
COMMON SENSE II

Capitalizing on the familiarity and influence of Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense” pamphlets that provided American colonists with exposure to the conversation of great thinkers in the pre-Revolutionary period, this paper assumes the name COMMON SENSE II. Similarly, today’s series of pamphlets strives to give a direct response to great political events and ideas of our time.

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Don’t Look Up, A Lesson for 2022

By Joan Beech

If you knew that a comet would crash into the earth and change life as you know it, what would you expect our government to do? If you knew that democracy could end in the year 2022 and would not return in your lifetime, what would you expect our government to do? What if you knew that our planet was doomed for catastrophic environmental disaster and species extinction within the next two decades, what would you expect our government to do?

Adam McKay’s *Don’t Look Up*, an allegorical satire streaming on Netflix is imploring us to pay attention and take action! He recognizes both the urgent needs of our planet and democracy and the foolishness of human responses. Although we might not be facing the situation of a comet smashing into our planet, we face critical issues of a global pandemic, racial injustice, gun violence, climate change, and dangerous threats to our democracy. Quite often, many tend toward denial, distraction, hostility, and downplaying the disaster. At the same time politicians and media can spin the truth, play games about protecting “our stuff,” and even make money off the disaster.

In *Don’t Look Up*, the President, played by Meryl Streep, is more interested in maintaining power and winning the next election than in dealing with the imminent destruction of the Earth. This resonates with the present political scenario of the GOP—and at times the tepid response of some Democratic—



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leaders to deal with reality. Sometimes we don’t know if we should scream, laugh, or cry.

So, when a sizeable portion of our society is not in touch with reality and are gullible to believe conspiracy theories, we wonder if we are too numb, dumb, powerless, or indifferent to focus on the overwhelming crises before us. We know just a few of the crazy theories out there:

- ◆ Bill Gates is putting microchips in you.
- ◆ The vaccines magnetize you.
- ◆ Public school teachers are secretly teaching CRT.
- ◆ The attack on the Capitol was an FBI operation.
- ◆ Jewish Space Lasers caused California wildfires.
- ◆ There was a fraudulent election, where the votes were laundered in the Vatican, Germany, or Venezuela.

We know that individuals, media, social media, and political parties are making money off this nonsense ever since Donald Trump began putting out conspiracy theories and casting doubt about our democracy. The madness continues. He got away with it, and now many more are conjuring their own conspiracy theories. So the subversion of our election process, erratic weather and wildfires, mass shootings, hate, and a global pandemic continue.



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At the end of *Don’t Look Up*, we see those who acknowledge reality gathering as a community and expressing their rituals and traditions that come from their moral core with a sense of gratitude and humility facing the complexity of the future. Those who have buried their heads and not looked at reality try to escape, but find themselves naked and alone. The choice in 2022 is either to bury our heads in the sand or to “Look up.”

The GOP Shadows

By Eric Grimsrud

We cannot afford to lose faith in our democracy.

We Americans like to claim that we govern ourselves via a representative democracy by which all citizens have an equal voice in the selection of our leaders and, through them, determine the laws and policies of our country. The maintenance of a free representative democracy such as this is not easy, however. As Benjamin Franklin warned, “You will have republic [by which he meant a representative democracy] if you can keep it.” During the 250 years since then, we have witnessed many of the destructive forces Franklin envisioned, most of which have come from internal forces initiated by our own elected officials. While the Civil War era provided the greatest challenge to the maintenance of what Lincoln called the American experiment, less obvious but potentially lethal attacks on our system of governance have also visited the U.S. on a regular basis. Let us recall the well-documented history of five events in the post-WWII era that have brought us closer to an authoritarian system of governance.

