

PocketBook of Politics

My Plan to Reboot America

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2016 Candidate for
President of the United States
With Dr. Jeanne King, Ph.D.

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DEDICATIONS

Jeanne King, Ph.D. whose wisdom, love, soft voice and empathy for others has brought peace and joy to so many who have suffered. I will always love and cherish you, Dr. King. This book is also dedicated to Divine intervention for bringing Dr. King and me together after 52 years.

PREFACE

My desire to serve you was inspired by the writings of my father. After he volunteered to serve in World War II in 1942, he vowed to write his parents a letter everyday he was at war. He did so to ease their pain.

From June, 1942 until his arrival back in New Orleans in December, 1945 he, a brilliant man, wrote an amazing compilation of letters. Reading these letters as a child in the 60's, has had a profound impact on me.

While in England in 1942, he met my mother and a wartime romance ensued. On October 3, 1945, my parents were married in Liverpool, England. Impacted by their World War II experiences, they returned to my father's native home of New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon arrival to America as a new immigrant, my mother fought another war, prescription drug addiction.

Having experienced World War II, my father was keenly aware of the brutal consequences of war and the effects of limited citizen involvement. He taught me the value and importance of service—both to your fellow man and your country.

INTRODUCTION

I am an American citizen, attorney, and economist, interested in serving my country with common sense solutions to America's most challenging problems. My commitment to make a difference inspired me to become a 2016 candidate for President of the United States.

My political values were shaped at an early age. War, drug and alcohol addiction, economic depression and inequality were (and still are) the significant issues facing human-kind. My life was materially affected by it all; yet I always believed these problems were fixable.

For many years I have watched American politics become controlled by big money interests. The atmosphere created is so toxic that highly qualified individuals are discouraged and voters stop voting.

As a young child, I envisioned myself as president of the United States. I believed that I could contribute to the welfare of individual Americans because I truly cared about the quality of everyone's life, and

that I understood the difficulties families face each day. Over the years, my diverse life experiences have equipped me with common sense political wisdom and the vision to tackle America's toughest challenges, including the elimination of poverty and equal opportunities for all.

In May, 2014 I moved from Nashville, Tennessee to Colorado in order to work with Michael Drumm on the filming of *RebootAmerica*. – *The Return of the Truth*. Upon completion of the film, I sought to write a book to educate the American voter.

Through destiny and blessings, and with a little help from the Internet, I met Dr. Jeanne King, a noted author, psychologist and expert in Domestic Abuse Intervention. Dr. King earned her doctorate degree in Psychology from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois.

She is a 30-year seasoned psychologist, currently specializing in domestic violence prevention. Dr. King shows individuals and professionals in healthcare how to break the cycle of domestic abuse and heal the wounds of interpersonal violation. She

offers keynotes and training for government and healthcare organizations nationwide. Her work is known as the bridge between psychology, healthcare and domestic abuse victim advocacy.

Dr. King and I have partnered in the writing of this book: a true *PocketBook of Politics*. The ideas presented are the foundation of my presidential platform and plan to reboot America. Dr. King has facilitated our bringing these concepts forward through language that speaks directly to the heart and soul of American people. We have combined our respective talents into the making of this simple guide to help our fellow Americans enter into the political world informed, inspired and empowered.

The *PocketBook of Politics* offers the solutions for minimum wage, unemployment, income taxes, social security, health care, education, bigotry, family planning, equal pay, infrastructure, climate change, voting rights, prison and drug reform, gun control, and war and foreign policy. It give you the information necessary to be a knowledgeable participant in the election process.

BEGINNINGS

On April 22, 2015, I became a 2016 Democratic Candidate for President of the United States. Along with Dr. Jeanne King, we have written this *PocketBook of Politics*, a truthful, easy to read text that gives you my common sense solutions to the political problems facing Americans. The *PocketBook of Politics* informs and educates you about American politics and the role our American government plays in ensuring every American's wellbeing.

In America today, we are blessed with the greatest wealth in our history. Used correctly, we can easily transform this great nation into a society where everyone shares and prospers.

As your President, I will follow the advice of noted author Thomas L. Friedman. He said that the 2016 presidential election is our opportunity to allow all Americans to fulfill their potential if we follow a tried and true formula:

“What made us strong as a country? We had the greatest public private partnership in the history of the world. It was built on five basic principles. We had the world’s best infrastructure, the world’s best education, the best government funded research, the best immigration policy, and best rules to incentive risk taking and prevent recklessness.

To me, until we get back to candidates who are really promoting those rules for the 21st century, we are going to be stuck.”¹

I concur.

This *PocketBook of Politics* is my plan to reboot America. As we all know Washington DC is completely frozen and nothing can be accomplished. If this happened to your computer, you would simply reboot. I propose we reboot America.

When Ronald Reagan became president in 1980, the massive tax cuts for the super wealthy have resulted in an unprecedented redistribution of economic

resources from the middle class to the richest Americans.

