
COMMUNITARIANISM

A Prospectus for Revolution

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PURPOSE OF BOOK	To define Communitarian ideas and methods.
PURPOSE OF COMMUNITARIAN IDEAS AND METHODS	To create the global governmental system required by the realities of the 21st century.
GOALS OF COMMUNITARIAN IDEAS AND METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To extend all people their Rights to the basic necessities of living.• To extend American Constitutional Rights to all people.• To achieve global peace for ourselves and our posterity.• To establish one global governmental system.• To grant all people their Rights to live in a clean world.• To recognize the sanctity of the environment.• To recognize the sanctity of all life.• To give the urban centers the political authority to provide for our general welfare.• To create a global system of autonomous urban centers functioning within global systems for free trade and mobility.

Commentary	<p>The purpose of this book is to define a new global governmental system and the methods of achieving it. Communitarianism is the creation of new territories and a new division of the responsibilities and powers of government. Communitarianism shall be implemented in stages: first by country and finally globally. The present system is the result of the violence of history and the nationalism of global conquest. The needs of the present and the future require government designed to facilitate the realities of the global economy and global peace.</p> <p>National governments are perplexed by unique urban problems and the speed with which urban problems arise and change. The requirement to legislate national programs to solve the problems of unique urban populations results in program failure. National programs cannot be flexible enough to solve distinct urban problems. The pace of national government was designed by the writers of the Constitution to slow the political process, while 200 years later our lives are defined by cities castrated of the power necessary to find new solutions to their problems. The contradiction of centralized, national power and the urban and global realities creates useless and yet expensive government.</p> <p>The human species has matured. The term of our maturity depends on our ability to live on Earth without destroying it. Human organization should facilitate global preservation. People should be free to live as they and their neighbors choose, but they are obligated to live in toleration and peace and without destroying future generations' ability to experience the wonders of our home. Scarcity is an occurrence of our past. Abundance and charity are our future. A world at peace is our gift to our children.</p>
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POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	Government is divided into political subdivisions for the purpose of matching governmental structures with societies' problems and needs.	
COMMUNITARIAN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	Earth	Our Planet, Our Home
	Watershed	The area through which the surface drains into an ocean.
	Community	The area in which people live, work, and obtain goods and services.
NECESSITIES REQUIRING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air, Oceans, Justice, Free Trade, Mobility• Water• Living and General Welfare	
COMMUNITARIAN GOVERNMENT	TERRITORIES	NECESSITIES
	Earth	Air, Oceans, Justice, Free Trade, Mobility
	Watershed	Water
	Community	Living and General Welfare

Commentary

The design of governmental structures requires the division of government into territories. For example, the history of the United States is marked by the creation of new states required by the conquest of the West. Each generation has the right to define the territories required to meet the needs of freedom and democracy. When in the course of time government becomes an obstacle to progress, people have the right to change the structures of government.

Communitarianism creates new territories. These new territories are Earth, Watershed, and Community. The territory of Earth is the planet Earth. The territory of the Watershed is that area through which the surface drains into an ocean. For example, the Mississippi River including the Ohio and Missouri rivers would become the Watershed of the Mississippi. The territory of the Community is the area in which people live, work, and obtain goods and services. For example, the County of Dallas would become the Community of Dallas. Those bedroom cities like Highland Park, Texas, would become parts of the Community of Dallas.

Territories are created to define the area of governmental jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of Earth is over the atmosphere, the oceans, justice, free trade, and mobility. The jurisdiction of the Watershed is the use of water before it reaches an ocean. The jurisdiction of the Community is the needs of living and the general welfare.

CONCEPTS

- All things require governance.
- There are things that can be owned, and there are things that cannot be owned.
- There are things that cannot be alienated.

Description	Things	Territory of Their Jurisdiction
Things Which Can Be Owned by People	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Property• Surface Real Property	Community
Things Which Are Owned by the Community	Subsurface Minerals	Community
Things Which Cannot Be Owned Nor Alienated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atmosphere and its Species of Life• Oceans and Their Species of Life	Earth
	Water and Its Species of Life	Watershed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forests• Species of Life on Land	Community

Commentary

All systems of government assign things to the territory of their jurisdiction. To this assignment of a thing to its jurisdiction, Communitarianism adds the concepts of ownership and alienation. Ownership implies the right to destroy or alienate. A thing that can be owned may be destroyed. The jurisdiction of things that can be owned governs the individual's use. Certain things must be used and governed without being destroyed, that is, without being alienated. The governance of a thing included within the concept of ownership includes the act of destruction. The governance of a thing included under the limitation concept of alienation means use without destruction.

Personal property and surface real property are things that can be owned. The territory of jurisdiction of personal and surface real property is the Community. The will of each Community decides the property rights of its citizens. Central to the thesis of Communitarianism is the right of each Community to decide the limits of property rights and to allow both capitalist and socialist systems of property ownership to co-exist.

Subsurface minerals are the public property of the Community. Their exploitation is subject to the will of the Community.

The atmosphere, the oceans, and the life in them are things which cannot be owned, nor can they be alienated. These things are under the jurisdiction of the Government of Earth.

Water, rivers, lakes, and the life in them are things which cannot be owned, nor can they be alienated. These things are under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Watershed.

Forests and life within the territory of the Community are things which cannot be owned, nor can they be alienated. These things are under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Community.

CONCEPTS

- Air, space, and oceans are public property.
- One generation does not have the right to alienate clean air and clean oceans from another generation.
- The use of air, space, and oceans reflects the will of the people of Earth.

POLICIES

- Establish global government with the jurisdiction over standards for air and ocean quality.
- Establish global government with the duty to clean the air and oceans for the next generation.
- Establish global government with the jurisdiction over the use and exploration of space.

