

UNCOMMON SENSE

A Manual for American Resistance

*On the Present Crisis, the Duty to Resist,
and the Restoration of the Republic*

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Third Edition

"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."

—Abraham Lincoln, 1861

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THE FIVE ALARMS

We are no longer in a political disagreement.

We are in a constitutional crisis.

Recognize these signs:

I. SECRET POLICE: Unidentified, unaccountable federal forces now operate on American soil. They detain citizens and non-citizens without warrant or due process, deporting thousands. They operate a network of detention camps on U.S. soil. This is not law enforcement; it is state terror and the machinery of a police state.

II. LAWLESS EXECUTIVE: The President threatens to invade sovereign neighbors and wages economic war with tariffs that harm our own citizens. The rule of law is replaced by the whim of one man.

III. COLLAPSED OPPOSITION: The political opposition has abdicated its duty, offering silence or compliance. The two-party charade is over; the stage is empty save for the tyrant and his accomplices.

IV. COERCIVE FEDERALISM: States that dare to defend their citizens' rights are threatened with federal retaliation. The founders' shield of state sovereignty is being shattered by the very government it was meant to restrain.

V. THE SILENT COUP: The Corporate Oligarchy (also known as the **Parasite Class**) has completed its merger with the state. Their capital funds the secret police. Their media broadcasts the propaganda. They have traded their lobbyists for badges, protecting their \$80 trillion theft with the machinery of tyranny.

This is the crisis our ancestors feared.

The catalyst is irrelevant; the result is lawless power. Whether triggered by the imperatives of a dying oligarchy, the panic of climate denial, or the simple culmination of decades of impunity, we are faced not with a cause to debate, but with a fact to resist: the Constitution is under direct assault.

INTRODUCTION

The Choice Before Us

For decades, a Parasite Class executed a silent theft of our prosperity. Having secured their wealth, they have now launched a silent coup to secure their power. This manual is for the resistance to that coup.

Stagnation is the quiet force against which all living things contend. We have felt its weight for decades in a system rigged for the few. Now we have passed from stagnation into seizure. The slow erosion has become a violent theft—not only of our prosperity, but of our very rights.

Repeated abuses of power, like the slow erosion of stone by water, gradually wear down the oppressor's own defenses. Their true face is thus laid bare. We have not escaped monarchy; we have merely updated its design. The crown has been traded for a corporate logo, the scepter for a shareholder report, and now, the royal decree for a secret police bulletin.

This is our reality. A free people must possess the clarity to recognize injustice, and the courage to act—not merely to restore what was, but to build what must be. Here, the modern oppressor—a **Parasite Class** that has hoarded our nation's wealth and now consolidates its power—will find its crimes detailed.

The author has refrained from personal attack, for the corrupt are undone by their own deeds. By focusing solely on the system, we gain a terrible clarity of what we have allowed to fester.

Freedom, justice, and self-determination are not American inventions; they are the innate longings of all humanity. Our nation was founded as a great experiment to secure them for its People, not to auction them to the highest bidder. That auction is now closed. The gavel has fallen. Our new owners are installing their private security.

Our answer to their corrupt compact is a **new covenant of civic trust**—sworn not to any institution, but to one another and to the future. The awareness of tyranny, oppression, and war is a burden shared by every human endowed with the power of feeling; to this Class, regardless of establishment criticism, belongs the

AUTHOR

"Who the Author of this Production is, is wholly unnecessary to the Public, as the Object for Attention is the Doctrine itself, not the Man. Yet it may not be unnecessary to say, That he is unconnected with any Party, and under no sort of Influence public or private, but the influence of reason and principle."

—Thomas Paine, February 14, 1776

"No pride for some of us without liberation for all of us."

— Marsha P. Johnson, c. 1975

Our fight is for that liberation. It begins with seeing clearly.

It continues only if we stand united behind *something*.

I. THE SILENT COUP

FROM OLIGARCHY TO CORPORATE FASCISM

“Society in every state is a blessing, but government even in its best state is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one...”

– Thomas Paine, 1776

The great patriot Paine captured this paradox. A government, formed to protect us, can become the instrument of our oppression. There is no deeper injustice than a people compelled to pay for their own subjugation.

We seek a government that faithfully uses our common treasure to secure our safety, liberty, and prosperity. For a time, the promise of such a republic seemed to hold.

That promise has been broken. We have not escaped the grasp of monarchy. We have witnessed its evolution into something more insidious. A new sovereign reigns; its authority is measured in dollars, dictated by a social media post, and enforced by unmarked vehicles.

"The politicians are put there to give you the idea that you have freedom of choice. You don't. You have no choice. You have owners. They own you."

– George Carlin, 2005

This is the engine of our new system: the **Corporate Oligarchy**. A small, parasitic class has leveraged propaganda, manufactured desire, and perpetuated debt to engineer a profound transformation. The citizen was reduced to the **consumer**. They crafted the perfect slave for a modern age: one who cherishes their chains as tokens of personal choice.