This transfer of wealth from the US Treasury to the top earners resulted in an array of problems from pervasive poverty to social unrest affecting every American citizen. The RebootAmerica platform is specifically designed to solve these problems. It consists of the following proposed common sense solutions, which are simple, fair and built to last.

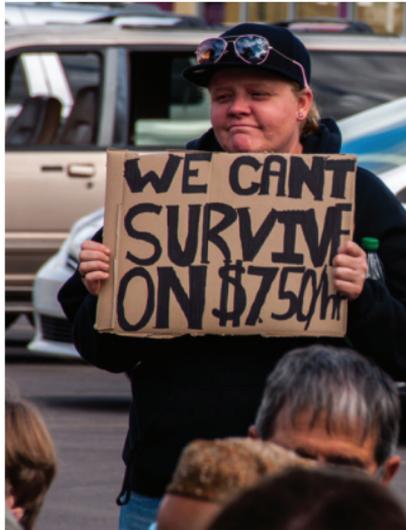
Come with us and discover solutions that bring peace, prosperity and well-being to all Americans and to the world.

CHAPTER 1

MINIMUM WAGE

*“Every American is entitled to a living wage,
which is \$22 per hour indexed to inflation.”*

Richard Lyons Weil, June 2, 2015



\$22/HOUR SUBSISTENCE WAGE
INDEXED TO INFLATION

The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour is not only shamefully low, but it also decreases daily because it is not indexed to inflation. Yet, this “federal minimum wage” was established by President Franklin Roosevelt to insure that American workers maintain a “minimum standard of living necessary for health, efficiency and general well-being...” Fair Labor Standards Act 1938. ²

The net result of this is an income so low that workers require government assistance, or some additional means of support, in order to subsist. For example, take a look at Dan.

Dan Berger makes \$10.50 per hour at Molly’s Donuts; but his real cost of living is more than \$17 per hour.³

Now, how will Dan make ends meet? What would you do?

- a) Steal \$40/week from Grandma.
- b) Sell donuts to friends and not ring up the sale.

- c) Get a fourth part-time job in his “spare time”
- d) Vote for Weil for President for a \$22/hour living wage.

Don't let Dan or any American become another link in the chain of poverty out of desperation. Seek solutions instead. Vote Weil for President!



Dan is not alone. Congress's failure to amend the minimum wage law has allowed American workers to lose real income every year because their wages are not indexed to inflation.

This state of affairs gets progressively worse each day as more and more Americans fall further behind, with prices rising and wages falling. This is not what President Franklin Roosevelt intended when he came

to the aid of the American people and signed the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) in 1938. The FLSA introduced sweeping regulations to protect American workers from being exploited, thereby shielding them from an endless downward economic spiral.

The little guy is not the only one to benefit here, so will business owners and the wealthy. For example, the business owner will employ a more highly productive and financially secure worker, decreasing turnover and significantly reducing the expense of employee training. It is the goal that all Americans have a living wage—a wage they can actually live on—as intended by President Roosevelt, a “minimum standard of living necessary for health, efficiency and general well-being...” Fair Labor Standards Act 1938.

CHAPTER 2

SOCIAL SECURITY

“Social Security reflects our deepest values -- our respect for our parents and our belief that all Americans deserve to retire with dignity.”
President Bill Clinton-- March 21, 1998



MAKE SOCIAL SECURITY
SOLVENT AND SECURE

Social Security and Medicare must be solvent in order to be available for those Americans who rely on it to support them through their “golden years.” As we know, Social Security may soon become unavailable because its obligations are greater than the current revenues, thereby causing a drain on the Social Security Trust Fund. Unless a responsible fix is made, Social Security will become insolvent by 2037, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration.⁴

All Americans who make less than \$118,000 per year pay Social Security tax on 100% of their income.⁵ Those Americans making more than \$118,000 per year do not pay any Social Security tax on income above this cutoff. Therefore, wealthy Americans only pay Social Security tax on a small portion of their incomes. And certain types of income are not even subject to the Social Security tax.

I propose that we remove the income ceiling on Social Security contributions thereby making all ordinary income subject to Social Security tax. This will insure Social Security solvency for a least 75

years, and prevent the Social Security trust from becoming exhausted. It would also allow us to enhance Social Security benefits and to expand its reach.

CHAPTER 3

INCOME TAX REFORM

“The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.”—Albert Einstein



**INCOME TAX OF 70% ON INCOMES
OVER \$3,000,000**

When Reagan took office in 1980, “Reagenomics” consisted of massive tax cuts for the wealthy and the cutting back of social benefits for the poor. These two actions set into motion the current huge income inequality that now exists in America.

This situation was exacerbated by President George W. Bush giving massive tax cuts to the wealthy, under the pretense that “trickle-down economics would lead to great wealth for the poor.”⁶ However, the fact is that these policies have led to an economic disaster for America’s middle class—now living at the edge of poverty.

