

PHASES 2 - 5

PHASE 2: IMPENDING GOVERNMENT BANKRUPTCY

There are five existential threats facing America today. They are:

Income inequality.

Impending governmental bankruptcy.

Environmental catastrophe.

Loss of faith, trust and belief in government.

Social rupture.

As such, we have five phases to rectify each of them.

PREAMBLE PHASE TWO

Our budget deficits and the concomitant federal debt are no longer sustainable and pose an existential threat. Even if they were sustainable, they're immoral beyond cognition. To currently benefit the elite we're sending our children and their children multi-trillion dollar invoices. With unbridled abandon and enthusiasm.

As like pretty much everything we encounter, the solutions are simple and in retrospect, obvious. Our national debt stands at \$31 Trillion. In 2030 our national debt is predicted to reach \$48 Trillion. Interest payments alone are estimated to be \$1.5 Trillion per year.

Our impending fiscal bankruptcy consists of two components - revenue and expenditures. Or in other words taxes and spending. Let's begin with the moral / immoral case.

We spend what we spend.

What ON EARTH gives us the right to NOT PAY FOR IT?

For 45 years, starting with Reagan, the right has demonstrated ZERO interest in downsizing the government a penny. They (and their constituents) want all the services, they just don't want to pay for it, expecting future generations to pay for their profligacy.

What is conservative about spending more than you can pay for? Clearly it's a bedrock principle of the conservative movement. Has been since the eighties. How is this not appalling?

For example, Republicans just voted to add \$4 Trillion to our national debt to pay for a vulgar tax cut for the wealthiest among us. In moderately good economic times when tax cuts for the rich, which are economically useless at *any* time, are spectacularly unnecessary.

An amount to be paid for by our children and grandchildren so that Elon Musk's pile of money bags got a few feet higher. How do you like that? Your grandchildren are writing checks to Mark Zuckerberg. And what was the reason for this again? I sometimes forget.

If we did this in our own personal lives we'd be imprisoned. At any rate, we in theory have revenue / costs to work with to solve our existential crisis. But not really. We will tackle expenditures first. The lesser problem of the two.

The following is a list of where the federal budget money gets spent:

Social Security	22%.
Other mandatory	16%.
Medicare	14%.
Military spending	13%.
Interest	11%.
Medicaid	10%.
Discretionary	15%.

As can be seen, if you assume military spending is a mandatory expenditure, *then 85% of the budget is mandatory* and only 15% discretionary. Of the discretionary 15%, roughly 9% of that goes for what historically was referred to as "welfare". By the way, this level of safety-net spending is around *one-third* of most European countries.

If one were to look for solutions on any kind of a serious basis, you would of course go after the 85% of mandatory spending. But not in our America. **Neither party** has the balls to go after the real spending.

Not a penny of it. THIS IS THE MOST PRISTINE EXAMPLE OF HOW OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE **INADEQUATE TO THE TASK**. There is no way they will put our house in order. Ever. But there's an additional issue on the right.

There is a decades-old conservative governing philosophy that posits that clearly the poor have too much while the rich don't have enough and so we need to transfer resources from the poor to the rich. Well *duh*.

How else to explain the most recent Republican budget that spends \$1.1 trillion on tax cuts for those making more than \$750,000 a year while cutting Medicaid and food stamps by \$1.1 trillion. A *direct* transfer from poor to rich.

How is this not considered obscene? By *anyone* with a heart? Or a brain. Or courage? Or those pointy green shoes with colorful socks?

Finally, the right went after discretionary expenditures but also started to go after the 85% mandatory as well. Took a wrecking ball to food stamps and health insurance for the poor. Of course.

We have some thoughts on reducing the expenditure side. It's less interesting to us than the revenue side, it's pretty clearly less responsible for our predicament than the revenue side. But it's here we will start. We begin with the largest expenditure in the budget - Social Security.

SOLUTION NO. 31

Solving 80% of the impending Social Security insolvency is quite easy. Currently, taxes for the wealthy on Social Security are capped after \$160,000. Henceforth, the cap will be removed and Social Security taxes will be levied on all of their earned income, 80% of the projected shortfall would disappear.