The first of these post-WWII events occurred in early 1950’s under the watch of Dwight Eisenhower. At that time, Iran had just elected Mohammad Mosaddegh as Prime Minister. Mosaddegh had been educated in democratic countries of the West and as Prime Minister of Iran was committed to the development of a free democratic government in Iran. His plan was not supported by Eisenhower’s State Department, however, because they, along with Britain,

wanted to maintain control over Iran’s vast oil reserves. Ike’s predecessor, Harry Truman, had previously refused to interfere with Iran’s internal affairs and welcomed Mosaddegh’s plan to democratize Iran’s government. Nevertheless, Eisenhower agreed to let his State Department do whatever it wished in order to retain control over Iran’s oil fields and ordered the American CIA to assist them in the overthrow of Prime Minister Mosaddegh.

Therefore in 1952, the U.S. State Department secretly orchestrated an insurgency in Iran that managed to quickly overthrow Mosaddegh, who was then imprisoned for the remaining 16 years of his life. At the time of his death, Mosaddegh did not even know that he had been betrayed by the U.S. After the coup, the Shah of Iran was granted dicta-

torial powers as long as he allowed the U.S. and Great Britain to retain control of Iran’s oil fields.

These decidedly improper actions of the U.S. State Department and the CIA were not revealed to the American public until Congressional hearings on the CIA were begun in the 1970’s. An official admission of guilt by the U.S. was not issued until 1990. In 1979 the Shah of Iran was overthrown by the Islamic fundamentalist regime that still is in power today. This led to the host of difficulties that the U.S. has had with Iran in subsequent decades. As all of these events were further discovered and reported, the U.S. was clearly shown to have destroyed one of the few fledgling democracies in the Middle East.

Thus, Eisenhower’s shadow government ignored the laws of our country and those of Iran in order to rob that country of both its wealth and its right to govern itself. While most of us learned to “Like Ike” in the 50’s, it was most unfortunate that he joined a political party that lacked an appreciation for the generation of democratic principles abroad.

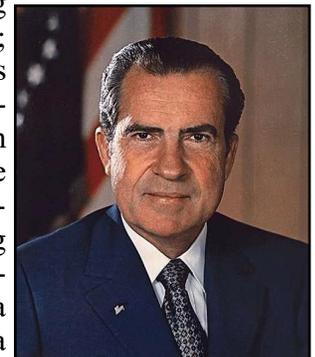
The second case occurred during the election of 1968 when Lyndon Johnson was desperately trying to end the war in Vietnam by arranging a peace treaty between North and South Vietnam. However, Presidential candidate Richard Nixon was concerned that if the Johnson Administration were able to do that, the sitting Vice President and Democratic Presidential candidate, Hubert Humphrey, would win the upcoming Presidential election; therefore Nixon asked his Republican representatives—private citizens in Saigon—to convince the South Vietnamese government to stall the pending peace negotiations, promising the South would get a better deal later under a Nixon administration. The South then did back out of the 1968 negotiations in Paris, and the war was not ended under Johnson’s watch. Instead, the Vietnam War went on for more than four more years, eventually resulting in the complete destruction of South Vietnam, the loss of about a million Vietnamese lives, and the deaths of 20,763 additional American servicemen and 110,230 more wounded. In addition, the neighboring country of Cambodia was destabilized, leading to years of genocide in that country.

In this way Nixon’s secret shadow government

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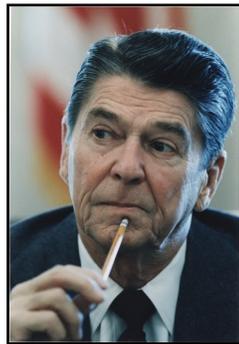
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undermined the efforts of our sitting President, Lyndon Johnson, to end that war—merely for his own personal and political gain. At that time, President Johnson learned what Nixon was doing but decided to keep it secret because of the shame he thought it would cast on our country. Many now believe that Johnson's decision to protect the reputation of our country by not exposing Nixon's treachery was a great mistake, in that it later led to some of Nixon's other illegal efforts, such as the Watergate break-in to find and destroy secret historical records that would be incriminating to him. In any case, it is clear that because of Nixon's treasonous actions in 1968, he, instead of Hubert Humphrey, won the Presidency in the extremely close election of 1968. Because Humphrey would have been a very different President with very different goals, Nixon's treasonous behavior significantly altered American history in subsequent decades. In addition, Nixon thereby provided members of his GOP party with a lesson on how it could win if it were willing to put fealty to the GOP ahead of to his country and the Constitution.