Commentary

The atmosphere and the oceans are things that cannot be owned, nor can they be alienated. The right to breathe clean air and the need for clean oceans belong to every generation. The right to alienate the atmosphere and the oceans for economic prosperity does not exist. Every generation has the obligation to leave the Earth clean for the next generation. Our duty to our children is to begin this task of cleaning.

The future of our species is on the planet that created us. It is nice to know the truths of the Universe, but it would be wonderful to guarantee every child a fair chance to a happy life. The experiences of a beautiful Earth are more valuable than sending people into space. Earth defines our life, and Earth defines our death. We cannot escape the fate of the sun nor the fate of every species. Those who speak of other futures beyond Earth are children, fools, or thieves.

CONCEPTS

- The rule of law is a condition of peace and democracy.
- Peace and democracy require an independent judiciary.
- The rule of law acts to create increasingly powerful legal systems.
- Laws become more complex.
- The process of creating new laws is weighted to the advantage of the powerful.
- The justice process is weighted to the advantage of the powerful.
- Peace and democracy require the Community's control of legal ethics.

POLICIES

- Establish one global judicial system.
- Elect all judges.
- Establish Community control of legal ethics.

Commentary

To live in peace, we must live under the rule of law. The assumption in this idea is that people know what the law is. Respect for the rule of law assumes that people know the law. Peace and democracy demand the creation of Communities capable of making their own laws governing the behavior of their citizens and the creation of a global judiciary to protect individual freedoms and to prevent the alienation of life and the environment. The goal of Communitarianism is to establish a global rule of law under one global constitution to guarantee democracy and freedom to all people. What greater gift can America give to the world than the right to live under our Bill of Rights.

The process of administering the laws and creating new laws is weighted heavily in favor of the powerful. The politically and economically powerful have resources and time to influence the legislative and justice processes. Working people simply do not have the resources to compete in this process until the burden of the law compels the adoption of revolutionary means to lessen the burden. Legalist systems ultimately collapse under the weight of the laws they produce. The burden of more and more laws is a bane to working people and small business owners and a boon to the powerful. To balance the need to live under the rule of law with the danger to democracy inherent in the administration of the rule of law, legal ethics shall be established by the will of the people of each Community. The behavior of lawyers and their compensation shall be subject to the Community's will. The Community shall have the opportunity and duty to control its lawyers.

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CONCEPTS

- Global free trade is a condition of peace and democracy.
- The right to move and migrate freely is a condition of peace and democracy.
- Free trade requires a single monetary system.
- Free trade and mobility require global transportation systems.

POLICIES

- Establish the people's right to move and migrate without government interference.
- Establish Earth's responsibility for the maintenance of global systems to facilitate free trade and mobility.
- Establish Earth's responsibility for the creation and maintenance of a quasi-independent monetary system designed after the Federal Reserve System.

Commentary

Peace exists when humanity loses its place identity. When humanity identifies with a physical place, hatreds result. The stranger is not tolerated. Class inferiorities develop. Mobile societies produce socially mobile and tolerant adults. Our task is to encourage mobility and to encourage toleration of different cultures and ideas in order to make Earth the patrimony of every person.

Our economy is a world economy, and it demands free and open trade among all people. Just as the writers of our Constitution required free trade among the States, so we shall require free trade among all peoples of the world. Nothing is more descriptive of humanity than our industriousness, and nothing is more certain than that those without will want more. How difficult it is to maintain the sacrifice of hard work when plenty has been obtained. For a generation to live off the hard work of its parents is for it to be a slave of appetite. Some will work harder than others, but none shall be allowed the luxury of insulating themselves from the industry of others.

Free trade and mobility require global systems of transportation and finance. The Global Reserve System will regulate all banks and a single monetary system. Earth will maintain the world's highways, railroads, and transportation systems necessary for free trade and mobility throughout the world.

CONCEPTS

- Water is the public property of the Watershed.
- The use of water within the Watershed reflects the will of the people of the Watershed.
- One generation does not have the right to alienate clean rivers and lakes from another generation.
- One generation does not have the right to contract to permanently remove water from its Watershed for use in another Watershed.

POLICIES

- Establish the Watershed's responsibility for the storage, transportation, use, and treatment of its water.
- Establish the people's obligation to approve periodically any removal of water from the Watershed.

Commentary

Water is public property, and the territory of its government is the Watershed. The Watershed government will determine how its water is to be used, stored, treated, and cleaned. The use of water is to be politicized. The democratic will of the people will decide the future of water use.

Water on a land surface is under the jurisdiction of its Watershed. Water in an ocean is under the jurisdiction of Earth. There is a conflict in law between the Watershed's right to decide how its water is to be used and Earth's right to decide the quality standards for all water entering the oceans. The resolution of such conflicts is what makes history.

Each Watershed will be responsible for cleaning its lakes and rivers. The Community's use of its water will comply with the standards established by its Watershed. The process of cleaning will begin immediately and continue as long as our species survives. Each generation has the obligation to clean up after itself.

The question of whether water can be removed from its Watershed is profound in its implications. Should the Watershed be given the authority to move its water to another Watershed? Water is the basic building block of economic prosperity. On one hand, one generation should not sacrifice the economic prosperity of future generations by contracting to permanently remove water from its Watershed. On the other, abundant supplies of fresh water in one Watershed should not be wasted for want of the authority to move it to another Watershed in need of water. The creation of artificial communities dependent on water from other Watersheds should be avoided. Growth in population and economies needs to occur where water is and not by moving water to the population. A compromise appears to be to subject all movements of water to the periodic approval of the will of the people.

CONCEPTS

- All human life is associated with a Community.
- All Communities are unique.
- The Community is destined to replace the family as society's basic building block.