SOLUTION NO. 32

Increase the Social Security tax rate by one percentage point over the course of ten years.

SOLUTION NO. 33

Over time raise the retirement age indexed to some subset of life expectancies.

MEDICARE / MEDICAID

These two components of the budget when added together actually exceed Social Security as the number one most costly expenditures. They are a direct result of the massive inefficiency of the American medical system.

We have at best a mediocre medical regime that costs at least twice as much as most others. And all the healthcare systems rated above us are what is pejoratively referred to by conservatives as “socialized medicine”.

We spend \$13,000 per capita on health care. Canada spends \$8,000. France, Germany and Japan spend \$6,000 per capita. According to the 2023 Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey, the United States healthcare system ranks **eleventh least effective out of twelve high-income countries studied**. Sure.

It has to be solved. Let's look at one example of a potential solution. The Mayo Clinic has arguably the best healthcare system in the world. And has had for many, many decades. Their doctors are paid a salary.

And don't get paid extra or bonuses for referring patients or for ordering testing, referring patients to other specialists. At Mayo, a test is done only when it's absolutely necessary. This cuts down cost dramatically. So, I'm thinking, if the consistently best health care system in the world does this, why doesn't every other single one do so as well?

SOLUTION NO. 34

Mandate the Mayo Clinic methodology for doctor compensation. And eliminate cash to doctors for ordering tests.

SOLUTION NO. 35

Mandate that all prescription drugs are open to negotiation by Medicare and Medicaid. Every single one. It's absurd that Republicans protect Big Pharma but that's what they do. The pharmaceutical companies and health care companies are by far the largest lobbyists in America with good reason.

No more.

It is said that pharmaceutical companies need to price gouge in order to pay for all the costly innovation they do on the front end. Let me tell you something: they OBSCENELY spend more money on STOCK BUYBACKS than they do on research and development. They make massive profits. They spend millions upon millions on television advertising. And even more on lobbying. They don't need protection. It's absurd.

CORPORATE WELFARE

The world calls it corporate welfare. We call it corporate pornography. One example:

For the roughly 4,000 sugar producers in the United States, each gets \$700,000 annually in subsidies from the federal government. Designed to keep sugar prices as high as possible, the government also levies tariffs on international sugar producers.

It costs a total of \$4 billion each year and keeps sugar prices twice as high in America as they are internationally.

SOLUTION NO. 36

Buh-bye sugar subsidies, buh-bye baby, buh bye.

WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

The US Government Accountability Office, known as the GAO, is responsible for detecting fraud in the federal government. "GAO computed that fraud in past years may have reached as high as 7 percent of federal spending." That's **\$400 to \$500 billion a year in waste, fraud and abuse**. Staggering. As much as one-third of our total deficit.

With technologies now available, like artificial intelligence and especially blockchain, we have the tools to combat this. We just need the will and the resources. But we're talking something serious.

Not this DOGE nonsense that mindlessly cut for cut's sake. They threw out thousands and thousands of babies with the bath water. Another rank obscenity. Brought to you by the elite.

To fund tax cuts for the wealthy, they stole and pillaged our great national treasure. The extraordinary research done in places like the NIH and at our best universities. It takes a

complete jackass moron with big (fake news) balls to be as stupid as it takes to do this. My suggestion? Bend them like Beckham.

SOLUTION NO. 37

The GAO will spend 1% of total government outlays annually searching THOUGHTFULLY for waste, fraud and abuse. For every dollar spent, it is expected that \$10 in savings will result.

SOLUTION NO. 38

The GAO will assemble a task force that identifies EVERY PENNY in corporate welfare that the government provides, and subsequent decisions will be made as to whether they are maintained or not. In the bright sunshine.

But that's all a mirage. The only question is whether a fifth-grader could come to the obvious solution to our fiscal problem or if it requires a sixth-grade education. I'll bet you \$1.87 it's a fifth grader.