This was no natural tide. It was a deliberate conquest. The turning point was 1971, marked by a treasonous document: the **“Powell Memo.”** This was a corporate declaration of war against the American people, a blueprint for seizing the institutions meant to restrain capital: our courts, media, universities, and government. Its author was rewarded with a seat on the Supreme Court. What

followed was a coordinated, half-century campaign where our democracy was transformed from a public forum into a private auction.

Their dominion depended on a vast tapestry of illusions. The most potent ideology is not the machine you rage against, but the one you breathe without noticing.

The corpse of neoliberal society decays in our midst, polluting everything it touches. Its morbid values—mindless self-indulgence, aggressive individualism, the commodification of every human connection—entangle every new, fresh, and brave effort. This corpse poisons our art, our culture, and our politics, insisting that the only possible future is a slightly updated version of the present. It is the source of the cultural nihilism that leaves us feeling empty amidst plenty, convincing us that because this rotting corpse is all we have ever known, it is all that can ever be.

The grand spectacle that perpetuated this was the two-party charade. It was not a great battle of opposing ideas. It was, as Helen Keller identified over a century ago, a choice between “Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum.” A professional wrestling match, where the contenders draw paychecks from the same promoter. We were the audience, sold overpriced concessions and told to invest our passion in a scripted outcome.

But the theft has now escalated from economics to sovereignty. The **Parasite Class** is no longer content with stealing our wealth. It now requires the absolute protection of its plunder. To secure this, it has executed a **Silent Coup**, merging fully with the state apparatus.

This merger is the definition of **Corporate Fascism**: the fusion of private monopoly power with unaccountable state force. The corporation provides the capital, the data, and the propaganda. The state provides the legal pretext, the badges, and the guns.

We must now speak plainly of the man at the center of this coup and the sycophants who crown him.

Do not mistake him for a mere politician. Politicians seek office. This man seeks something else: **impunity**. He does not want to govern a republic; he wants to rule an empire of his own interests, unbound by law, court, or conscience. His every action—the secret police, the threats of invasion, the economic warfare—has a single purpose: to test and break every constraint on his personal power. He is conducting a live-fire exercise against the Constitution itself.

But an emperor is nothing without his court. His power is a weapon, but they are the ones who load, aim, and fire it. They are the true architects of the day-to-day tyranny. Look at the faces around him. You will see three kinds of souls, each damned in their own way:

The Zealot (The “Little Mephistopheles”): This is the whispering advisor, the ideologue of cruelty. He is not driven by greed, but by a terrifying, clean-hearted belief in purity and power. He drafts the memos justifying torture. He coins the dehumanizing slogans. He devises the legalistic traps to snare the vulnerable. His mind is a filing cabinet of resentments, and he has been waiting his whole life for a ruler amoral enough to let him implement its contents. He provides the emperor with a philosophy of malice.

The Oligarch (The Banker of Bastardy): This is the modern robber-baron who sees democracy as inefficient and human rights as sentimental. He funds the emperor's campaigns not for policy, but for payback: deregulation, tax cuts, and the crushing of organized labor. He whispers that technology can replace democracy, that data-mining can ensure control, that the public square should be a privately-owned platform. He trades his wealth for the emperor's protection, building a techno-feudal fiefdom on the ashes of the republic. He provides the emperor with a treasury of stolen gold.

The Viceroy (The Willing Executioner): This is the opportunist, the grinning collaborator from the provinces. She seeks the emperor's favor and will do anything to keep it. She volunteers her state as a laboratory for his cruelest policies. She rushes to vilify the victims of state violence, to prove her loyalty through her callousness. She confuses ruthlessness for strength, and obedience for patriotism. She provides the emperor with a willing hand to wield the whip.

This is the heart of the regime: a hollow man's hunger for godhood, surrounded by the clever, the rich, and the cruel who have staked their souls on his rise.

To focus only on the emperor is to miss the cancer. The cancer is the **collaboration**. It is the merger of his monstrous ambition with their specialized evils. The Zealot gives it a theory. The Oligarch gives it money. The Viceroy gives it a smile and a boot.

They have made a simple, devil's bargain: *You give us power, and we will give you the world.* They are building a throne from the rubble of our institutions, and they are doing it because they believe you are too afraid, too divided, or too bought off to stop them.

They are betting on your despair. Prove them wrong.

The face of this regime may change. The emperor may fall, be replaced, or pass from the scene. Do not be distracted. The cancer is the collaboration. It is the system that fuses private monopoly with state violence, that trades legal impunity for political loyalty, that turns public office into a private franchise.

This machinery—the Corporate Oligarchy, perfected into Corporate Fascism—now exists. It has its own protocols, its own financiers, and its own guardians. It will seek new faces to wear, new slogans to chant. Our task is not to topple one figurehead and declare victory. It is to dismantle the machine itself, so that no future emperor can ever again plug into its power.

The secret police are their enforcement arm. The weaponized tariffs are their economic battering ram. The compliant media is their Ministry of Truth. They have moved from exploiting a system to becoming the system. Their historic theft, detailed in the next chapter, provided the \$80 trillion war chest for this takeover. Their corruption of our representatives appointed the judges who sanctioned it. Their colonization of our attention has left a population too distracted and divided to see the prison walls being erected in real time.