POLICY

Create Communities with the political power necessary to provide for the necessities of living and the general welfare.

Commentary

Human life is described by life in urban centers. From small towns to large metropolitan areas, people come together to live. But the generalization ends quickly, for every urban center is unique. The thesis of the Communitarian system is that people should be in control of their lives. Urban centers should have the authority and responsibility to design their own governmental structures to meet the needs of their unique public and to have the opportunity to fail. If democracy is to have meaning, the urban center must be free to choose its own path. The goal of the Communitarian Revolution is to give urban centers the political authority and resources to deal with their unique problems and population. The goal of the Communitarian Revolution is to create a system of self-sufficient and self-reliant Communities existing in peace within a global community of free people.

Technology and the pace of modern life are destroying the family. The family is dying. In the past the process of living was defined by the family; education and retirement security were functions of the family. Now children learn more from television than they learn from their families. The family is breaking up; divorce is the expectation. Single parents dominate the descriptions of poor families. Governmental structures are slowly filling the void left by failing families, but backup systems to a failure by the family to produce successful adults do not exist. Urban centers define the realities of our lives and are the natural substitute for the failing family. The right and the chance to live in a sane world should belong to every person. The future is a world of mobile people living in independently functioning Communities which govern to meet the needs of an ever-changing population. The Community is born.

CONCEPTS

- No person nor government has the right to alienate any benign species.
- No person nor government has the right to alienate any forest.
- Hunting mammals is alienation.
- Whaling is alienation.
- Killing animals for their fur and skin is alienation.
- All animals have the right to life, freedom, and migration.

POLICIES

- Prohibit the alienation of benign life.
- Prohibit the alienation of the forests.
- Replace sport hunting with game management.

Commentary

The monotheistic traditions of Western civilization are not meeting our ethical needs. Monotheists view the calamities of Earth with the indifference of a stranger, for they are taught that they are strangers here on Earth. They are created in the image of a heavenly father to whom they are destined to return when dead. Earth is not the temple of their religion but the location of their trials with a devil. The religious traditions that grew from a desert tribal god are not only definitionally flawed but serve to hinder our progress. The human species is not a stranger on Earth. We are part of the organism that is all life on Earth. Earth is not only our home; it defines our existence and our image. To live in toleration with each other, we must also learn to live in toleration with all benign species. Earth is the temple of our religion; for us to pollute it, to destroy it, to burn its forests is a sacrilege. To kill a benign species for sport is moral failure. Protection of all lives and protection of their living spaces are required by a mature humanity that sees the wisdom in preserving other life so as to preserve its own.

The Communitarian agenda includes the Constitutional prohibition against the alienation of any forest or benign life by any person or government. Any hunting of mammals is an alienation. Hunting will be replaced by game management by each Community so as to strengthen the animal population. All whaling of course will be prohibited as would the trade in furs and skins of animals not raised primarily for a source of meat. Each Community will be responsible for the maintenance and preservation of its forests and will be constitutionally prohibited from alienating them.

CONCEPTS

- Governmental structures grow from the surplus production of the non-governmental population.
 - Surplus production is declining worldwide while surplus capacity is increasing.
 - Either the size of governmental structures will decrease or our living standard will fall.
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POLICIES

- Keep the design of governmental structures at the user's level.
- Keep the design of governmental structures at the level of necessity.

Commentary

The nature of human organizations centralizes power and creates authoritarian governmental structures. The size of governmental structures is what we produce less what we keep for ourselves. It is the difference between our living standard and our total productivity. Nations with large surplus production have large bureaucracies. But the world economy is equalizing the wages of all people and creating a growing worldwide surplus capacity. The surplus production that makes large bureaucracies possible and tolerable is ending. Either our living standard or the size of governmental structures will decline.

Our task is to design governmental structures that are efficient and responsive to our needs. Our needs are those of living in the urban center, and governmental structures required to provide for the general welfare should be designed by the urban center and limited to it. Government will be small and affordable, or we will live in poverty while spending billions for useless and trivial government.

Large governmental structures fight hard for life. The problems that will be encountered in reducing bureaucracy are great. The contraction in the size of government will be painful. Current government employees will fight change. They will maintain the legitimacy of their programs and their effectiveness. They will argue the correctness of national programs, the continuation of the arms race, and the folly of trusting urban centers with power. However, democracy and freedom are on our side, for the march of human progress leads to Communitarian democracy.

CONCEPTS

- Spending other people's money is easier than spending your own.
- Borrowing money is easier than earning money.
- Spending big amounts of money is easier than spending small amounts.
- Borrowing money is easier than paying it back.
- Spending more money is easier than spending less money.

POLICIES

- Permit only Communities to tax people and commerce.
- Permit no government to borrow money.

Commentary

People are exceptional in their abilities to rationalize spending money. Spending money is fun. Everybody wants to spend money. Governments continually overspend because political power comes from spending money not in saving it. It's so easy to spend other people's money, especially when you have been elected to make spending decisions. The larger the dollars spent, the easier it becomes to spend one more dollar. The significance of one dollar is totally lost on our national governments. To insure frugal spending of public money, spending decisions need to be as local as possible, and governments must be prohibited from borrowing money.

In the Communitarian system, only the Community is authorized to tax people and commerce. The design of the system of taxation is the right of each Community. Watershed and Earth are authorized to tax only the Community and not people or commerce.

Government's right to borrow money is revoked. Future politicians will be able to spend only money collected through taxes. If they want to spend more money, taxes must increase. People do not like increases in taxes. There is a balance between the people's aversion to tax increases and the politicians' propensity to spend more money. To achieve that balance government borrowing shall be prohibited.