Historically, in all societies where a few people accumulate great wealth, a two-class society evolves: “the haves” and “the have nots.” Because of the Reagan-Bush policies we are now on the verge of a two-class society: “rich” and “poor.” History further tells us that when this condition occurs, societies crumble and democratic order disintegrates.

Reform Solution: Income Tax of 70% on
Incomes Over \$3,000,000

In 1981, the top nominal tax rate for married filing jointly was 70% on incomes above \$215,400.⁷ The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 reduced the top nominal tax rate of married filing jointly to 50% for incomes above \$85,600, resulting in an immediate 20% cut in taxes for the wealthiest Americans.

This was further exasperated with the Tax Reform Act of 1986, lowering the top nominal tax rate to 38.5% for married filing jointly on incomes above \$90,000. Then in 1988, this same act lowered the top rate further to 28% on incomes above \$29,750. Ultimately in 1990, the top nominal tax rate for married filing jointly was 28% on incomes above \$32,450.

Clinton passed the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, which raised the marginal tax rate for married filing jointly to 39%—a helpful gesture, but not a cure. The best, most fair and equitable solution is a tax increase to 70% on incomes above \$3,000,000.

CHAPTER 4

EDUCATION

“Since all men are created equal, then education is the great equalizer.” Richard Lyons Weil



FREE EDUCATION FROM
BIRTH TO DEATH

Historically, the success of America was built upon its unparalleled educational system, with major funding by the federal government. In 1980 when Ronald Reagan became president, he introduced economic policies which consisted of massive tax cuts for the wealthy and decreased spending on education and other social services. The net result has been widespread underfunding for education, as well as other social services.

Further compromising our ability to fund social services is America's investment in the Iraq and Afghanistan war, which funneled trillions of dollars away from vital domestic needs. Then, with the great recession of 2008, funding for education was cut even more by both the state and federal governments. The result was inadequate education for our children.

If we can spend trillions of dollars of taxpayer's money on unnecessary wars, then we are obviously able to pay off all student loans and properly educate all of our citizens at no cost to them. Education would be the highest priority in my administration.

Accordingly, I will provide massive levels of spending to insure that all Americans receive an education or a trade. I propose the following:

- 1) All teachers will receive salaries of \$200,000.
- 2) Mandatory early childhood education.
- 3) Capital expenditures to build new schools (state of the art) particularly in our inner cities.
- 4) Free college for all citizens.
- 5) Pay off all existing student loans.
- 6) Institute a plan to make a second language mandatory in schools.

Today, America is the richest it has ever been. The payback to society for these investments in education is a “tried and true” means to ensure prosperity for all Americans.

CHAPTER 5

PRISON AND DRUG REFORM

“Jailing people for drug addiction is wrong.” Richard Lyons Weil

“Imprisonment has become the response of first resort to far too many of our social problems.”
Angela Davis



TURNING CORRECTION INTERVENTION INTO THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION

The United States has less than 5% of the world's population, but it has almost a quarter of the world's prisoners, according to Adam Liptak of the New York Times.⁸ Even more shocking is that over half of federal prisoners were incarcerated for drug crimes in 2010 according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.⁹

In my administration, I will immediately pardon any American's conviction or arrest for any drug offense arising from the personal use of any illegal substance. These people suffer from behavioral health issues, which can only be treated properly by appropriate professionals. I will convert our federal prison system into a corrections-therapeutic model designed to treat and rehabilitate these individuals—putting them back into society as productive, responsible tax payers.

Corrections create the boundaries to allow therapeutic intervention to be effective. Psychological research shows that punitive measures in conjunction with behavioral health treatment provides the best prognosis for recovery and successful re-integration into society.

The pro-reform Drug Policy Alliance estimates that combining state and local spending on everything from drug related arrests to prison, yields a total cost of over \$51 billion per year. Specifically, during the course of four decades American taxpayers have spent \$1 trillion on the drug war.

Most tragically, “the punishment falls disproportionately on people of color. Blacks make up 50% of the state and local prisoners incarcerated for drug crimes. Black kids are ten times more likely to be arrested for drug crimes than white ones, even though white kids are more likely to abuse drugs.”¹⁰

The Vera Institute of Justice released a study in 2012 finding the aggregate cost of prisons in 2010 in the 40 states that participated was \$31,286 per inmate.¹¹ However, a New York Times article published August 2013 found that New York’s annual cost per inmate was \$168,000.¹²

This solution benefits those incarcerated, their families, and society in general, both economically and socially. And let us not forget that since

1972, when republican President Richard M. Nixon instituted his war on drugs over 15 million Americans have been arrested for marijuana offenses.¹³ It is time for all drugs to be decriminalized and distributed in a safe regulated taxed system.

CHAPTER 6

GUN INJURY PREVENTION

“It does not matter whether we believe that guns kill people or that people kill people with guns--the result is the same: a public health crisis.”