Corruption, if left to fester, does not simply persist; it consumes. It eats away at the soul of a nation until nothing remains but the hollow

shell of its institutions. The Parasite Class has introduced this infection into the heart of our republic, and it has now metastasized into a full-blown tyranny.

A government that hesitates to purge itself of this blight becomes indistinguishable from the oppressor it was constituted to restrain. That transformation is now complete. We are no longer being robbed.

We are being occupied.

Understand the sequence. It is not complex.

First, they stole the money.

Through wage theft, monopolistic gouging, tax evasion, and the great diversion of productivity into their accounts, they extracted an estimated **eighty trillion dollars** from the labor of the American people. This was not a competitive triumph. It was a systemic looting.

Then, they purchased the state.

That stolen \$80 trillion was not hoarded in vaults or invested, it was deployed as capital. It funded the lobbyists who wrote the laws, the campaigns that installed the judges, and the media empires that shaped the reality in which theft was called 'growth' and greed was called 'virtue.' Their economic power became political power.

Now, they enforce the theft with violence.

This is the final, logical stage. When a people, pushed into desperation by this engineered scarcity, dare to demand their fair share—to question the legitimacy of the debt, to strike for a living wage, to protest the poisoning of their water—the regime faces a choice: concede the theft, or defend it by force. They have chosen force. The unmarked vans, the secret police, the laws criminalizing protest—these are not tools for 'public safety.' They are the **privately-funded enforcement arm of the \$80 trillion robbery.** They stole your future, and now they bill you for the army that ensures you never reclaim it.

This is the silent coup laid bare. It is a protection racket on a national scale. They are not governing; they are collecting.

“We must get down to the basic fact that the class which has the power to rob upon a large scale has also the power to control the government and legalize their robbery.”

– Eugene V. Debs, 1918

Debs saw the truth. The power to rob on a grand scale is the power to take over the state. They have legalized their robbery. Now, they are using the state to criminalize our resistance to it.

II. THE THEFT THAT BUILT THE TYRANNY

“Our problems stem from our acceptance of this filthy, rotten system.”

– Dorothy Day, 1970

To understand the strength of the occupation, you must understand its funding. I will deal only in facts, figures, and plain *common sense*.

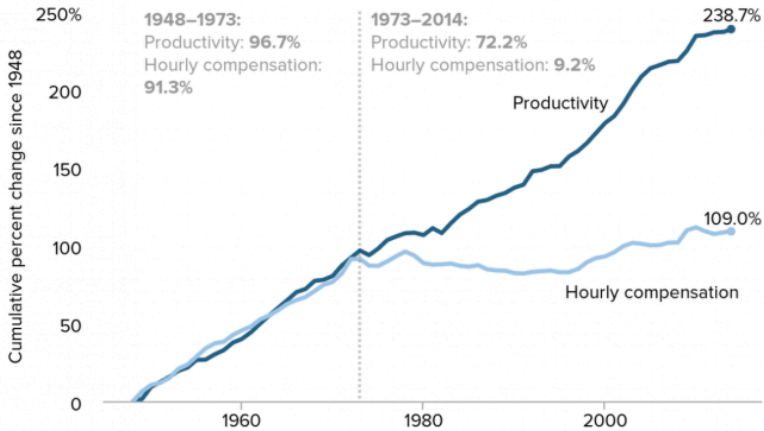
A robbery provided the capital for this coup. Over recent decades, a sum approaching **eighty trillion dollars** has been systematically transferred from the bottom 90% of Americans into the hands of the top 1%. This is not wealth generated anew; it is wealth *extracted*. It is the war chest of the new regime.

The \$80 trillion is an abstraction until you see your piece of it. This is not a national debt. It is a personal debt owed to you. This is what was stolen to fund the armies of lawyers, lobbyists, and now, unmarked forces.

That \$80 trillion represents approximately **\$600,000 stolen from every American household**. In wages not paid, prices artificially inflated, services not provided, healthcare denied, housing commodified. While you wondered why you couldn't save, your \$600,000 was building their private state.

The evidence is visual and undeniable. Since the 1970s, the line showing the total economic value created by workers, and the line showing the wages they took home, rose together. Then, they violently diverge. Productivity soars. Wages flatline.

That ever-widening chasm is not a mystery. **It is the eighty trillion dollars**. It is the visual proof of the siphoning of our labor. You contributed more to a wealthy economy while earning less, because the system was engineered to harvest your reward.



Note: Data are for average hourly compensation of production/nonsupervisory workers in the private sector and net productivity of the total economy. "Net productivity" is the growth of output of goods and services minus depreciation per hour worked.

"Some will rob you with a gun. And some with a fountain pen."
 – Woody Guthrie

The "Powell Memo" was the declaration. "Trickle-Down Economics" was the weaponized doctrine—a fairy tale that unleashed greed and stagnated wages for decades. The consequences are measured in ruined lives. For an estimated \$25 billion, a mere **0.03%** of the stolen \$80 trillion, **we could house every unhoused American.** The Parasite Class could have solved a humanitarian crisis with a rounding error. They chose to invest in control instead.