CONCEPTS

- The ability to absorb technologies is slower than the ability to create technology.
- Technological innovation is increasingly expensive.
- The marginal utility of simpler technologies is greater than the marginal utility of advanced technologies.
- Technology is inflationary.
- Technology is mobile.

POLICY

Establish the Community's right to ban technologies.

Commentary

Science is knowledge. Technology is the application of science. Knowledge is always good, but technology is not. Currently, the rate of technological innovation is increasing faster than our ability to absorb new technologies. New technologies are being created before the utilities of older technologies have been realized. There are limits to our ability to absorb new technologies. The utility of each new innovation is decreasing, while the cost of new innovation is increasing. The cost of technological innovation has reached a point of diminishing returns.

Global communications and the mobility of money have made technology mobile. Any technology is available anywhere. Technology produced the surplus production that created our living standard. Our national power has been based on our surplus production in a starving world, but our technological advances are now available worldwide. The world is competing with us and paying lower wages. It is not that Americans are not paid enough; it is that Koreans are not paid enough. Our living standard can no longer be based on productive superiority, because productive superiority is available everywhere.

Every technology has a future which is independent of the will of society. Once a technology has been adopted, society is led down paths which might not have been chosen. There is a conflict between the individual's right to expression through technology and every Community's right to control its future. Technology is never benign, and Communities shall have the right to ban those technologies which the will of the Community opposes.

CONCEPTS

- Multi-national corporations are perpetual business institutions.
- Multi-national corporations are institutions organized for profit.
- Multi-national corporate decisions are not mitigated by human conscience.

POLICIES

- Abolish all corporations.
- Prohibit the existence of any perpetual institutionalization of business.
- Prohibit any business form which attempts to limit the owner's responsibility for business decisions.

Commentary

Corporations are institutions created by law to be perpetual business organizations. Their purpose is to operate a business. Stockholders are the owners. Corporations are divided into two categories: multi-national corporations and state-chartered corporations. State-chartered corporations are owned by a few individuals and are perpetual only as long as the owners are entrepreneurial. State-chartered corporations are essentially small businesses, and their operations reflect their owners' conscience. Multi-national corporations are organized to be truly perpetual. Stockholders and managers are not the same. Their perpetuity is assisted by governmental structures of national governments.

Multi-national corporations are the institutionalization of profit. Their business decisions are motivated only by profit. As alternatives for business operations are evaluated, the effect on profits is always determined. Ultimately no decision is made without its profitability being calculated. Small businesses do not operate in that way. Human conscience is a factor in small business operations. The voice of conscience is not heard in decisions of multi-national corporations. The needs of multi-national corporations are those of a child. Their need for profit is blind. They are institutions of the past, of an adolescent world driven to dominate others, to exploit without human conscience, and to have as much as possible.

Business is not evil, but the multi-national corporation is without good. Morality demands its abolition. The separation of business ownership and management is a moral contradiction. Multi-national corporations exist beyond the control of even our national government. Communitarianism would fail if corporations existed beyond the control of the Community. Corporations are institutions created in law, and the people have the right to abolish that law. All corporations shall be abolished, and any institutionalization of business expressly prohibited. Business owners shall be responsible for business decisions.

CONCEPTS

- People have the right to form any organization they feel is appropriate.
- National unions are corrupt.
- National unions are authoritarian.
- National unions are not responsive to the will of employees.

POLICIES

- Establish Community responsibility for its craft and professional ethics standards.
- Establish the employee's right to organize and bargain collectively with employers.

Commentary

Employees have the right to organize and to bargain collectively with their employer. The purpose of organization is to represent the interests of the employees. The dilemma in the labor movement is the obligatory national organizational structure required by Federal law. Effectively, if employees want to bargain collectively with their employer, they are required to join an existing national union, and, of course, they must pay national union dues. Employees are prohibited from organizing without joining either an AFL-CIO or Teamsters union. But the interests of employees of a single factory are totally secondary to the interests of the national unions, and our unions long ago sold out the interests of working people for the interests of their centralized leadership.

The concept of the Community includes the responsibility of governing its unions. Unions existing beyond the territory of the Community are beyond the control of the Community and are antithetical to the rights of the Community. Unions, both employee and craft, will be governed by each Community. Ethics and standards of craft and professional unions will be established by each Community and will reflect the will of the Community.

CONCEPTS

- Revolutionary methods exemplify revolutionary goals.
- The Communitarian Revolution requires the Communitarian Party.
- The organization necessary for obtaining the Communitarian Revolution is consistent with the goals of the Revolution.
- The power and authority of the Communitarian Party are in its autonomous local party organizations.

POLICIES

- Keep leadership local to insure an organic structure which will be difficult to eliminate.
- Keep leadership local to insure that the Communitarian Agenda will be difficult to compromise.
- Keep authority at the bottom of the Communitarian Party.
- Keep the authority for the General Strike at the Community level.
- Prohibit national dues.

Commentary

Revolutionary methods should be consistent with revolutionary goals. The process of achieving the Communitarian Revolution creates the Communitarian Society. Accordingly, Communitarian Parties shall be organized in every city. These local party organizations shall pay no national dues, and no national organization shall direct matters in any way. Each local party is autonomous. The power of the Communitarian Party is its bottom, not its top. Most importantly, the calling of the General Strike is solely at the initiative of each local party. National organization is needed to facilitate news, methods, and ideas. But the leaders of the party are its local leaders. The strength of its organization is its lack of national leadership. The future belongs to the Communities, and the leadership of the Communitarian Party belongs to the Communities and their leaders.

CONCEPTS

- The authority of states and national governments cannot be abolished from within these authoritarian structures.
- The Communitarian Agenda is achievable only through the General Strike.
- Violent revolutions are events of the past.
- The Community's independence is insured by organizing General Strike responsibility at the Community level.
- The General Strike demand is the calling of the Communitarian Constitutional Convention to implement the Communitarian Agenda.

