

# ***Populistocracy: The New American Revolution!***

Certainly, much could be done to reform our existing election processes, much that would *greatly* reduce various forms of corruption; nonetheless, even if we could **perfectly** prevent **every imaginable** form of political corruption, we are **still** left with the fact that **average people do not vote for average people**; *inevitably*, they vote for whoever does the most convincing job of **talking** as though they are *really* one of *us*! Therefore, *we need a tamper-proof method of selecting genuinely-average citizens for a single term in public office!!!*

We will **Select** an approximately **representative sample** of the population for legislators, Representatives and Senators in much the same way as they did in ancient Athens, the acclaimed-birthplace of Democracy: Any citizen who wants to serve in these offices, registers his name which is then placed in a completely random drawing. After the names of the office holders are drawn, they are then required to submit proof of citizenship, a High School Diploma or GED, and English Competency for naturalized citizens who graduated from High Schools in non-English speaking countries.

On the one hand, members of State Legislatures and Congress are numerous enough that a few unscrutinized odd-balls will not hurt the overall effectiveness of those bodies (It seems to happen anyway!!!) however, the Office of State Governor and the Office of the President are far too powerful to use blind chance to fill these positions; one shudders to think what kind of individuals might pop up in a completely random drawing for a single-person branch of government! Basically, the randomly selected State legislatures will elect a Governor *out of their midst* and the randomly selected Congress will elect a President from out of **their** midst. This way the entire process is *still* insulated from special interests, but a homogenous body of people will be vetting these candidates; furthermore, even *they* are still only selecting someone that **was** already drawn at random, *so the fundamental principle is still intact.* (I will discuss these details later.)

## ***Hesitations?***

There is no way that this process could yield worse results than we **routinely** experience **already!** We have a long, sad history of voting for the best politicians that money can buy! Populistocracy virtually eliminates the corrupting influence of special interest money and career politicians. Wise Constitutional Protections will make this process nearly impossible to manipulate.

### ***We must avoid idolizing our established American Tradition or the Founding Fathers.***

The Founding Fathers specifically made provision to amend the Constitution because they were properly humble men who were acutely aware of many flaws in the new Republic. They did not view their solution as ideal and neither should we!!! (Their solution just happened to be the best idea they could agree upon at the time!) One Founding Father put it something like this, that our American form of Government is **most assuredly** the **worst** possible form of government, (with the **possible** exception of every **other** form of government!)

It is indeed frightening to consider surrendering a long-standing **tradition** of voting for our leaders; but this is **only** because we have always **assumed** that abolishing voting automatically leads to tyranny, but Populistocracy is a **third** alternative that we never considered when we originally developed the **mindless habit** of **assuming** that a free Democratic Republic **depends** on free **elections**.

At first glance, it **seems** alarming to trust randomly selected average people to run the government; this really is a legitimate concern; nonetheless, **that** concern **pales** in comparison to what we are **already** expecting average people to do! We **currently** expect these same average people to elect a good government by “choosing” between one bought-and-paid-for-politician and a second or third bought-and-paid-for-politician; even **then, this** “choice” is going to **inevitably** be made on the basis **of who is the most convincing liar** (or perhaps the most sincerely deluded!) Let’s cut out the middle-man, cut out the politician, and go straight to the heart of any Democratic Republic and put **Real People** in charge!!!

### **AMERICAN ENDS WITH I CAN**

Before addressing details of this plan, I just want to point out that this idea, like any other is going to be rejected **automatically** by the vast majority of people when they first hear it; nonetheless, we face a worse enemy and are better equipped to rebuild our Government than the Founding Fathers. The history books lead us to believe that the Revolution just spontaneously arose out of the Public Ire of the times. Nothing could be further from the truth.

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