Annals of Internal Medicine 2015.

“I propose we treat guns like automobiles – license the operator, register the gun and provide proof of insurance.” Richard Lyons Weil



GUN HEALTH AND PROTECTION
FOR AMERICA

America is the only country in the world suffering from an epidemic of gun deaths and gun violence injuries. All other countries have enacted laws and regulations to prevent gun violence. As a result of our failure to properly regulate guns and gun operators, America is in an unprecedented man made healthcare crisis with staggering costs to American taxpayers.

In 2014, over 30,000 Americans were killed and over 100,000 injured from gun violence, with an estimated cost to American taxpayers of \$229 Billion dollars. These statistics reflect casualties of over 8000 of our country's children.

“Every four hours a child is killed by a gun in the United States,” reported Kate Murphy and Jordan Rubio. For every single U.S. soldier killed in Afghanistan during 11 years of war, at least 13 children were shot and killed in America. Every day, seven children are killed by guns.¹⁴

“Domestic gun deaths since 1968 are greater than all of our war casualties ever.” It might surprise you to

know that more people have been killed in America with guns since 1968 than in our entire history of war.

Since 1968 guns have killed 1,384,171 Americans, and 1,171,177 Americans have been killed during all wars fought since the birth of our nation.¹⁵

These tragic losses are largely preventable by re-educating America regarding the truths of gun ownership. The pervasive view in America is that a gun in the home is like a seat belt in the car. They both protect you. Nothing could be further from the truth. The seatbelt protects you; the gun kills you. You see the illusionary protection backfires onto the gun owner and his/her family and friends.

For example, imagine your 5-year old boy fatally shooting his innocent baby sister with a gun “gift?” Or, what if you mistakenly shot your own wife in your efforts to defend your home against an assumed dangerous intruder. Or, you accidentally knock on the wrong door for your neighbor’s party and you

yourself are met with a bullet leaving you paralyzed for life. Or a deranged person goes into a community college in Oregon, or Sandy Hook, or Columbine...

We are not protecting our loved ones; we are jeopardizing the safety of our families. You see 70% of gun usage is for unintended purpose: homicide and suicide.¹⁶

Along with educating the public about the facts and realities of gun ownership, I will enact responsible gun injury prevention measures.

Specifically, I propose the following solutions:

- 1) Limiting the types of fire arms available to the public,
- 2) Passing appropriate legislation licensing gun operators.
- 3) Amending product liability laws so that they apply to guns.
- 4) Insuring that all firearms are safely manufactured.

- 5) Implementing a gun registration system that parallels automobile registration—another dangerous instrumentality
- 6) Requiring gun owners to purchase liability insurance just like automobile owners.

With these safety regulations and guidelines for gun operators, Americans can rest easy knowing that their families will be safe from gun violence.

CHAPTER 7

HEALTHCARE REFORM

Single payer healthcare is the only way.”

Robert Reich 7/7/2015



SINGLE PAYER HEALTHCARE SYSTEM:
MEDICARE FOR ALL

The Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) was an attempt to fix healthcare insurance in America in order to make healthcare affordable and available to all Americans. The Act offered many beneficial changes, including the elimination of pre-existing conditions and coverage limits. This provides Americans with healthcare benefits for past and present illness and insures no dollar limits on coverage, preventing financial ruin due to illness.

However, here is where this reform remains problematic. The cost of your health insurance premium has the potential to skyrocket and the act leaves many Americans uninsured.

Health insurers are now consolidating into two or three giant companies creating insurance monopolies. For instance in July 2015, Aetna said it would spend 35 Billion to buy their competitor Humana in an acquisition that will create the second largest healthcare insurer in the nation with about 33 million insured.

As with monopolies in general, when there is only one seller of a vital product, they can charge as they desire. Therefore, we will likely see substantial increase in the cost of our health insurance.

Furthermore, it is estimated that by 2023, 30 million Americans will still be uninsured and tens of millions will remain under insured. Moreover, insurances companies will continue to limit coverage, use restricted networks, and increase co-pays, deductibles and other out of pocket costs.

The solution for this is a single payer system for all Americans, like Medicare. In a healthcare system such as this, healthcare is paid for by a single public agency, thereby leaving the delivery of care mainly in the private sector. Under this system, American citizens would be covered for all healthcare needs.

As Physicians for National Health Program in support of a Single Payer System, states,

“The program would be funded by the savings obtained from replacing today’s inefficient, profit-oriented, multiple insurance payers with a single streamlined, nonprofit, public payer, and by modest new taxes based on ability to pay. Premiums would disappear; 95 percent of all households would save money. Patients would no longer face financial barriers to care such as co-pays and deductibles, and would regain free choice of doctor and hospital. Doctors would regain autonomy over patient care.”¹⁷

In my administration I will adopt the expanded and improved “Single Payer System,” as defined in the “Medicare for All Act” H.R. 676. This system is based on the Physicians for a National Health Program, JAMA-Published Physicians Proposal, which creates an American single-payer health insurance system.