POLICIES

- Obtain local power through local elections.
- Use local power to facilitate the General Strike.
- Be non-violent but be direct.

Commentary

For a sane future to be secured, current political and business institutions must be fundamentally changed. Communitarians do not seek the authority they wish to abolish, nor do they trust those who would seek to abolish authority from within. Methods which would encourage obtaining the authority that was the object of abolition would be a contradiction which would ultimately compromise the agenda. Autonomous local political parties will be created, because autonomous Communities are desired from the beginning. When enough cities are under Communitarian Party control, the General Strike will be called using the powers of the cities to facilitate the strike. The General Strike demand is the calling of a constitutional convention of newly elected delegates to implement the Communitarian Agenda. Communitarians seek no one's blood. Communitarians seek only to abolish amoral and anachronistic institutions.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- American freedoms included in the Constitution shall be extended to all people.
- Every person shall have the right to:
 - Health Care
 - Education and Training
 - Full Employment
 - Adequate Housing
 - Secure Retirement
- Government shall make no law abridging the freedom of the people to move and migrate.
- Government shall make no law abridging free trade and commerce among all Communities.
- Government shall not impose capital punishment on any person.
- Government shall make no law abridging the right of the people to own and operate a business.
- Government shall make no law abridging the right of the people to bargain collectively with their employers.

Commentary

The First American Revolutionary experience created the Bill of Rights. The Communitarian Revolution will expand those rights and extend them to all people. Inalienable rights belong to all, or they belong to no one. Highest on the Communitarian Agenda is the extension of freedom and democracy to all people and the creation of a global community of free people.

The rights of conscience have no meaning to the destitute, the homeless, and the jobless. More basic than any right of conscience is the right to live as long as possible. There is enough to go around, and everyone shall have enough. The Communitarian Revolution will establish the right of every person to employment, education, housing, health care, and secure retirement.

In democratic societies, the right to leave is more basic than the right to vote. The vote of people's feet tells more than the results of elections. Peace requires the end of all racist, parochial societies. Toleration and glorification of difference are the future of our mobile posterity. Associated with the freedom of migration is the right to free trade and commerce. Those with more shall have enough; those with less shall have more. This process is known as peace.

Long ago people gave up violence as the arbitrator of human interaction. But, the right to violence was reserved to governments. While the segregation of violent individuals is a duty, any right denied the individual must certainly be prohibited in human institutions. Accordingly, capital punishment shall be abolished.

The creative business expression is the right of every person. Some choose to be employees, and some choose the uncertainty in the role of employers. Business is not evil; it is the institutionalization of greed that is evil. While capitalist Communities shall assume the social responsibilities to provide for the general welfare, socialist Communities shall allow individuals to own and operate businesses.

ONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- The Government of Earth shall be responsible for the governance of:
 - Atmosphere
 - Oceans
 - Space
 - Justice
 - Free Trade
 - Mobility
- The Government of Earth shall be republican and parliamentary under the principle of one person, one vote.

Commentary

The Communitarian Revolution will establish a global government whose jurisdiction is governance of the atmosphere, the oceans, space, justice, free trade, and mobility. The composition of global government will be parliamentary and republican in accordance with the principle of one person, one vote.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- The Government of Earth shall be responsible for the governance of the atmosphere, the oceans, and space.
- People have the right to breathe clean air.
- The Government of Earth shall be responsible for leaving the air and oceans cleaner for the next generation.
- No government nor person shall have the right to alienate or pollute the atmosphere or the oceans.

Commentary

Global environmental necessities require global government. A clean Earth is the patrimony of every person, and no one and no institution have the right to alienate a clean Earth. No generation has the right to pollute our Home for future generations to clean up. The right to breathe clean air is sacred. The continuation of life demands clean air and clean oceans. The preservation of the cornucopia that is Earth will be the primary responsibility of global government. Cleaning the air and oceans, solving the dilemma of nuclear wastes, and stopping all environmental alienation will be its immediate tasks. Parochial economic advantage is secondary to the right and obligation to maintain the cleanliness of Earth. The goal of global government will be to make the Earth cleaner tomorrow than it is today, to clean the Earth of the defecations of the industrial age.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- One global judicial system shall exist.
- The government of Earth shall maintain the judicial system.
- All judges shall be elected.
- Communities shall establish the legal ethics practiced in their Communities.

Commentary

The Communitarian Revolution will establish a unitary judicial system which the government of Earth will be responsible for maintaining. The unitary judicial system will protect the Constitutional rights of everyone but also will allow for differences in human cultures. Just as there are unresolved conflicts in law within America's twelve circuit courts which the Supreme Court has left unresolved, there will be unresolved conflicts within Earth's circuit courts which Earth's Supreme Court will leave unresolved. Cultural differences exist which manifest in different systems of laws. The resolution of these differences is the work of time.

The Communitarian Revolution will establish a global rule of law in which the rights of every person are sacred. Under this and every system of law, the people place their freedom and lives in the hands of lawyers. But lawyers use such systems to create more and more complex legal structures. Such systems become expensive and produce justice only for lawyers. To balance the necessity of living under the rule of law with the risks of creating legalist systems, the Community will have the right to establish the ethics and rules of behavior of its lawyers. Lawyers shall not be free to govern their own behavior but shall be subject to the will of the people of their Community.

If democracy is to have meaning, the people must elect their judges. The lifetime appointment of judges was a system designed by men who feared the will of the mob. That fear was unfounded. The election of all judges will be constitutionally established.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- The Government of Earth shall provide one system of money.
- The Government of Earth shall provide for a Global Reserve System modeled after the Federal Reserve System.
- Branch banking shall be prohibited.
- All multi-national banks are abolished with bank ownership being transferred to depositors.