REVENUE

Once Reagan got done with his demolition, our expenditures were equivalent to roughly 22% of GDP and revenues equivalent to 17.5% of GDP. A trajectory obviously unsustainable.

With complete and absolute certitude, the problem has been tax cuts for the wealthy. Obviously. With the Reagan tax cuts, we quickly transitioned from being the largest creditor nation in the world to the largest debtor nation. Massive deficits unlike the country had ever seen. All the result of a transfer of wealth to the most elite. For doing nothing.

Clinton then balances the budget with tax increases and it was possible to imagine paying down the federal debt in its entirety. But then Bush took over. With sage advice from Dark Dick Cheney who told him "Reagan proved deficits don't matter." What did Bush do? What else. Massive tax cuts / record deficits. From solvency to insolvency.

Donald Trump, of course, followed suit. Hammering tax cuts for the wealthy in both his first and second terms.

You want to solve our debt crisis?

If you take away the Bush tax cuts and Trump's first tax cut we would have a budget surplus.

Any questions, children?

And what is the purported purpose of the tax cuts? The fiction that tax cuts engender such economic growth that they pay for themselves. We will not waste another moment on this nonsense.

Tax cuts for the wealthy DO NOT pay for themselves, NEVER HAVE. They DO NOT engender much economic growth, mostly a few quarter's sugar high at best. THEY ARE NOT IN ANY WAY worth the spectacular costs they incur.

Tax cuts for the wealthy are nothing but a MASSIVE GRIFT from Republican donors to their masters. PERIOD. They are the SOLE CAUSE of our impending fiscal demise.

There are five main sources of federal government revenue:

TAX SOURCES:	PERCENT OF TOTAL TAX REVENUE
Income Taxes	54%
Social Security / Payroll Taxes	30%
Corporate Taxes	9%
Excise Taxes (gas / liquor etc.)	2%.
Other	5%.

Let's start simply. What are the purposes of taxes? That's simple. Although it gets lost in the Republican miasma. The only point of taxes is to pay for the government. The government shall levy no more or no less than is required to pay for the services it provides.

RAISE TAXES

If you'll remember, the entire purpose of the Laffer Curve was to determine at what tax rate is the most tax revenue generated predicated on economic growth. In theory it was a legitimate exercise perverted by a moron and exploited by evil men. But it remains Republican orthodoxy to this day. Absent ANY evidence ANY of it is true.

But let's revise history. Or at least update it. We'll meet Laffer for dinner just like Cheney and Rumsfeld did. He'll order the veal scallopini. In between the main course and the cheese plate, Laffer takes out his napkin and draws a rudimentary Laffer curve on it.

In his original, the maximum tax revenue generated would be at a maximum tax rate of roughly 25%. As a result, Reagan subsequently reduced taxes from 70% to 38%. It was a start. And of course would pay for itself. Sure.

But what is it in real life? What is the optimal tax rate? Well, history has already shown us that. The massive amounts of government revenue generated during the 50s and 60s when tax rates were 70% to 90%.

Most economists estimate it's in the mid-60s range, roughly 65%. "*The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics* reports that estimates of revenue-maximizing tax rates have varied widely, with a **mid-range of around 70%.**"

The brilliant Paul Krugman, you know the guy with the fake news Nobel Prize in Economics, believes the following:

"Apparently the disincentive effect doesn't kick in until you get up to a top marginal rate of at least 48 percent and maybe not **until 76 percent or higher.**"

SOLUTION NO. 39

Effective immediately the top tax rate in the country will be raised to 45% in Year One. In Year Two it will be raised to 55%. And in Year Three it will be raised to 65%.

Play time is over, people.

As we've shown earlier, corporate taxes are on the periphery, providing roughly 9% of total federal revenue. We discussed keeping corporate taxes low so as a result more money is left over to pay employees. We still subscribe to that.

SOLUTION NO. 40

The corporate tax rate shall remain at 21%, despite recent calls from both sides to raise it.

However, we subscribe to the Internal Revenue Code's Economic Substance Doctrine which we believe should be vigorously enforced. Especially with respect to corporations avoiding taxes by utilizing international tax havens.