The third case is a similar and equally important event in American history which occurred 12 years later in the election of 1980 when Jimmy Carter was facing the Republican candidate, Ronald Reagan. Reagan supporters made a secret request to representatives of the Iranian government, asking them not to release American hostages, who had been held in Tehran since the takeover of our Iranian embassy in November 1979, until Reagan had been elected and taken office.

Thus, on January 20, 1981, moments after Reagan was sworn in, the hostages were released. For his personal and political gain, Reagan and his Republican conspirators did what Nixon had done in 1968; he interfered with the foreign policy efforts of the U.S. under a sitting President who was trying to free our embassy employees in a timely manner. Such behavior was clearly illegal under American law and constituted treason against the U.S. and its citizens.

A few years later, the Iran-Contra Affair also came to light. By this secret agreement, a shadow government formed by Reagan sold weapons to Iran and gave the proceeds to a right-wing Nicaraguan revolutionary force called the Contras. Why



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would Reagan have done such a favor to Iran, which would then use those weapons for their own distinctly anti-American programs? The likely explanation is that it was a pay-off to Iran for helping him get elected in 1980 as well as for providing financial support for the right-wing Contra rebels of Nicaragua. All of this was perpetrated by Reagan's shadow government without consultation or consent from Congress, which had previously not allowed U.S. funds to be provided to either party in the Nicaraguan civil war. While near the end of his second term, Reagan was forced to admit his complicity in all of this, like Nixon ten years earlier, he was not prosecuted for these distinctly illegal activities.

The fourth case took place during George W. Bush's Presidency after the 9/11 attack. An immediate reaction to that attack was to suspect that various Islamic nations might have been responsible for it. The Bush Administration was particularly interested in Iraq's potential involvement and used this opportunity to settle past grievances against Iraq's dictator, Saddam



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Hussain; the Bush Administration orchestrated a case for the invasion of Iraq by claiming that Iraq was accumulating various weapons of mass destruction. After the U.S.'s successful invasion and takeover of Iraq in 2003, no such weapons of mass destruction were found. It was subsequently found that other evidence against Hussain gathered by the CIA and State Department had been obtained under the pressure to produce such evidence by the administration. Thus, it appears that our enormous military adventures in Iraq during the decade after our invasion in 2003 were put into motion by a misinformed and self-isolated cabinet that used the military of the U.S. to settle old scores they had with a sovereign country. That "Mission Accomplished" sent a message to the world that the U. S., the supposed leader of the free world, had indulged in distinctly criminal behavior without justifications other than settling old scores. The fact that many Americans accepted that excuse for our invasion of Iraq suggests that our country has lost some of its faith in the rule of law and is becoming more receptive to the notion that "might makes right"

The fifth case is Donald Trump. The reasons why he should never have been President are too

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numerous to list here but have been extensively reported ever since he decided to have a go at the management of our government about a decade ago. In that time, he has shown himself to be the polar opposite of what is required to oversee a country founded on democratic principles. It is clear that he does not give a hoot about the maintenance of our democracy. His best options for future employment



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would seem to be as a dictator in some other country that thinks it needs one—unless (Heaven forbid!) he manages to again get the support of the GOP in 2024.

A critical question is will today's GOP support him in 2024? If the GOP's motto continues to be that provided by some of its historic figures—win at all costs—his chances of success are not so bad. If the motley gang of Trump supporters (whom Hillary Clinton appropriately called “a basket of deplorables”) are again sucked in by this snake oil salesman, the representatives of the GOP in Washington are again likely to jump into that basket, because they know that they have nothing of offer in solving our country's real problems. Their interest in government service now appears to be little more than keeping taxes as low as possible for the rich and undermining the foundations of our representative democracy.