Commentary

A primary goal of Communitarianism is to create systems to facilitate global peace and commerce. Most basic to this goal is a unitary monetary system. Accordingly, the Government of Earth will be empowered to create one money and one banking system. Within this unitary banking system, individual banks will be controlled by their Community, for each community will determine the characteristics of bank ownership.

The current banking system consists of state-chartered corporate banks and multi-national corporate banks. In the abolition of all corporations, the state-chartered banks will become bank partnerships. The capital ownership percentage will be equal to the percentage of common stock owned. The ownership of multi-national banks will be transferred to the individual depositors in proportion of their deposits to total individual deposits. These people will then be the partners who own these banks.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- People have the right to drink clean water.
- No person nor government shall have the right to pollute the water.
- Water is public property.
- All land shall be divided into Watershed territories.
- The Watershed shall be responsible for the governance of water until it reaches an ocean.
- The government of the Watershed shall be composed under the principle of one person, one vote.
- The Watershed shall clean its lakes and rivers.
- Any movement of water from its Watershed shall be subject to the periodic approval of the people.

Commentary

For life to continue, for our children to have a future, the oceans must be clean. For the oceans to be clean, the rivers must be clean. The Communitarian Revolution shall establish every person's right to drink clean water, the prohibition of any government or person from polluting the water, and the goal of cleaning the Earth of human pollution.

The Government of Earth will be responsible for the cleanliness of the oceans; the cleanliness of the rivers and lakes will be the responsibility of the governments of the Watersheds. All land will be divided into its Watershed territories. The Watershed will have the responsibility of the government of water before it reaches an ocean. Earth will set cleanliness standards for water entering the oceans; meeting those standards will be the responsibility of the Watershed.

The use, storage, transportation, and treatment of water will be the political interests of the Watershed. The composition of Watershed government will be within the authority of the people to decide provided that the democratic principle of one person, one vote is observed. The Watershed's ability to tax shall be expressly limited to a tax levied on the governments of the Communities composing the Watershed. Direct taxes on people and commerce shall be expressly prohibited.

The availability of water is the natural limit on human development. Privileges become rights. For example, Los Angeles has had the privilege to grow using other people's water and now wants the right to more. Creation of artificial communities based on permanent removals of other people's water shall become a practice of our past. Any movement of water from the Watershed shall have the express approval of the people. In addition, any approved removal must be periodically approved again and again. A Watershed shall never obtain permanent rights to the water of another Watershed.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- Land within each Watershed shall be divided into Community territories.
- Each Community shall provide for the general welfare including systems for:
 - Health care
 - Retirement security
 - Education and training
 - Full employment
 - Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Community's infrastructure
 - Adequate housing
 - Establishment of business, craft, and professional ethics
 - Definition of property rights
 - Definition of criminal behavior
 - Taxation of people, property, and commerce
- Community government shall be composed under the principle of one person, one vote.
- Communities shall give full faith and credit to the laws of other Communities.
- All powers not expressly given to Watersheds and Earth are reserved to the Communities.
- All subsurface property rights shall be transferred to the Community.
- The right of technological innovation is subject to the will of the Community.

Commentary

The territory of each Watershed will be divided into Communities so that no Community shall exist within two Watersheds. In the United States, Communities would most likely resemble our present counties modified by the restriction that each Community exist entirely within one Watershed.

Communities will be responsible for providing for the general welfare. The will of the Community can mandate systems ranging from socialist to capitalist provided the Community sustains the general welfare of its people. The general welfare includes the right of every person to the necessities of living: health care, employment, education, adequate housing, and secure retirement.

The government of each Community will be composed under the principle of one person, one vote. The administration of Community law will be the responsibility of the Community; however, Earth will provide and maintain the judicial system. The Community will have the governmental responsibility of living, but people will be protected by Earth courts of justice. Local autonomy will be balanced by the right of every person's access to Earth's courts of justice.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

- No person nor government shall have the right to alienate any forest.
- No person nor government shall have the right to alienate any non-human life.
- All animals have the inalienable right to life, migration, and liberty.

Commentary

The Communitarian Constitution shall establish the prohibition against the alienation of the forests and non-human life. The will of the Community directs the management of its territory, but management does not include the right to alienate forests and non-human life. The destruction of our forests for economic gain and the destruction of life for sport shall stop. The future is of forest growth and preservation. The future is of game management rather than sport hunting. Whaling shall stop.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISIONS

- No government shall borrow money.
- All tax laws shall be administered by courts of equity.
- Communities shall be permitted to tax people, property, and commerce.
- Earth and Watersheds shall be permitted to tax Communities only.
- Watersheds shall be permitted to sell water and electricity.

Commentary

For people to control the spending appetites of public officials, government must be prohibited from borrowing money. Money for public spending will come from taxes and fees or it will not be available. Government spending will be limited by the amount of taxes and fees politicians are willing and able to impose on the people. The people's propensity to avoid taxes will balance the politicians' propensity to spend more than can be collected from the public. Clever people will invent legalisms to increase money available for politicians to spend. The people should be forever watchful.

The right to fair, equitable tax systems belongs to all, but our tax law is outside our courts of equity. Primary to positive change in any system of taxation is the ability of a taxpayer to plead for equity, to plead the right or wrong of any tax law.

Only Communities will have the power to tax people, property, and commerce. Watersheds and Earth shall be expressly prohibited from taxing anything but the governments of the Communities. The Government of Earth will be financed through taxes levied on every Community. Watersheds will be financed through taxes levied on their constituent Communities and sales of water and electricity. Each Community will be responsible for the design and implementation of its system for the direct taxation of people, property, and commerce.