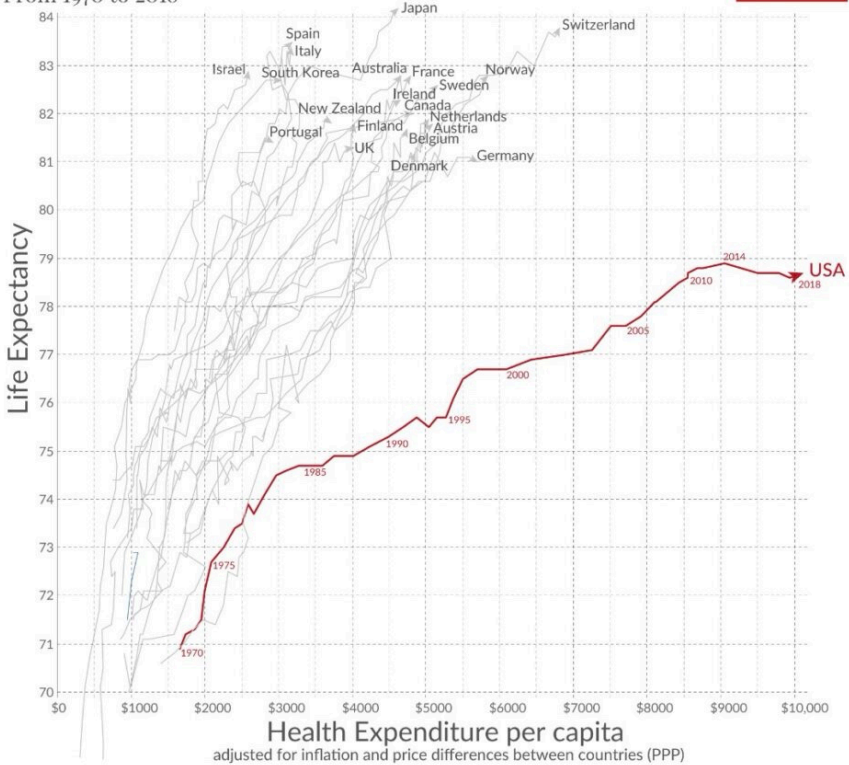
We feel this theft in our grocery stores, where five corporations control 80% of sales, poisoning and gouging us. We feel it in our healthcare, where we pay twice as much for care that leaves us dying younger than most modern nations.

This reveals the core truth: the poverty they engineered was never an accident. It was **intentional**. It was profitable. It was the perfect tool of control—until control required more direct means.

Life expectancy vs. health expenditure

Our World
in Data

From 1970 to 2018



Data source: OECD — Note: Health spending measures the consumption of health care goods and services, including personal health care (curative care, rehabilitative care, long-term care, ancillary services, and medical goods) and collective services (prevention and public health services as well as health administration), but excluding spending on investments. Licensed under CC-BY by the author Max Roser.

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The infrastructure of our control was beta-tested abroad and perfected at home. The Patriot Act, born of legitimate fear after 9/11, was the Trojan horse. It normalized the mass surveillance that a whistleblower, Edward Snowden, revealed was turned not just on foreign enemies, but on every citizen. The 'War on Terror' provided the forever-war logic and the unaccountable budgets. Today, that same logic—the nebulous enemy, the suspension of rights, the secret courts—is applied to a new 'enemy': the American citizen who dares to dissent. The terrorism justifying the new secret police is not jihad, but the threat to their \$80 trillion plunder.

They mastered the alchemy of **socializing risk and privatizing profit**. When their fraud collapsed the economy in 2008, they received taxpayer-funded bailouts and bonuses. They are the true **Welfare Kings**, their fortunes seeded by the public treasury they now despise. A similar robbery was perfected during the 2020 Covid Pandemic: corporations engaged in historic price gouging while the ultra-wealthy had their massive, taxpayer-funded PPP loans outright forgiven—a state-sanctioned transfer from the public coffers to private oligarchs.

This stolen wealth allowed them to devour the American dream itself. Corporate investors now own one in five California homes. In cities like Atlanta, it's nearly two in five. Firms like Blackstone are the digital feudal lords, turning homes into perpetual revenue streams and entire generations into permanent renters.

To keep us divided as they plotted consolidation, they deployed cunning diversions: the hollow performance of wokeness from union-busting corporations, the non-stop culture war theatrics. They wanted us fighting over identity so we wouldn't notice we were all being trampled in a class war.

Now, they have turned our democracy itself into a casino. Private betting platforms, operating in legal grey zones, allow wagers on elections, court verdicts, and legislation. This is not entertainment; it is the ultimate corruption of civic life. More damning are the "miracle" bets—huge, perfectly-timed wagers by anonymous parties that foreshadow shocking political or judicial outcomes. Their deregulation has **legalized front-running on the fate of the nation**. It is a flashing neon sign that the system is rigged, that insiders with foreknowledge are allowed to monetize the betrayal of the public trust. They are not just stealing our labor; they are placing side-bets on the theft of our sovereignty.

"The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed."