The doctrine specifically notes that a transaction must have a purpose other than to reduce tax liability.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

"The difference between the amount of taxes owed and the amount of taxes the government received. This gross tax gap in 2021 increased to \$688 billion - well above estimates from prior years."

The Internal Revenue Service is capable of generating vast amounts of revenue for the federal government. We've discussed it earlier, their auditing department returns \$12 in new revenue for every dollar spent auditing.

Republicans do EVERYTHING they can to reduce this budget. **FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF WEALTHY PEOPLE NOT PAYING LEGITIMATE TAXES. AGAIN, IT'S WHO THEY ARE, HOW THEY ROLL.**

SOLUTION NO. 41

The IRS budget solely for audits and investigations shall be \$20 billion in Year One and in years thereafter, 10% of their recoveries shall be their baseline budget.

PHASE 3: ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE

Y21 ENVIRONMENT / POLLUTION

"The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second best time is now."

Of the five existential threats we're confronting, perhaps the most existential and certainly the most bewildering is the roaring onset of global warming.

Its actual existence is denied and has been subsumed into an element of the culture wars. The question is why? Its existence is beyond obvious. Not only do 99.9% of all reputable climatologists believe in global warming, further confirmation comes in the form of the *Wall Street Journal* editorial page adamantly believing it to be a hoax. And they're of course wrong about every damn thing.

Ohh, and if that's not enough, LOOK OUT YOUR F*&KING WINDOW!

The United States is producing more oil and natural gas than it ever has in history. The idea that this will lower gas prices at the pump is laughable. Prices are not controlled by the United States, they're controlled internationally.

This is as clueless - produce more dirty energy which only exacerbates global warming for no benefit whatsoever except that some major corporations make billions more. Bravissimo.

This is as stupid as utilities being able to use the money they charge Americans for electricity bills to lobby regulators and legislators to enact policies that contribute to more global warming.

Here's an example. Batteries to some extent are key, key components of the fight against global warming. To be able to save energy when it's not needed from solar and wind and other mechanisms and then introduce it when the demand is there.

“Many utilities, however, won't prioritize installing batteries, and they won't invest in solutions that let consumers do more with less energy. That's because these programs lower utilities' capital expenditures, which lowers the rates they charge consumers and, in turn, their profits. If utilities don't get paid for innovating, they're unlikely to do it.”

One bedrock principle of our new climate regime is that without exception - polluters pay for pollution - no exceptions. No passing it off on society. If you inject even a microgram of pollution into the air, water, earth you will pay for its mitigation.

SOLUTION NO. 42

You no longer get to piss consequence free anymore on “this land is your land, this land is my land.”

Vermont is the second smallest state in the nation with a population of roughly 650,000. In a roughly bipartisan vote they approved a measure that “requires the world's biggest fossil fuel extractors and refiners to pay for some of the damages and adaptation costs the state has incurred and faces because of climate change.”

It's based on the 1980 congressional Superfund program that cleaned up thousands of various sites spoiled by toxic and hazardous waste.

“That law compels companies responsible for the contamination to either clean it up or reimburse the government for the work, regardless of whether they acted with fault or criminal intent.” M58.

A number of other states are considering something similar but what is needed is a national program.

SOLUTION NO. 43

Establish a national, federal climate version of the Superfund legislation.

CHINA

China is by far the world's leading manufacturer of green technology. “In 2022, China accounted for 85% of all clean-energy manufacturing investment in the world.” For them they consider it a national security issue in that they import almost all their oil which in an international conflict could be cut off.

But it's more than that. Their greenhouse-gas emissions are much greater than the United States (or any other country in the world) and so climate is a priority. Climate threats are universally recognized, collaboration with China will be essential.

“If American politicians, investors and businesses recognize that climate change is humanity's biggest threat, that could open pathways for diplomacy, collaboration and constructive competition with China that benefit us all.”

“Together, China and the United States could decarbonize the world. But if Americans don't get serious about it, the Chinese will do it without them.”