CONCEPTS

- Abolition of present governmental structures is the revolutionary demand.
- The instrument of abolition is the Constitution.
- In creating the Communitarian World, abolitions shall come in stages.

INITIAL ABOLITIONS
IN THE
UNITED STATES

- States and their agencies and instrumentalities.
- The Senate of the United States.
- The Presidency of the United States.
- All agencies of the Federal government unless expressly provided.
- Corporations.
- Unions.

INTERIM
FEDERAL POWERS

- Money and the monetary system.
- Military.
- Foreign affairs.
- Maintenance of the judiciary.
- Maintenance of the systems for free trade and mobility.
- Air, oceans, and space.

FINAL
ABOLITIONS

- Nations.
- Armies and navies.

Commentary

The Communitarian Revolution will establish new human rights and new governmental institutions, but it must also abolish archaic and anachronistic institutions. Abolitions will come in stages. The first stage will implement Communitarianism into the United States with the Federal government holding the powers which will ultimately be transferred to the Government of Earth. The final stage will be the abolition of all nations and their armies.

The initial abolitions will include the States, the Senate, and the Presidency. When the Communities have been created and States abolished, each Community will begin in accordance with its applicable state law. All state real property will become the property of the Community in which the property is located. The abolition of States and creation of parliamentary government will necessitate the abolition of the Senate. All Senate powers will be transferred to the House of Representatives. Responsible government demands the implementation of a parliamentary system. Political parties have evolved contrary to the wishes of the men who wrote and designed our Federal system. The leader of the majority party in the House of Representatives should be our primary political leader, a leader responsible for the design and implementation of government action.

All Federal programs and agencies will be abolished except as required to provide for peace and the interim responsibilities of the Government of Earth. The new National government will have the power to tax only Communities. Direct taxes on people, property, and commerce shall be expressly prohibited. All Federal real property will become the property of the Community in which the property is located.

All unions will be abolished. Their liquid assets will be transferred to the Communities in which union members live. Ownership of union real property assets will be transferred to the Community in which the property is located. The right of employees to freely associate to bargain collectively with their employer shall be constitutionally guaranteed. The right to a secure retirement shall be constitutionally guaranteed every person.

CONSTITUTIONAL
PROVISION

Government shall make no law allowing the existence of corporations, perpetual business organizations, or any other institution which separates business operations from business ownership.

STATE-CHARTERED
CORPORATIONS

- State-chartered corporations shall become general partnerships.
- Corporate property shall be transferred to stockholders.
- Corporate liabilities shall be assumed by stockholders.
- All limited partnerships shall become general partnerships.

MULTI-NATIONAL
CORPORATIONS

- Corporate trade debt to people shall be paid from corporate assets.
- Intra-corporate assets and liabilities shall be eliminated.
- Foreign corporate assets shall be used to liquidate our national debt held by foreigners.
- Ownership of corporate domestic real property shall be transferred to the Community in which the property is located.
- Corporate stockholders shall not be compensated for their loss.
- Corporate banks shall become Communitarian Bank Partnerships, ownership of which shall be transferred to their individual depositors.

Commentary

The Communitarian system will provide a world of commerce and business consisting of people-owned businesses, employee-owned businesses, and Community-owned businesses. Individuals and partnerships will continue to own and operate businesses and to get rich in the process, but the institutionalization of business in which management and ownership are separate shall not exist. Profit shall forever be limited by human conscience, and people shall forever know who is responsible for business operations. The moral contradiction of corporate operations shall be purged from human institutions.

The abolition of state-chartered corporations will simply result in these corporations becoming general partnerships. The capital-ownership percentage will be equal to each person's ownership of capital stock. Any secondary class of stock will become liabilities.

The abolition of the multi-national corporations will result in the ownership of corporate factories and operations being transferred to the Community in which they are located. The will of the Community will decide the disposition of these facilities. Corporate employees will have their jobs to the extent that the Community wills them to keep their jobs. Obviously, large managerial structures will not be needed, and these people will have to find other employment; but the production employees will not lose their jobs. Manufacturing benefits the Community, and it would be contrary to the people's interest for Communities to simply close corporate factories.

In liquidating multi-national corporations, their trade debts to people will be paid before their liquidation. Trade debt is a liability for goods and services sold to the corporation prior to the date of liquidation. Corporate employees will be paid to the date of liquidation. Long-term bonds, accrued state and Federal taxes, and pension liabilities will not be paid. Stockholders and bond holders will not be compensated for their losses. The non-payment of these corporate liabilities will result in the liquidation of our Federal and state debts.

CONCEPTS

- The equity in multi-national corporations shall be used to liquidate the national debt.
- The assets of state government shall be used to liquidate state debts to people.
- In the transaction that records the liquidation of every multi-national corporation, that portion of the national debt held by each multi-national corporation shall be voided.
- The portion of the national debt held by people shall be paid from corporate assets.
- The portion of the national debt held by foreigners shall be paid through the use of foreign corporate property.

Commentary

The abolition of corporations and states is required by morality and economy, but it also presents the opportunity to eliminate the burdens of our national debt. Since the multi-national corporation has benefited most from deficit spending, justice is not offended by its abolition funding the liquidation of our national debt. The Communitarian Revolution will in one act eliminate an institutional cancer and the burdens of decades of deficit spending.

The transaction that records the liquidation of every multi-national corporation and the distribution of its assets will be recorded simultaneously with the transaction recording the liquidation of the national debt. To the extent that the national debt is owed to people, it will be paid. Corporate deposit assets existing after paying off corporate trade debt to people, its final payroll, and paying off the national debt to people will be transferred to the bank holding these deposit assets. The national debt held by institutions will be repudiated. Banks will not be injured by this repudiation, because the loss resulting from the cancellation of the national debt will be offset by the gain from the transfer of state and multi-national corporation deposit assets to bank equity. In addition, this elimination of assets and liabilities in a bank will result in stronger banks, since capital will be a larger percentage of total assets. The foreign property of the multi-national corporations will be used to pay that portion of our national debt owned by foreigners.