This would put America on par with other civilized countries that provide universal healthcare to their citizens. Imagine this...

- a) Going to the doctor and not getting a bill.
- b) Going to the hospital and not getting a bill.
- c) Going to your physical therapist and not getting a bill.

In short, you will receive healthcare as a right, not as a privilege! It is just like air: a necessity for life.

CHAPTER 8

FREE FAMILY PLANNING

“My administration will protect the rights of women to solely determine if and when to have children.”

Richard Lyons Weil



FOCUS ON MATERNAL HEALTHCARE

As part of healthcare reform, my administration will protect the rights of women to solely determine if and when to have children. I am strongly pro-choice.

I believe all women shall be entitled to free pregnancy termination with no questions asked. Pregnancy is a health issue for women, and politicians and religious zealots have no place in this discussion.

Any laws enacted that restrict women's right to a pregnancy termination are the practice of medicine. And only doctors have license to practice medicine; legislators do not have this authority. It is strictly a decision between a woman and her doctor on how she wishes to manage her health.

The importance of family planning in a civilized society cannot be stressed enough. Currently, America ranks 60th in maternal health among civilized countries. The cost and human suffering of this ranking is staggering, all of which could be completely avoided with proper family planning and maternal health. My administration will invest

massive amounts of capital in family planning clinics across the country and support generous paid family leave provisions.

CHAPTER 9

EQUAL PAY

“Justice requires people to be paid the same for the same job. It is that simple.” Richard Lyons Weil



ECONOMIC EQUALITY FOR WOMEN

That there should even be a mention in this *Pocketbook of Politics* of equal pay for woman is shocking. Unequal compensation is just another form of discrimination and inequality in America. I will immediately present to Congress a bill providing for equal pay for women along with strict provisions for enforcement.

CHAPTER 10

BIGOTRY

“Until all Americans have a subsistence wage, we will never get over bigotry.” Richard Lyons Weil



END BIGOTRY:
WE ARE ALL CREATED EQUAL

Anyone who denies bigotry in America is not being honest with himself or herself. Bigotry runs deep. It is institutionalized and until we recognize and face this problem, it is impossible to move forward. Until we make sure that all citizens have a subsistence wage and an opportunity to advance, we will never get over bigotry.

CHAPTER 11

IMMIGRATION

“We came to America, either ourselves or in the persons of our ancestors, to better the ideals of men, to make them see finer things than they had seen before, to get rid of the things that divide and to make sure of the things that unite.” President Woodrow Wilson



SUPPORT IMMIGRATION:
THE PILLARS OF AMERICA

America was founded on immigration and was built by immigrants. Experts agree that without immigration, this country would fail. As New York Times OP Ed contributors John M. McDonald and Robert J. Samson stated,

“America is neither less safe because of immigration nor is it worse off economically. In fact, in regions where immigrants have settled in the past two decades, crime has gone down, cities have grown, poor urban neighborhoods have been rebuilt and small towns which were once on life support are springing back.”

In the current political climate, some presidential candidates are seriously proposing that we round up and deport over 11 million people. Let us look at what could happen if such actions were taken.

First, it is not feasible to deport 11 million people from this country. Secondly, such deportations would result in an economic calamity for Americans.

For instance, in America, there are 325,000 brick masons, block masons and stonemasons. Of that number, 40% (131,000 people) are immigrant workers in the United States illegally.¹⁸ Thus, with the removal of this amount of our skilled masons, construction in America would be severely compromised, and it doesn't stop here.

The effect on our food supply would also have dramatic consequences. As of 2008, there were a total of 910,000 miscellaneous agricultural workers. Of that number, 269,000 were immigrant workers in the United States illegally.¹⁸ An obvious result of a deportation of the proposed magnitude would be a significant food shortage.

In my administration, I will give amnesty to all immigrants in this country with certain restrictions. Additionally, they will be required to register, receive a Social Security number, purchase healthcare insurance, get a job/develop a career and pay taxes. It is in our country's best interest to encourage immigration. It is time we solve our immigration problem and stop ostracizing people who are just like us.

CHAPTER 12

INFRASTRUCTURE

“You and I come by road or rail, but economists travel on infrastructure.” Margret Thatcher



**INVEST IN THE FOUNDATION AND
FUTURE OF AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE**

America's infrastructure, including its roads, bridges, airports, schools, and other public services, have been allowed to crumble.

As I stated in the 2016 Presidential Interview Series, conducted by Lee Prince:

It is the role of the government to provide the infrastructure to the people—the roads, the bridges, the schools, the funding of our universities and the funding of medical research. It has been a vital cog in the development of this country. And for some reason, the billionaire class and the wealthy allowed the tax rates to be slashed so dramatically in their favor that we stopped funding the things that made America great.