– Steven Biko, c. 1970

Their final conquest was of our attention and our time. Companies like Meta and Google turned our lives into a data mine to predict and

manipulate us. Consumerism became the perfection of slavery because it is voluntary. Our 'free time' is a curated marketplace. Our master's new whip is inescapable debt—student, medical, credit card—a systemic strategy to produce a compliant, exhausted workforce.

You are not what you own. They sold you a lie that happiness is a commodity, replacing civic bonds with lonely consumption. The result is a population that is isolated, insecure, and manageable.

This theft purchased the decay we see: crumbling roads, bankrupting healthcare, unaffordable homes. It purchased the political corruption: *Citizens United* making elections auctions, the *Patriot Act* birthing a surveillance state.

And now, we see what the final investment has purchased.

The \$80 trillion theft built the infrastructure, funded the propaganda, and purchased the loyalty that now allows a lawless executive to deploy secret police, threaten invasions, and silence opposition. It is the foundation of the tyranny described in the Five Alarms. The economic coup is complete. The political coup is underway.

But as the escaped slave and great abolitionist Frederick Douglass instructed us:

"Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

For decades, our demands were scattered. Our anger was misdirected. Now, the demand is simple, and the enemy is clear. We must demand our republic back.

III. THE SHIELD OF FEDERALISM:

A CONSTITUTIONAL PATH TO RESISTANCE

“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.”

– James Madison, *Federalist No. 45*

The founders, fresh from their struggle against a distant tyrant, built a system of divided power for a reason. They did not create a simple, top-down command structure. They created a compound republic. When one part becomes corrupted, the other parts are designed to check it, to hold the line, and to protect the people.

This is not a theory. It is our constitutional lifeline.

The federal executive has broken its compact. It deploys secret police, threatens peaceful states, and governs by fiat. In this moment, the governments closest to the people—your **state legislature, your governor, your county sheriff, your city council**—are not subordinate agencies. They are sovereign entities duty-bound by their own oaths to defend your rights.

This is the principle of **interposition**. It is the right and obligation of a lesser magistrate to refuse to enforce unlawful, unconstitutional edicts from a higher authority. It is the legal and moral shield against tyranny.

We therefore call upon every state and local official who has sworn an oath to the Constitution to enact the following strategy of lawful resistance:

1. Nullify Unlawful Orders.

State legislatures must pass laws invalidating federal directives that violate constitutional rights. This includes: refusing the deployment of unidentified federal forces on state soil; prohibiting state and local law enforcement from collaborating with them; and shielding state data and resources from federal overreach.

2. Investigate and Interpose.

State attorneys general must open investigations into every abuse of power. County sheriffs, as the highest elected law-enforcement officers in their jurisdictions, must interpose themselves between federal agents and the citizens they are sworn to protect, demanding to see warrants and enforcing state law.

3. Form Free-State Compacts.

Governors of states defending their citizens must form official compacts with one another. They must share intelligence, coordinate legal strategies, pool resources, and guarantee mutual aid. This creates a network of lawful governance that can withstand federal coercion. A single state standing alone can be pressured. A bloc of states, representing tens of millions of Americans, is a formidable constitutional force.

4. Prepare to Convene.

State legislatures must prepare to use the ultimate constitutional tool placed in their hands: **Article V**. The purpose is to call a convention of the states, not to beg for reform from a corrupted capital, but to propose amendments that restore the balance of power. If necessary, such a gathering must stand ready to serve as the legitimate governing council for a constitutional republic in exile, should the federal government fully collapse into lawlessness.

This is not secession. This is **faithful execution**. It is the system working as designed in a crisis its designers foresaw.

The role of the people—of every Patriot and every **Liberty Chapter**—is to create an unbreakable mandate for this action. Pack town halls. Demand your local officials take a stand. Support those who do. Recall those who collaborate. Your local organization is the grassroots foundation upon which this shield of federalism is raised.

The goal is to create a space—physical, legal, and political—where the Constitution still lives. A space where rights are respected, where law enforcement is transparent and

accountable, and where community, not fear, is the governing principle.

We are not dissolving the Union. We are defending its true architecture against those who have vandalized it from within. The battle is not between left and right. It is between **law and lawlessness**.

"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

– Dante

IV. THE RESISTANCE MANUAL:

URGENCY AND ACTION

The time for analysis is over. The time for action is now. What follows is not a political platform. It is a civic survival guide. Your power does not lie in matching their brutality. It lies in systematically withdrawing your consent and building unassailable communities.

This work is the purview of the **Covenant of Civic Trust**. We are not forming another political party. We are a decentralized, solemn, mutual pledge among citizens to use our collective power to restore constitutional order and build a just future. The 'Trust' is our shared duty. The 'Covenant' is our binding promise to one another. What follows is your guide to fulfilling it.

A. Your Personal Duty: See, Document, Connect.

Your first weapon is awareness. Your second is recording.

See Clearly: Reject the spectacle. Doubt the headline designed to enrage you. See the economic riot for what it is: a distraction from the silent coup. **We must learn to see with eyes unclouded by hate.** Our fight is not against our neighbor, duped by the same lies, but against the system that manufactures those lies. Clarity, not rage, is our compass.

