun. However, I wanted to get Part One into peoples' hands.

NOTES – not finished, just notes →→→

(i) One of the key points is about building realistic, tangible alternative communication, economic trading, and sustainability (physical, economic, social, spiritual) teams and networks, nationwide (and abroad), because we are now in the Beginning stages of a very long and difficult time for our society and for these United States of America. Anyone who thinks lightly of the present developments and the future months and years is, in my opinion, as sadly and grievously mistaken as those people of Jewish ethnic heritage who were living in Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland and most of Europe in the early 1930's. Ponder that point. Disagree, but do so with cogent arguments and better alternatives.

There is a web/internet part to this Action Plan, and it has its roots in a great deal of careful study (not by myself alone, mind you!) regarding how to use the internet and its alternatives effectively in times like we now have and face.

We Must No Become Dependent Upon That Which Can Be Turned Off or Manipulated Against People

We have seen the internet used as the main mechanism for building up the entire political machine that took over the country in 2008 and which is being used to sustain its hold on the public sentiments and feelings at present.

There are also some specific tools and resources, and then, as you will see, there is a need for people to seriously band together and work on concrete projects and tasks.

I hazard to use terms or references out of context, because people may be quick to jump to the wrong conclusions. However, what is in this Action Plan is very much akin to what people have done, and do undertake, in situations like the following:

You live along the Mississippi or Missouri and a big flood is coming
 Your town has been hit by a tornado or a forest fire and you are going to rebuild along with your neighbors and families
 You are a pioneer in Kansas or Nebraska in the 1850's
 You are a settler in Tennessee or Kentucky in the 18th century
 You are a resident of Houston in the 1830's
 You are a member of the French (or other) Resistance during WW2
 You are a resident of one of the Colonies and you want your freedom from the British Crown

What this Action Plan is not about is just sitting, watching, maybe complaining, maybe yelling, but essentially doing nothing, and waiting for the worst that is yet to come.

**** Communications and Fail-Safes for Our Time ****

Web Portal tools and resources, non-Facebook, for seriously concerned and committed people to use in building task teams and community action networks. Some of these tools are quite extensive and ready to be employed. There is also a great deal of attention to information security, protection of privacy, proper use of "intelligent" software, and building alternatives for communication if and when the internet is no longer available because of, (ahem!) "special issues of national security, as directed by the President" (for example).