So if we start doing those things again, the employment would be fantastic... We could rebuild out interstate system, our electrical grids, the needs are beyond anybody's comprehension and we have neglected (our infrastructure needs) ...in favor of a few people. So the government is

us (all of us), and it is up to us to structure it to take care of our needs and not the needs of a few people.¹⁹

Further, my administration's foremost priority will be to implement legislation and regulations to insure that America's energy supplies are provided by sources that are 100 percent renewable and sustainable.

CHAPTER 13

CLIMATE CHANGE

“Whoever is the next president will really represent, in our view, the last best shot to prevent a climate disaster for our children.”

Next Gen Chief Strategist Chris Lehane



PROMOTE 100% SUSTAINABLE AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY

We must preserve the planet in which we live. We have for too long debated whether or not climate change exists. This debate should have ended long ago, because the science is no longer debatable. Unless dramatic and major changes are made worldwide, we risk the loss of our civilization.

I propose a worldwide Marshall Plan to immediately address carbon emissions and enforce stringent new standards worldwide to save our planet. We will take the leading role in creating and implementing a new comprehensive stringent standard for eliminating worldwide carbon and other problematic gases. Simultaneously we will implement a worldwide plan to make civilization 100 percent sustainable and renewable according to a schedule developed by leading climate change scientists. Anything less is just not enough.

CHAPTER 14

WAR POLICY – TERRORISM

“You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.” Jeannette Rankin



END WAR: SEEK DIPLOMACY OVER COMBAT

Every war in the history of man has ended in a negotiated settlement. I will start no wars and seek to end all wars throughout the world through diplomacy. I will use America's economic power and strength to feed and medicate the people of the world. Imagine how our enemies will feel after we feed their hungry.

As Dwight Eisenhower said, if civilization is to survive we must cultivate the science of human relationships - the ability of all peoples, of all kinds to live together, in the same world at peace.

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed. Those who are cold are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its labors, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, humanity is hanging on a cross of iron.”

Imagine if wars were ended and we were able to use our resources on education, agriculture, housing, healthcare, and jobs for you and your fellow Americans.

CHAPTER 15

VOTING RIGHTS

“A man without a vote is a man without protection” Generally attributed to President Lyndon Baines Johnson



**SECURE AND PROTECT YOUR
RIGHT TO VOTE**

Your vote matters; however, strategies are currently in place nationwide to interfere with your ability to have your vote count. Over the past decade this has been an all-out campaign by the Republicans to limit voting rights of minorities, young voters and elderly Americans. This is being done through the actions of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

This group, formed by billionaires and others, provides “canned bills” wherein state legislators can merely fill in the blank with the name of their state and file accordingly to “get it done.” The public is generally unaware of this ongoing and pervasive nationwide scheme designed to severely limit voting rights of democratically inclined voters, and perpetuate an ongoing plan to make state legislatures the working arm of the billionaire class.

Although ALEC has presented itself as a transparent organization, designed to provide models for various types of legislation, it is nothing more than the tool of right wing conservative activists to eliminate the effectiveness of government programs for anyone other than the billionaire class.

In order to stop individual states from interfering with your voting rights, I propose a federal voting rights law that requires the following:

- 1) All registered voters will receive mail-in ballots;
- 2) There will be 30 days of on location early voting.
- 3) Same day registration at all voting locations.
- 4) And no requirement for a government issued ID.

This way all citizens—including you—will have the best opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

CHAPTER 16

FULL EMPLOYMENT

“There is no reason inherent, in the real resources available to us, why we can not move rapidly within the next two or three years to a state of genuine full employment.” William Vickery



A JOB FOR EVERYONE

In order to have full employment providing a subsistence living for all Americans, my Administration will bring back the Works Progress Administration (WPA). In 1935 with unemployment soaring, President Franklin Roosevelt established the Works Progress Administration. Congress made an initial appropriation of \$4,800,000,000.00 or \$84,111,761,194.02 in today's dollars.

The WPA offered work to the unemployed on a scale never seen before. It spent money on a wide variety of projects including highways and building construction, slum clearance, reforestation, and rural rehabilitation. The economic impact to private business during the depression was huge and provided the states with services, bridges, roads, parks and buildings that the States had not been able to provide for themselves.

We can see evidence of WPA everywhere in America.



The projects financed by the WPA were wide in reach and affected all different sectors of society. For instance, the Federal Writers Project prepared state and regional guide books, organized archives, indexed newspapers, and conducted useful sociological and historical investigations.

The Federal Art Project created jobs for artist's that were unemployed. These jobs included the opportunity to decorate hundreds of post offices, schools, and other public buildings with murals, canvases, and sculptures; musicians organized symphony orchestras and community singing. The Federal Theatre Project experimented with untried

modes, and scores of stock companies toured the country with repertories of old and new plays, thus bringing drama to communities where it had been known only through the radio.