SOLUTION NO. 44

Formalize a comprehensive partnership between the United States and China that accelerates the war on climate warming.

Technology is the only solution to climate challenges. Let's examine just a few of the more interesting ones.

FOOD WASTE

“A whopping 6% to 8% of global carbon emissions come from food waste. In comparison, passenger vehicles (which hold far more of our focus) emit nearly the equivalent, at 10.8%.”

Home is by far the largest contributor of carbon emissions but restaurants, school cafeterias, and grocery stores are also major generators of food waste.

SOLUTION NO. 45

Invest billions in mitigating food waste - from limiting self-serve buffets to food recovery programs to soup kitchens to composting. It needs to become a national priority.

COWS

There are 1.5 billion cows in the world. In the process of consuming sustenance, cow stomachs break down carbon dioxide and hydrogen and the result is they produce methane.

They have no way of processing this gas so the cows burp it up. “On average, a cow produces 220 pounds of methane per year, around half the emissions of an average car. Cows are currently responsible for around 4% of global warming.”

Genetically engineering the cow microbiome in order to eliminate methane emissions is a real priority. “They could wipe out the world's largest human-made source of methane and help change the trajectory of planetary warming.”

SOLUTION NO. 46

Invest \$2 billion in DNA transfer research to genetically engineer microbes in the cow stomach to eliminate methane emissions.

GEOHERMAL

Many scientists believe that geothermal technology is the primary answer to our global warming issue. It is a function of:

“Harnessing the heat originating at the Earth's core as hot water flows up through porous rock, picking up heat energy that turns into steam along the way. The amount of available geothermal energy beneath our feet is

estimated to amount to 50,000 times more than the global total of oil and gas combined."

It is renewable energy at its finest and is not dependent, like wind and solar, on weather conditions. These geothermal manufacturing plants can run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In addition, they require employees that turn out to be a 1:1 ratio with oil jobs. In other words, for every job they replace in the oil industry, they create a new one in the geothermal industry.

SOLUTION NO. 47

Consider centering geothermal energy as a prime basis for combating global warming.

And finally:

SOLUTION NO. 48

Establish a Committee on God's Universe that tracks all of the government's environmental investments and partnerships and produces a report card that measures PRECISELY the progress being made for the world to know.

PHASE 4: LOST FAITH / TRUST / BELIEF IN GOVERNMENT

FAITH IN INSTITUTIONS

"If Vietnam and Watergate taught Americans to mistrust their leaders, the energy crisis (of the seventies) taught them that government didn't work."

That was quickly followed by Ronald Reagan stating emphatically that, "Government isn't the solution to the problem, government is the problem." A mind-blowing quote that captured perfectly Republican's approach to governance.

As a result: "In 2023, just 26 percent of Americans expressed confidence in our institutions." In a 2022 Pew poll, "fewer than a quarter of Americans said they were 'basically content' with the performance of the federal government."

We've spent a great deal of time elucidating the Republican's Big Rip and the fact that they turned the entirety of the government completely against the middle and lower classes. Stole \$50 trillion from them.

This is directly responsible for their stagnation in income and the primary reason those on the right don't believe in government. Don't trust it. Believe that it's rigged against them and that there is no way to ever reverse that. That they are powerless and therefore hopeless.

GOVERNMENT COMPETENCE

Time to give the devil its due. It turns out that Republicans have demonstrated beyond any doubt that the government can actually excel at achieving objectives. Look no further than the Big Rip.

Reagan enacted a paradigm shift wherein he turned the entirety of the government to enhancing the wealthy. And was successful beyond anything he and his buddies could

have ever imagined in their wildest fantasies. Managed to steal \$50 trillion and still no one knows about it. It's going on to this day. Every day.

Government at its finest.

It's a blueprint that fortunately can work in two directions. For 40 plus years they've used it to rape and pillage the countryside. We are now going to undo every single molecule of this paradigm shift and fix most of what ails the contrary.