In summary, during our 250 year experiment with a representative democracy, the U.S. has done pretty well in spite of the inevitable “inefficiencies” associated with the concept that every citizen should have a say in its management. The government of the U.S. is presently in a perilous state, however, in that it could conceivably be changed from a democracy to an autocracy. One of our two major political parties seems to favor such a change. I started with a quotation from Benjamin Franklin and will close by adding to it a few words from Winston Churchill, “A democracy is the worst form of government there is—except for all the others.” As Franklin warned, it does indeed require a lot of work to “keep it.” The U.S. must be made sufficiently wise and strong to successfully address the formidable set of problems before us. Unless Jesus Christ himself expresses an interest in the management of our country, we should continue to support the next best option: a free representative democracy.

The Age of Lost Innocence

By Valerie Conner

A common literary genre is “coming-of-age.” Usually, the protagonist is a young person confronting the realization that what s/he has been led to believe about people, country, self was based on a lie, be it a well-intentioned lie: There is no Santa Claus. The intention of this lie is to allow that young person a chance to see the world as it ideally should be before recognizing its short-comings.

That way, when s/he gets a clearer picture of reality, s/he can work toward positive change—to right the wrongs. For many of us that works. We see what needs to be improved and work toward it, knowing that there can be a better world. Unfortunately, some people become cynical and disheartened and see everything through dark lenses, give up, and go to the dark side.

In elementary school, I like most of my generation was presented with a whitewashed view of history, government, and human relations. George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and never told a lie. With maturity and further reading, I factored human nature as I observed it into the equation and realized that human institutions are, well, made up of humans and reflect human frailties.

Ideally our democracy works as it is intended: people vote for whom they believe is the better candidate, candidates have the best interest of society in mind, election outcomes are always the result of fair and honest play. Within the bounds of humanness, for the most part I think that's been true throughout our history, but recently we've seen less honor and more dirty play in elections, destroying our faith in our system of government. Our society has lost its innocence; we've become jaded and despairing of our country's future.

Like that young protagonist in a coming-of-age novel, we have a choice: We can deny that any good exists in politics and government—a pox on both our houses—and give up working to maintain our democracy, or we can see things as a warning of disaster and work to right the wrongs that have been done. We need to decide what we want, articulate it, work toward it, and insist we and others do better by doing good for our democracy. Just as that young



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protagonist can go on to live an honorable and good life, we can have a good and honorable democratic republic. There may be no Santa Claus, but you still get presents.

The Way of the World, As I See It:

Part II*

By The Reverend David Bolstorff

So, with God's will of "loving God, loving neighbor, loving self" in mind, I have some questions to ask all of us, including myself:

Is it God's will—

- To always blame others and never ourselves?
- To forget about the log in my own eye and only be concerned about the speck in someone else's eye?
- To be given health insurance like Congress is and in return deny it for everyone who is unable to afford it?
- To build walls to keep people out?
- To put children in cages or separate them from their parents?
- To chase people down with horses and whips?
- To just watch and then offer "thoughts and prayers" as people shoot each other with the guns we have the power to do something about? Or do we keep on blaming the people and not the guns just so we can protect the gun lobby, justifying it by choosing the 2nd Amendment over God's 5th Commandment?
- To put our neighbors at risk by not getting vaccinated, or doesn't "loving thy neighbor" include that?
- To allow the homeless to fill the streets when we have the power to do something about it but choose not to and drive on by?
- To live on government handouts rather than go to work, especially when work is available and we are capable?
- To view the owner more important than the laborer even though one without the other doesn't work?
- To allow a lie to be more important than the truth, that what is important is the result you want, and the means are irrelevant?
- To make rules based on fraudulent claims, to keep some people from voting just so you can win an election and claim power, while at the same time preaching democracy, fairness, and fair play?
- To treat people unequally when Jesus said that all are one in Christ?
- To desire power rather than love?
- To rely on a party's platform rather than God's

Word?