By March, 1936, the WPA rolls had reached a total of more than 3,400,000 persons; after initial cuts in June 1939, it averaged 2,300,000 monthly; and by June 30, 1943, when it was officially terminated, the WPA had employed more than 8,500,000 different persons on 1,410,000 individual projects, and had spent about \$11 billion. During its 8-year history, the WPA built 651,087 miles of highways, roads, and streets; and constructed, re-paired, or improved 124,031 bridges, 125,110 public buildings, 8,192 parks, and 853 air-port landing fields.²⁶

The WPA was disbanded in 1943 because of full employment—a testament to its effectiveness. In today's economy, only the US government has the ability to provide the capital necessary to finance the infrastructure needs of this country. A partnership of the public and private sector—as was the WPA—would insure full employment, provide major

improvements to America's infrastructure and raise wages for all Americans.

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GLOSSARY

Ability to Pay - A concept of tax fairness that states that people with different amounts of wealth or different amounts of income should pay tax at different rates. Wealth includes assets such as houses, cars, stocks, bonds, and savings accounts. Income includes wages, interest and dividends, and other payments.²⁰

Democracy - Democracy is a form of government in which all eligible citizens participate equally—either directly or through elected representatives—in the proposal, development, and creation of laws. It encompasses social, economic and cultural conditions that enable the free and equal practice of political self-determination.

Democratic - One of the two major political parties in the United States

Diplomacy – Diplomacy (from the Greek διπλωμα), meaning a folded paper/document) is the art and practice of conducting negotiations between

representatives of groups or states. It usually refers to international diplomacy, the conduct of international relations[1] through the intercession of professional diplomats with regard to issues of peace-making, trade, war, economics, culture, environment, and human rights. International treaties are usually negotiated by diplomats prior to endorsement by national politicians. In an informal or social sense, diplomacy is the employment of tact to gain strategic advantage or to find mutually acceptable solutions to a common challenge, one set of tools being the phrasing of statements in a non-confrontational, or polite manner. ²¹

Electoral College – people representing each state of the United States who formally cast votes to elect the President and the Vice President. Voters of each state actually cast their ballot for an individual member of the college who will then vote for the President and Vice President when the college meets in Washington, DC after the election.

Full Employment – An economic condition where all people who want to work can find a job at the

prevailing wage. There will never be 100 percent employment because of seasonal factors and people changing jobs.

Independent – A voter who is not affiliated with any political party

Marshall Plan - The Marshall Plan (officially the European Recovery Program, ERP) was the American program to aid Europe, in which the United States gave economic support to help rebuild European economies after the end of World War II in order to prevent the spread of Soviet Communism. [1] The plan was in operation for four years beginning in April 1948.[2] The goals of the United States were to rebuild a war-devastated region, remove trade barriers, modernize industry, and make Europe prosperous again.[3] The term “equivalent of the Marshall Plan” is often used to describe a proposed large-scale rescue program. ²²

One Percenters – a term commonly used when referring to the very wealthy in America.

Presidential Primary – An election held in a state to select the Democratic or Republican nominee for President.

Progressive Taxation - A progressive tax takes a larger percentage of income from high-income groups than from low-income groups and is based on the concept of ability to pay. A progressive tax system might, for example, tax low-income taxpayers at 10 percent, middle-income taxpayers at 15 percent and high-income taxpayers at 30 percent. The U.S. federal income tax is based on the progressive tax system.

Regressive Taxation - A regressive tax may at first appear to be a fair way of taxing citizens because everyone, regardless of income level, pays the same dollar amount. By taking a closer look, it is easy to see that such a tax causes lower-income people to pay a larger share of their income than wealthier people pay. Though true regressive taxes are not used as income taxes, they are used as taxes on tobacco, alcohol, gasoline, jewelry, perfume, and travel (food and medicine add-ed by authors). ²³

Reagenomics – President Reagan’s economic theory that cutting taxes on the wealthy would allow the benefits to flow down to the poor.

Republican – One of the two major political parties in the United States.

Sin tax - A tax on goods such as tobacco and alcohol.

Self-employment tax – the amount of payroll tax self-employed people pay. It is calculated at a rate of 15.3 percent of self-employment profit.

Social Security - Provides benefits for retired workers and their dependents as well as for the disabled and their dependents. Also known as the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax.

Single Payer Health Insurance - Single-payer health care is a system in which the government, rather than private insurers, pays for all health care costs.[1] Single-payer systems may contract for healthcare services from private organizations (as is the case in Canada) or may own and employ

healthcare resources and personnel (as is the case in the UK). The term “single-payer” thus only describes the funding mechanism—referring to health care financed by a single public body from a single fund—and does not specify the type of delivery, or for whom doctors work. Although the fund holder is usually the state, some forms of single-payer use a mixed public-private system.