Clearly, the intent is to wipe the slate clean and to leave the central government nothing but a new beginning. The national government with limited responsibilities will need very limited assets. Its first duty will be to levy a tax on the Communities to provide operating working capital.

CONCEPTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A political organization is necessary to achieve a political revolution.• The process of achieving Communitarianism defines Communitarianism.
POLICY	Practice non-violence, democracy, and toleration.
PURPOSE OF COMMUNITARIAN PARTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide the organization necessary to achieve the Communitarian Revolution.• To develop party programs.• To entertain the party membership.• To provide for the education and training of the party membership.• To promote Community self-reliance and responsibility.• To promote individual self-reliance and responsibility.• To expand party membership.• To select and run candidates for local offices.
GOALS OF COMMUNITARIAN PARTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A successful General Strike.• A smooth transition to Communitarian Democracy.

Commentary

Revolutions require agency. The agency of the political revolution is the political party. The agency of the Communitarian Revolution is the Communitarian Party. Revolutions are processes which take years to mature. There are no breaks in that process which allow changes in methods. The methods in the beginning are the same methods required at the moment of success. Both non-violence and local party autonomy are definitional methods. Communitarianism is a system of autonomous cities within a global network and will be achieved by a system of autonomous local party organizations within a global network of the Communitarian Party. The structure is organic so as to allow the idea of Communitarianism to grow and mature through the contributions of many people. Without a head, where can the authoritarian powers strike? There are no national dues, no national organization to dictate local party actions. The needs of humanity have grown beyond dictatorships and revolutionary vanguards.

Every local party is responsible for building the political organization necessary to win electoral control over its city government. To win the people's trust, Communitarians will govern the cities as now constituted while developing programs for post-revolutionary government and for the General Strike. Using the power of the cities to facilitate the General Strike creates the circumstances for a successful General Strike.

CONCEPTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No end is of enough importance to be achieved through violence.• Communitarians seek no one's blood.
MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE	I pledge allegiance to the Communitarian Party, to the implementation of the Communitarian Agenda, and to the principles of Community self-reliance, environmental sanctity, and non-violence.

Commentary	<p>In all actions, Communitarians practice non-violence, toleration, and democracy. The Communitarian goal is a non-violent, tolerant world. This future cannot be obtained by violence nor by intolerance. Communitarianism seeks the death only of institutions, not of people. Every life has value, or none has value. By choosing non-violence as our revolutionary method, Communitarians castrate the power of national governments. Justice and morality are on our side; injustice and violence, on theirs. We shall win because humanity commands us to win. Human progress shall not be stopped by the violent and authoritarian needs of the few. Communitarians do not take up the weapons of evil to fight evil, for to do so only perpetuates evil. There is so much, and humanity is capable of producing so much more; there is certainly enough peace for everyone.</p>
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CONCEPTS

- Communitarianism shall be achieved by winning political control over city governments as they now exist.
- The political power of city government is needed for the success of the General Strike.

POLICIES

- Select and support candidates for cities, school boards, and other local boards and commissions.
- Prohibit the endorsement of candidates for state or national offices.

Commentary

National and state power, as currently defined, is contrary to the Communitarian model and ideal of community. If the Communitarian Party sought national and state power to implement Communitarianism through reformist measures, Communitarianism would never be achieved. National and state power will never be abolished by national and state politicians. Authority is never abolished by those who have authority. Slavery was not abolished by slave owners. Politicians are not saints, and the people should not expect them to do saintly deeds.

Current law defines political parties only in national terms. The Democratic and Republican parties have enacted laws which require any political party to seek national office while making national and state ballot access difficult and expensive. Experience teaches that new political parties which seek recognition under the current system, i.e., national offices, spend their scarce resources on obtaining ballot access. The system commands new political parties to seek national office and then uses up their energies in the process. The system is designed to create failures. The Democratic and Republican parties are comfortable in competing only with each other.

Local ballot access is easy, and in some states local elections are non-partisan. The advantages in limiting electoral efforts to local elections are both economic and ideological. Local elections are less expensive, have easy ballot access, and may not have organized political opposition. Local Communitarian Parties can build their strength and political base, because there will be successes. Communitarians will test their abilities under current political realities in order to be worthy of the trust required to lead the Community in the post-revolutionary world. Communitarians will avoid the contradiction of trying to abolish a system from within the system. Most importantly, by gaining political control in the cities, Communitarians will be able to use city power to facilitate a successful General Strike.

CONCEPTS

- The Communitarian Party's revolutionary weapon is the non-violent General Strike.
- The General Strike demand is the calling of a Constitutional Convention to implement the Communitarian Agenda.
- The decision to call the General Strike is the responsibility of each local Communitarian Party.

POLICIES

- Use the political power of local governments to facilitate the General Strike.
- Develop plans for the General Strike.
- Practice the plans for the General Strike.

Commentary

The people's weapon against the capacity of national violence is the non-violent General Strike. By gaining power in the towns and cities, Communitarians will hold all the power necessary to change the system. When the General Strike is called, national officials will be eager to convene the Constitutional Convention to implement our agenda. The system of national governance is but a trivial house of cards in 1990. Things will not improve.

Local parties need to develop plans for the General Strike by coordinating with the police and fire departments to insure the safety of property and people. Inventories of corporate property are required. Much work is needed and details worked out. People hold more than enough creative power to accomplish this task. Peace is our future.

Long live our Great, Non-violent Communitarian Revolution.

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