- To build bigger barns or freely share what we have?
- To criticize or help, judge or discern, put down or buildup?
- To only look out for my good and not the common good?
- To give the wealthy plenty to eat while handing out crumbs to the poor?
- To help only those who help me?
- "To love God, to love neighbor, to love self," or have I changed to "To love self above all else, to love God when needed, and to love only the neighbor I choose"?
- To say this is the truth, or that is the truth, when God Himself said that the only truth is Jesus?
- To have justice handed out on a sliding scale dependent on wealth, color, position, and race?
- To selectively protest abortion but not adultery, divorce, racism, discrimination, gun violence, abuse, injustice, lying, bigotry, and all the other ways by which people destroy one another?
- To put a "point system" on sin, or do we do that to justify ourselves, condemn who we want, and make us look good in the eyes of others while forgetting all about Jesus' saying, "Those without sin may throw the first stone"?
- To consider a master to be more important than a servant or for a servant to be more important than a master?
- To say something is God's will even though it is really ours?

We know Jesus' answer to that question, but what is ours?

I am 88 years old now and have seen a lot of life, but I have never seen such divisiveness—almost evilness, even hatred—in this country and the fact that many people really don't care! To me "evilness" is the Anti-Christ talked about in Scripture, so I have to ask you and ask myself, "Is that what this is all about, and are we a part of it, the coming of the Anti-Christ? The only moral principle we were shown for a few years was the moral principle of self. Some chose not to follow that principle, but many did. So, the question is, are we allowing the Anti-Christ of Self to raise its ugly head and destroy our nation and our democracy? Or will we stand up as individuals and as a nation and say "NO!" and then add loudly and clearly, by our word and deed, "As for me and my house, we

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will serve the Lord,” and then do it? Many by their lives are, but tragically, it seems as though many more aren't, and because of that, it seems as though the house of democracy is being divided, and the sand god of self is winning!

Please, if you are a politician, when you take your oath of office promising to preserve and defend the Constitution, please don't end that oath anymore with the phrase, “So help me God,” unless by our actions and word you really meant it!

I am a Christian

I understand that not everyone is.

I also understand that the basic premise of the Christian lifestyle is love

Love of God, love of neighbor, love of self

And as I said before, in that order!

It's not to gain salvation

But in response to our salvation

To God's gift of love for us

His Son Jesus' death on a Cross for our sins

So, let each of us ask ourselves this question

And then answer it honestly

What's more important to me,

My position, my party, my power

Or my faith?

By my thoughts, words, and deeds God already knows

But without the Scripture text, “Faith without works is dead” as the background for the shadow of my life

What would my answer be?

Perhaps I am naïve, but I have always thought that people were sent to Congress to represent not only the people of their district and those who voted for them, but also to care about the welfare of everyone.

It seems that I have been wrong, because it appears as though the mutual welfare of all people is not considered anymore, only the welfare of my party, its power, and my position.

We must change that, or it will change us, as perhaps it already has!

Thank you for reading, and may God Bless Us All.

*This is a continuation of my thoughts in the January issue.

Waning American Democracy

By Jack Pick

Is democracy a given in our country? Recent polls show surprisingly that about two-thirds of Americans believe that our democracy is at risk. Does it really make a difference for any of us, regardless of political affiliation, if our democracy is lost?

When democracy is lost, government becomes one-sided, which then leads to autocracy. Wealth is



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funneled to 1% or so of the population with the 99% or so living in or near poverty.

Without my listing them, we all know which countries fall into this category. The bottom line is that when democracy ends, the 99% of us are the ones hurt regardless of

current political affiliation, because political affiliation no longer matters.