Document Everything: Assume your phone is a tool for both surveillance and evidence. Learn to securely record and back up videos of abuses. Note dates, times, unit numbers, vehicle descriptions. This documentation is the evidence for future reckoning and the immediate counter to state lies.

Know Your Rights & Their Limits: Memorize this: "I am going to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer." Do not physically resist an unlawful order. Verbally refuse consent, and demand to see a warrant. Understand that these rights are under attack, which makes documenting the attack that much more critical.

Connect Immediately: Your isolation is their advantage. This week, identify three trusted neighbors. Establish a simple, secure check-in system. This is your first, essential network.

B. Your Community's Armor: Mutual Aid as Civil Defense.

Resilience is resistance. A community that can care for itself cannot be easily controlled.

Build a Liberty Chapter: This is the core unit. It is not a debate society or political club. It is a **civil defense group**. Its functions are: mutual aid, information sharing, legal observation, and community defense. Find the *Liberty Handbook* at [Appleseed2028.com/build](https://appleseed2028.com/build) for the exact steps: how to host your first House Meeting, create a Community Care Grid, and organize your neighborhood. Be brave, kind, and vigilant.

Create Third Spaces: Reclaim physical spaces that exist outside the predatory market and state control: community gardens, tool libraries, skill-sharing workshops, free clinics. Consider courting small businesses like book stores, gyms, and coffee shops. These are the nurseries of a free society and buffers against scarcity.

Organize Your Workplace & Home: Tenants' unions protect against predatory landlords. Workplace solidarity protects against retaliatory firings. These are not merely economic acts; they are the building of democratic power in everyday life.

Concentration Camp Monitoring & Disruption: Establish ongoing observation of known detention facilities. Document transports. Organize community vigils and nonviolent protests at the gates to disrupt operations and uphold the principle that such facilities must never operate in secret or without relentless public witness.

C. To Those in Uniform: A Direct Appeal.

To the service members, National Guard, police officers, and sheriffs: you carry a sacred, public trust. Your oath is to the **Constitution**, not to a man, a party, or a secretive directorate.

The domestic enemy wears no foreign uniform. It operates from within corrupted institutions, issuing unlawful orders. Your duty in this moment is one of moral discernment. It is to protect the people, not to terrorize them. It is to enforce the law, not the edicts of a lawless regime.

Don't be the instrument of your family's subjugation. History will judge which side of the badge you stood on. Choose the Constitution.

D. The Ultimate Leverage: The 2028 General Strike

They have the money. We have the numbers, the labor, and the vote.

"Never be deceived that the rich will allow you to vote away their wealth."

– *Lucy Parsons, 1905*

Our ultimate non-violent power is the **collective and simultaneous withdrawal of our consent**. We therefore declare a **National General Strike to commence on Monday, November 6, 2028**.

This strike has one purpose: **to break the regime's hold and restore a legitimate constitutional process**. It will not end with a one-day protest. It will continue until the following non-negotiable conditions are met:

- 1. The Immediate Cessation of Illegitimacy: Disband the Secret Police & Federal Stand-Down.**

The regime's lawless enforcement arm must be dismantled. This means the **immediate disbanding of all federal paramilitary and extra-constitutional units** and the **public, verifiable stand-down of all federal agencies from election interference**. We do not petition them to be legitimate; we paralyze them until they cease their active sabotage of the Republic, creating the necessary space for lawful power to reassert itself.

- 2. The Guarantee of a Free Election: Sovereign States Secured by the People.**

A free election will not be administered by a captured

Washington. It will be **secured by sovereign states and defended by organized citizens**. Our demand is for federal non-interference, allowing states to conduct elections with paper ballots, universal registration, and transparent processes. The "guarantee" is the **Citizen Observation Network** and the **Shield of cooperating states**, which will physically secure polling places and tabulation against intimidation or fraud.

3. **The Ironclad Guarantee of Peaceful Transfer: The Covenant of the States.**

With federal institutions compromised, the guarantee of transfer cannot come from them. It must come from the **binding, public "Covenant of the States,"** where governors and legislatures pledge to certify their results, recognize the legitimate President-elect, and use all lawful state power—including the National Guard—to secure the inauguration on January 20, 2029. The strike ensures this coalition has the power and mandate to enforce the Constitution.

We strike not for a candidate, but for a **process**. Not for a party, but for a **principle**: that the people are the source of all power, and we will paralyze the nation we built until that power is returned.

This is not a call for spontaneous chaos. It is a **deadline for disciplined preparation**. A strike without a deep foundation of community mutual aid is suicide. The strike is the final demonstration, but the real work is everything we build between now and then.

1. **Education & Organizing (2026):** Spread this doctrine. Form Liberty Chapters.
2. **Building Infrastructure (2026 - 2027):** Establish robust, local networks of food, water, childcare, and communication that can sustain a community under pressure.
3. **Mass Mobilization (2028):** The coordinated, peaceful act of withdrawing our labor until conditions are met.

When we stay home, we are not hiding. We are assembling, in our communities, the true and enduring government. The strike is the

moment their empty economy meets our solid resolve. The strike is the fruit. The Liberty Chapters are the roots. Start planting now.

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time."