SOLUTION NO. 49

Conservative government was phenomenally competent at re-engineering the economy to prosper the wealthy. It took real ingenuity and discipline to achieve its objective. Use this same competence to reverse EVERY MOLECULE of the plan and demonstrate to the public it CAN accomplish things it sets out to do.

FIRST AND FOREMOST BY FOLLOWING THE PRESCRIPTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN TO RAISE YOUR INCOME.

WARP SPEED

How about a more recent, stunning achievement? Operation Warp Speed.

“Developing, testing, manufacturing, and deploying a new vaccine typically takes a decade or more. OWS, which accomplished the feat in months, belongs in the pantheon of U.S. innovation triumphs, along with the Manhattan Project and the Apollo moon-landing program.” L35

The statistics were daunting. After typically years, vaccines that reach the second phase of clinical trials have a failure rate of 14 in 15. Only one of 15 typically ends up getting licensed.

We had to get it right and then of course produce 300 million doses in a matter of months. Under the most trying conditions. OWS had to synchronize the work of hundreds of public and private entities. USA! USA! USA!

By the way, China never really got it together. Their best vaccine was only 60% as effective as ours but they were too embarrassed to admit it and purchase supplies from us.

SOLUTION NO. 50

The United States should have at least one operation warp speed project going on at all times. For example, the Department of Housing and Urban Development should devote itself to eliminating America's 4-million-unit housing shortage.

Be it mandated that the first warp speed program consists of the government immediately initiating a warp speed project to eliminate permanently the housing shortage in the country.

THE SUPREME COURT / AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS

"Right now, America's got the best Supreme Court that money can buy, which is a pretty awful Supreme Court. We need the best Supreme Court that money *can't* buy."

Representative Jamie Raskin

Our current Supreme Court constitutes an existential threat on their own. They are quite literally enemies of the state, doing everything they can to facilitate Reagan's Big Rip and to cleave the country in two.

They are also the single biggest threat to the American Prosperity Program. They would almost surely legalize pretty much every environmental law that would be passed. It's possible the country can't survive much more than a few more years of these people.

What Josef Mengele (R-Auschwitz) was to medicine, so too are Messrs. Alito, Thomas, Roberts and Gorsuch to the law. There is no doubt that Roberts will go down as the worst Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in America's history. The damage done under his reign will live in infamy. At least legal infamy.

"America may soon be forced to decide if it's going to continue to be governed as a constitutional monarchy, with nine unelected royals who have final say on everything, or if we are to revert to being a democratic republic as was largely the case before the late 1800s when America's first industrial era oligarchs corrupted the Court."

They seem little interested in the rule of law. They are at base political hacks who, not even in a terribly bright way, torture and abuse the law to justify the most obscene right wing positions.

“The ‘mischiefs of faction’ the Founders so feared have overridden the necessary niceties of good character, civic virtue, and the rule of law.”

The conservative justices have, over the years, seen harbingers of tyranny in union organizing, environmental regulations, civil-rights laws, and universal-health-care plans.

At the essence of this horror show is what is known as textualism and originalism. They are used in all manner to cover every sin. Taken to absurd heights.

“Textualism and its constitutional big cousin — originalism — became the intellectual coin of the realm in the late 1980s, with the arrival of Justice Antonin Scalia. Conservatives embraced these theories as tools necessary to constrain judges from substituting their own policy preferences for the supposedly discernible dictates of language.”

Justice Elena Kagan in a biting 2022 dissent, noting, “the current Court is textualist only when being so suits it.” And there you have it.

In his 28 years on the Supreme Court, Justice Stephen G. Breyer authored some 200 dissents. His was a considered, reasoned approach to judging. Instead of originalism and textualism, he endorses an interpretive method that came before, under which judges would read text, yes, “but also look to additional sources, from legislative history to historical practice to underlying purpose to statutory purpose to simple common sense.”

Breyer's favorite example:

“A woman is riding a train from Nantes to Paris with a basket of 20 live snails. The conductor told her she had to pay up, citing rules that required each “animal” to have a ticket. The woman protests, insisting that the requirement was surely meant for cats and dogs, not escargots.”