The signs of a waning democracy are clear. They include political division, the drive to power over service, restrictions to voting, deceptive and divisive news services, as well as increased hatred and intolerance.

We can all mind our personal growth, attitudes, and awareness, but perhaps the most effective thing we can do is mind our politics before succumbing to loss of our democracy and with it our freedom.

In November we will have federal elections and before that, primaries. This time around, whether we call ourselves Republican, Democrat, or other, we must support candidates who support democracy and service over those who look for control via any or all of the signs listed above.

So do become knowledgeable and active and do vote at every opportunity while your vote can still make a difference. Political ideologies can wait, because without democracy they won't matter. Vote! Vote for democracy!

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Forging a New Politics: Citizenship, Community, Democracy

By *Bob Passi*

The old politics in the U.S.—and perhaps in the world—has been so corrupted that we can scarcely any longer be called a democracy. That old politics is now almost totally controlled and in service to an economic elite. In order to resurrect a democracy in this nation, we must turn our back on the corrupted version of our national politics and forge a new politics growing from the fertile ground of democratic citizenship and community to provide the bedrock upon which to build a renewed and thriving democracy.

It is sad that this nation, founded nearly 250 years ago on the idealism of democracy, is now on the brink of foundering and reverting back to the autocratic and aristocratic options it had hoped to leave behind. That hope had been to build a new incarnation of that old idea, democracy, bringing the opportunity of direct involvement and participation in decisions about the direction of the nation and a sense of self-determination to the ordinary citizens of the nation.

Two of the most significant elements of our attempts at democracy have been the concepts of citizenship and community. These two elements are at the very core of what a democracy is about and provide a way to revive and reclaim the rest of democracy.

Citizenship

Citizenship in a democracy is different from the older concept of citizenship in a nation. That old concept of citizenship often meant that you were merely a resident of a particular nation, with perhaps some rights and some protections but certainly with obligations to support the directions of that nation, to provide financing when necessary, and to make sacrifices if so directed. The difference in a democracy is that there is the expectation of participation in the decision-making politics of that nation. In fact, it is a requirement and obligation of citizenship in a democracy if that democracy is to thrive. This participation is the most important entitlement as it is based upon simply being a citizen regardless of status, wealth, power, or influence.

If citizens decide not to participate, they indicate they no longer value and treasure the very thing that is at the heart of a functioning democracy.

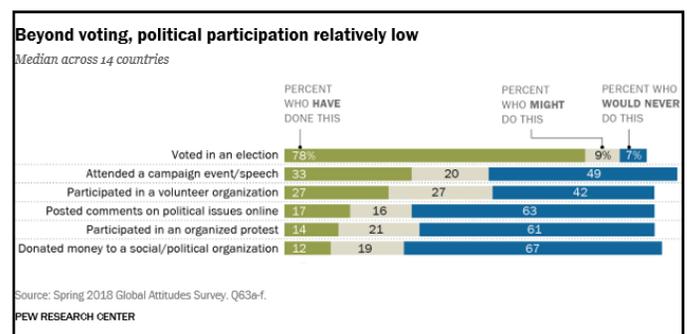


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Of course, those who would usurp the power of the citizens try all kinds of chicanery to discourage citizen participation. Here are a few their ploys:

- ◆ Convincing citizens that their vote is the only thing that matters; therefore the only time that requires their participation is during the election cycle. After that, they are simply to stay in the background and let their duly elected representatives make decisions for them. If they are dissatisfied, they should wait for the next election.
- ◆ Manipulating the voting mechanisms to prioritize money over individual voices.
- ◆ Devising a multitude of schemes to control the vote in favor of whatever elites might be in control, such as gerrymandering, making voting difficult for certain groups, controlling voting rolls, and restricting voting in a variety of ways.
- ◆ Packing the mechanisms of government to prevent them from fulfilling their function including committees, the legislature itself, and the Supreme Court. The result is governmental dysfunction and loss of faith in the entire system, which leads to citizen apathy.
- ◆ Using the obstinacy of the Senate and the Supreme Court to thwart progress and/or change.