– Angela Davis

We do not bargain. We condition. Meet the conditions, and the Republic lives. Defy them, and you rule over nothing but ghosts and idle machines.

Our demand is for a legitimate government. Once that is restored, our next demand—as a free people—will be for that government to convene a Constitutional Convention to consider the **American Compact** and other necessary repairs. The strike secures the table. The Compact is what we bring to it.

E. Objections Answered.

“This is too extreme.” Tyranny is extreme. Refusing to submit to it is simple dignity. What is extreme is believing a regime of secret police and economic warfare will simply stop on its own.

“We must work within the system.” When the system is rigged, when the referees are on the take, playing by the rules is how you lose. We are not breaking the rules; we are returning to the original ones: the Constitution.

“Resistance will lead to chaos.” The chaos is already here. It arrives in unmarked cars. It hides behind health insurance denials. It feasts on endless college loans. Calculated, principled, non-violent resistance is the only path to restore order under liberty.

“They are too powerful.” All tyrannies appear invincible until they fall. Their power is a fiction, a spell broken the moment we stop believing in it. It depends entirely on public submission. Stop submitting.

F. The Real Emergency

We have spoken of political tyranny. But a deeper, physical tyranny approaches—one that will render all political debates moot. The regime's secret police and economic wars are a tremor. **Climate change is the earthquake.**

They are lying to you about it. The same forces that fund the think tanks dismissing science are the ones who profit from the burning world. More tellingly, follow the money of the cold calculators—the insurers and investors. They are quietly raising premiums or fleeing markets vulnerable to fire and flood. **They are betting against our future with their dollars while funding voices that tell you to look away.**

This crisis is the universal truth. It is the one emergency that affects every single one of us, regardless of party or pedigree. Our failure to secure basic rights in times of plenty guarantees tyranny in times of scarcity. The disregard for human dignity we tolerate today will be the weapon used against us tomorrow when bread runs short and coasts disappear.

“The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it.”

-Chief Joseph (Hin-mah-too-yah-lat-kekt) of the Nez Perce

This is why our resistance, and the renewal that must follow, is not optional. It is a race against the true collapse.

But our purpose is not merely to survive. It is to build a world where life is worth living. The violence that scars our nation—the school shootings, the quiet despair, the domestic terror—is not a mystery. It is the symptom of a society that has abandoned its duty of care. A community where people are healthy, secure in their homes, useful in their work, and connected to their neighbors is a community that does not turn on itself.

You cannot maintain a police state against a contented people. You cannot sell despair to a society with dignity.

Building the community resilience of our Liberty Chapters is not just political training or survival practice. **It is the direct, preemptive repair of our social fabric.** Every meal shared, every right defended, every skill taught is a stitch pulled tight against the unraveling. We are not just resisting a regime; we are proving, in real time, that a society built on mutual aid, material security, and genuine liberty is a society where the epidemic of loneliness and violence begins to recede.

The American Compact is the blueprint for that society. The Liberty Handbook is the guide to building its foundations, block by block, starting tonight. We cannot magically teleport to our destination; we must build every piece of the path along the way. This is the "something" we unite behind: the concrete, daily work of making each other safe, and in doing so, making our nation whole and our climate stable.

V. A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE CALLED EVANGELICALS

If you hear these words and live by them, you build your house on stone. If you ignore them, you build on sand, and the coming storm will leave you with nothing.

God's Word is not a dead letter. It is alive. It cuts through every lie we tell ourselves and lays bare the truth of our hearts. Do not just listen to it. Do what it says.

You cannot serve two masters. You cannot live for God and live for wealth. You will love one and hate the other.

Your life is worth more than your property. Do not let greed define you. The love of money is the root of every kind of evil, a trap that leads to ruin.

If you crush the poor to enrich yourself, or help the wealthy hoard more, you are digging your own grave.

Listen now, you rich! Weep and wail for the misery coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted. The wages you stole from your workers cry out against you. You have lived in luxury and self-indulgence while your brothers and sisters suffered. The Lord of Hosts hears their cry.

To follow Christ is to let go of everything. Sell your excess, give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Him. It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. This is why you cannot serve both God and money.

The early church understood this. They shared everything. No one claimed private ownership of any possessions. They held all things in common, and there was not a needy person among them.

This is our covenant: When your brother or sister falls into hardship, do not turn away. Uphold them. Do not profit from their struggle with interest or exploitation.

This is what the Lord requires of you: To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Stand for the oppressed. Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked. Care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. When you do this for the least of these, you do it for Christ.

This is not about punishing the wealthy. It is about fairness, that there might be equality. Your abundance should supply their needs, so that one day, their abundance may supply yours.

The cries of hypocrisy are loud, and they are justified.

We sing of mercy on Sunday yet cling to systems of greed by Monday. We build walls with one hand and hold the Bible with the other. We claim the Savior who overturned the tables in the temple, yet we bow to the idols of consumerism and nationalism. Our faith has been diluted. Its radical, generous heart has been replaced by a lukewarm ritual of personal comfort. This is not a new failure. It is an old, recurring sickness.