This court's conservatives and their originalism would rule that each escargot has to have its own ticket. Liberals would of course rule the other way. And I ask, which one is moronic?

“As the expression goes, trust is built in drops and lost in buckets, and this bucket is going to take a very long time to refill.” M65

And how about the total absence of ethics? Justice Clarence Thomas has received (at least) \$4.7 million worth of gifts, many from individuals with business before the court. He received over 200 gifts but reported only 22.

His wife actively participated in the overthrow attempt on January 6th and yet he refuses to recuse himself.

The Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act to require a binding code of ethics and transparency measures for justices. This is a popular bipartisan idea, with support levels of 90 percent in one poll.

Nope. Not with this Supreme Court.

SOLUTION NO. 51

Establish a mandatory retirement age of 70. That gets rid of Alito, Roberts, Thomas and Sotomayer. Then make it illegal for anyone born on August 29th to serve on the Supreme Court. There goes Gorsuch. That law is no more bizarre than the bullshit that McConnell pulled.

That leaves Kavanaugh, Barrett, Jackson, and Kagan. Add five more liberal justices and the United States of America has a chance to survive.

SOLUTION NO. 52

First Week: Undo Citizens United, the Voting Rights Act evisceration, Dobbs, Chevron, and Presidential immunity. That's just Week One.

TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS

There is only one way to re-establish trust in institutions. And not just the government. But the only solution applies equally to all institutions - governmental, religious, social etc. It is just one word. RESULTS. Certified. Objective. Tangible. NOTHING ELSE MATTERS.

The government needs to demonstrate that it can actually make a difference in people's lives. For the better. This requires transparency. On all levels. And in our

scenario, it has to happen quickly. We have 54 micro-solutions. All of which can be implemented immediately. Several of which will have an impact quickly.

For example:

The American Prosperity Program is not a new political party. It is a bipartisan mechanism by which an independent commission proposes legislation, generates support to get it passed and then monitors its progress.

It's completely culture warrior agnostic. The only purpose of every one of the 54 solutions is to improve the lives of all Americans. To restore the American Dream. To undo all the damage done by Reagan and those that followed him.

Republicans can still wallow in victimization and grievance and fight the culture wars. Democrats can do what Democrats do. No one is asking either to stop any of that behavior. Just vote right on the American Prosperity Program. That's it. And then let the magic happen.

SOLUTION NO. 53

Each of the 54 solutions will be delineated into individual steps, each of which has a timeline. We subscribe to the notion that if you can't measure it, you shouldn't be doing it. This timeline will form the basis of the Quarterly Report Cards showing what has been accomplished, and what hasn't. What's on time and what's behind time.

FULL TRANSPARENCY. REGULAR ENGLISH.

The American Prosperity Program will issue Quarterly Report Cards that are brutal in their honesty. Will detail exactly what has been accomplished, what hasn't been accomplished, what are the obstacles to providing benefit.

PHASE 5: SOCIAL RUPTURE

AFFECTIVE POLARIZATION

Affective Polarization: in which citizens ***are more motivated by who / what they oppose than who / what they support.***

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The solution to polarization is contained in the 54 solutions advocated for previously. We just have one last one to add. In a further attempt for individuals to get outside themselves and outside their group, we fervently believe community service should be mandatory.

A plumber going to a technical school and spending an hour sharing his knowledge with young men and women studying to become plumbers. A woman's group baking tuna casseroles for elderly shut-ins. Large businesses sending talented executives to mentor small businesses. The list is endless.

It would help foster a sense of community. Especially if the community service was done in groups. Participation would be an indication of how the country is healing. Democrat or Republican, all community service is outstanding.

SOLUTION NO. 54

Starting immediately all Americans 12 years and older will spend one hour per month performing community service as mandated by the federal government. Hopefully over time, of its own volition, people will devote more of their time to this.

If for no other reason than gratitude for what the government has done for them overall. Employers will set aside this hour with pay.

Can you imagine? 175 million hours of community service per month? Now that would be a beautiful blessing to behold.