With all those obstructionist techniques in place and all the levers of governance co-opted by an economic elite, it becomes clear that within the



present political system there is no way to have any meaningful citizen voice unless those in power can manipulate citizens to appear to support a system which would diminish and ultimately destroy democracy itself.

Yet this unrepresentative government speaks to the world as though you have given it your support. All of the business of the nation is done **in your name and on your dime**, even though you have little or no voice in nearly all of those decisions.

The argument that is used to justify what is occur-

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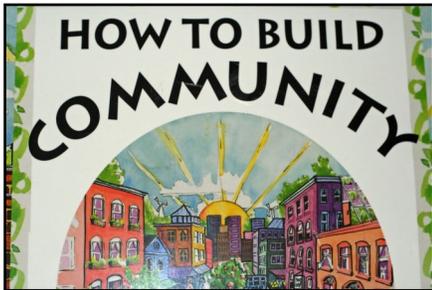
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ring is to remind people that this system in which we live has been set up as a democratic republic, which means that we elect representatives to speak for us in that government. **The problem, of course, is that too many of those representatives no longer serve the electorate but instead serve those with the political and financial power who allow them to stay in their jobs. As the electoral system becomes more co-opted by that economic power, the system becomes totally dysfunctional for most of the citizenry but totally functional for the economic elite who now control all the levers of power in the nation.**

Reclaiming Our Citizenship

The only viable solution is to claim and use the rights of democratic citizenship to forge a new politics of citizen participation by organizing and working together to provide a clear citizens' voice that cannot be ignored. Much of this will need to happen outside the framework of our current system of elective politics which has been so thoroughly corrupted and co-opted.

Remember that most of our daily lives are not determined by governmental decisions even though they control such big picture issues as the economy and foreign policy at this time; however, in many ways they do not control how we live our lives and deal with each other. **We are still free to deal with the realities as we see fit, deal with our relationships as we see fit, live our daily lives as we see fit, build our communities and organizations as we see fit, and finally, to live the lives of empowered citizens within a democracy.**



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Community

This is where community comes in. We are free to form organizations and communities with others who also insist on a new politics and the rebirth of true democratic citizenship.

Some of this work has already begun due to the effects of the pandemic. We have been forced back upon ourselves for survival. We have rediscovered our existing communities and learned to forge new ones for survival. We have discovered that economics did not hold the important solutions as our economy ground to a halt.

In other words, we have rediscovered ourselves and the incredible empowerment that comes with that discovery. We have been able to play a major role in our own survival when the government was not very responsive or when it just didn't seem to care.

Democracy

Democracy is about those reenergized citizens and their communities and organizations working together to forge a new politics based on citizen and community participation.

Community is about forging relationships to further the goals of a group of people. Getting together to build a democratic society epitomizes the very heart of America. It is about cooperation, inclusivity, accepting differences, and equality. We all know how supportive and nurturing a community can be. We all know how wonderful it feels to work with others to improve the society as a whole. **We understand the synergy that working together can provide. Such community creates its own momentum.** It often provides a real reason for celebration.

This, of course, is the ultimate goal, to forge a new democratic politics as the basis of a community, a society of empowered citizens willing to do the work. Such a change will assure citizens of a real voice in determining their own future and the future of the society, the nation, and ultimately the world and the planet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: GET INVOLVED AND GET IT DONE!

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date /Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
DFL Headquarters Open (326-6296)	Thursdays 2:00-5:00	DFL Headquarters
DFL Central Committee Meets	4th Monday 6:30	Hybrid
DFL Social Club & Lunch	1st Wednesday Noon	DFL Headquarters
DFL Pot Luck (Open to the Public)	3rd Wednesday 5:30	DFL Headquarters
Deadline for <i>Common Sense II</i>	March 15, 2022	conray@arvig.net