Single-payer health insurance collects all medical fees, then pays for all services, through a “single” government (or government-related) source.[2] In wealthy nations, this kind of publicly managed insurance is typically extended to all citizens and legal residents. Examples include the United Kingdom’s National Health Service, Australia’s Medicare, Canada’s Medicare, and Taiwan’s National Health Insurance.

The standard usage of the term “single-payer health care” refers to health insurance, as opposed to healthcare delivery, operating as a public service and offered to citizens and legal residents towards providing near-universal or universal health care.

The fund can be managed by the government directly or as a publicly owned and regulated agency. [2] Some writers describe publicly administered health care systems as “single-payer plans”. Some writers have described any system of health care which intends to cover the entire population, such as voucher plans, as “single-payer plans”, [3] although this is uncommon usage.

Worldwide health care systems: Many nations worldwide have single-payer health insurance programs. These programs generally provide some form of universal health care, which are implemented in a variety of ways. In some cases doctors may be employed, and hospitals run by, the government such as in the United Kingdom. [4] Alternatively the government may purchase healthcare services from outside organizations. This is the approach taken in Canada.²⁴

Subsistence Wage – An economic term describing the lowest wage upon which a worker and his family can survive.²⁵

User fees - often are considered regressive because they take a larger percentage of income from low-income groups than from high-income groups. These include fees for licenses, parking, admission to museums and parks, and tolls for roads, bridges, and tunnels.

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AN ORATION WRITTEN BY
RICHARD LYONS WEIL

July 3, 2007 Nashville, Tennessee

Grant Us Peace, the most precious gift in the world. They used to say that we could count on the world's leaders to bring us peace. Now, it is up to each one of us to bring us peace. Each of us have to be the messengers of peace.

Each of us have to stop our neighbors from the disturbing the peace.

We must make sure that contentment reigns within our borders. We need health and happiness in our homes.

We need to strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship between the inhabitants of all lands. We need to plant virtue in every soul. Love needs to hollow every heart and every soul.

May we all be given the gift of peace.

And when at last I find you
Your song will fill the air
Sing it loud so I can hear you
Make it easy to be near you
For the things you do endear you to me
Ahh you know I will I will

Love you forever and forever
Love you with all my heart
Love you whenever we are together
Love you when we're apart

And when at last I find you
Your song will fill the air
Sing it loud so I can hear you
Make it easy to be near you
For the things you do endear you to me
Ahh you know I will, I will.

"I Will," written John Lennon and Paul McCartney

MY DAD TAUGHT ME TO BE A GENTLEMAN®

AN ORATION WRITTEN BY
RICHARD LYONS WEIL

July 26, 2007, Nashville Tennessee

I am Richard Lyons Weil and I am Running for
President of the United States, 2016.

I was born in 1952. All my life my Dad spent a lot of time with me. He took me to the park, to the zoo. On very special days I got to go to his office. It was in a big building, 18 stories in the air. As a little boy I thought. Look how big that building is.

All the people I saw Downtown were all dressed up. Men wore suits with hats. Women had on their best dress and hats too and clean white gloves on their hands. I noticed that their purse and shoes match.

When I was old enough, my Dad said, “Son, I am going to teach you how to be a Gentleman. It is something that I cannot teach you in one day.

“Yes”, he said, “There are some simple things that you can do which would show you may be a Gentleman. But, he said and it was a big but because I could tell, because he got that look on his face. I had seen it a few times before. He was really serious.

He said, “Son, being a gentleman does not just mean opening the door for someone or giving your seat up for someone who needs it more than you. Being a gentleman runs deeper. It means being a good kind person, it means being honest, it means putting other people first, it means being respectful charitable, giving to others less lucky than yourself.”

“Most importantly”, my dad added, “Being a gentleman means giving of yourself and asking nothing in return”.

My Dad also said that, “Gentleman do not hit people or start wars”, some-thing that I already knew.

As I grew up and learned I was so proud of my Father. And wanted to be just like him. I remember the day as a small boy when I thought everybody

knew my Dad. As we walked down the street people stopped and said, "Hello Roswell."

He proudly introduced me as his son. Each one looked at me and said,

"You have a fine father. He is a true Gentleman."

And that is how I learned to be a Gentleman.

Imagine all the people sharing all the world,
You may say I am dreamer,
But I am not the only one,
I hope someday you will join us,
And the world would live as one.

Imagine Written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

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- Income Tax of 70% on Incomes Over \$3,000,000
- Free Education From Birth to Death
- Drug Offenses: From Incarceration to Therapy
- Gun Health and Protection for America
- Single Payer Healthcare System: Medicare for All
- Focus on Maternal Healthcare
- Economic Equality for Women
- End Bigotry: We Are All Created Equal
- Support Immigration: The Pillars of America
- Invest in the Foundation and Future of America's Infrastructure
- Promote 100% Sustainable and Renewable Energy
- End War; Seek Diplomacy Over Combat
- Secure and Protect Your Right to Vote
- A Job for Everyone

BIOGRAPHY

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