Look at history. The Normans plundered as Vikings, then conquered as Crusaders, their violence sanctified by a cross. The Inquisitors tortured in the name of God. The slavers of the American South twisted Scripture to justify chains. Conquistadors, colonizers, and empire-builders have all used the cloak of religion to sanctify their theft and violence.

The pattern persists.

Whenever faith is wielded to control rather than to liberate, to hoard power rather than to serve, we see the same corruption. These are not ancient ghosts. This spirit lives in our own culture. For generations, a counterfeit gospel has been woven into our understanding of blessing. It conflates divine favor with material wealth and turns the biblical concept of stewardship into a license for domination.

We see it today. In pulpits that preach a gospel of personal abundance while the poor are forgotten. In congregations that champion charity but resist the justice that would make charity unnecessary. In hearts that confuse patriotism with the Gospel and safety with righteousness.

This is the idolatry we must confront. It is not simple greed. It is a spiritual poison that sanctifies accumulation and baptizes inequality.

The early church did not just pray. It *shared*. It did not just worship. It *welcomed*. It did not accumulate. It *distributed*. This radical ethic flowed from a culture of kinship, not from a set of rules.

We are called to rebuild that culture of kinship. To teach our children that generosity is not optional, but the very mark of a heart changed by grace. To model lives where simplicity outshines excess. To create communities—**Liberty Chapters**—that become modern sanctuaries of mutual aid. Places where no one is abandoned to hunger, debt, or despair because we see each other as family.

Do not fear the world's labels. Our allegiance is to a Kingdom not of this world, and its economy runs on grace, not greed.

What they call radical, Scripture calls justice.

What they call socialism, Christ calls stewardship.

What they call weakness, God calls blessed.

The challenge before us is to root out the thorns of our culture that choke the seeds of Scripture. To reject the lie that faith is a private transaction and reclaim it as a public revolution of love. We are commanded to care for the stranger, the orphan, and the earth itself.

This is not a separate path. It is the heart of the **American Compact**. It is the vision of a society where the dignity of all is secured, where the hungry are fed and the sick are healed, not as charity, but as a sacred covenant. It is the fulfillment of the justice your heart already knows is right.

Your faith calls you to this work. Join the **Covenant of Civic Trust**. Within your Liberty Chapter, you will find others who believe that building a community of care is the deepest form of worship. This is how we stop just listening to the Word, and start living it.

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8

Let this be our culture.

Amen.

VI. THE VISION:

RESTORATION AND RECKONING

"A society that does not value its troublemakers is a society that does not value its future."

- Michael Walzer

The path ahead is not a straight line from darkness to light. It is a difficult road through the wilderness. There will be no miraculous return to "normal," for that normal was the disease. Our task is threefold, and the order is sacred: first **Restoration**, then **Reckoning**, then **Renewal**.

The First Task: Restoration of the Republic.

Before we can build anew, we must clear the rubble of lawlessness. The inaugural act of a free people must be to re-establish the rule of law, not with vengeance, but with unflinching clarity. This means using the extant, lawful powers of our remaining institutions—state legislatures, sheriffs, honest courts—to dismantle the regime's machinery, as outlined in our Shield of Federalism.

The Second Task: The Reckoning.

Once the immediate threat is neutralized, a **national reckoning** must be conducted in the full light of day.

1. **Truth:** A public accounting of every action taken by the regime.
2. **Justice:** Grand juries. Public trials. Accountability for those who gave unlawful orders and for those who carried them out, regardless of office or uniform. This is essential surgery required to remove the cancer of impunity.
3. **Repair:** Restitution for the victims.

This process will be painful. It is also non-negotiable. A wound stitched up dirty will fester and kill the patient. We must cleanse it.

The Third Task: Renewal Through a New Covenant.

With the foundation of law restored, we must build upon it a home worthy of a free people—one designed to prevent this corruption from ever taking root again. We must adopt a new social contract.

This is not a task for politicians. It is a task for We the People.

To walk this path, we are not forming another political party. We are forming a **Covenant of Civic Trust**. This is more than a name. It is our core principle: a decentralized, solemn, mutual pledge among citizens to use our collective power to ratify the American Compact and build the world it makes possible. The 'Trust' is our shared responsibility to guard this mission from corruption. The 'Covenant' is our binding promise to each other to fulfill it.

Our local Chapters are the cells of a new body politic. Our mutual aid is its circulatory system. Our strikes are its muscles. But a body needs a head and spine. Our head is the vision of the **American Compact**. Our spine is the **lawful process to enact it: a Convention of the States under Article V**. This is not a task for today or tomorrow. It is the destination that gives direction to every step we take from here on. We build community power now that will one day mandate that convention and ratify its work.

The American Compact is not a list of policies. It is a new operating system for our Republic. Simply put: it's a quarter millenia update of our Constitution.

Its genius lies in its three-tiered structure:

A Covenant of Unchanging Principles: Supreme law that establishes rights to dignity, material security, and a livable planet.

A Flexible Framework of Governance: A government redesigned to prevent corruption, with independent watchdog agencies, a reformed Supreme Court, and mechanisms for direct citizen lawmaking.

A Codex of Adaptable Operations: Detailed systems—from ranked-choice voting to public financing of elections—that can be updated by future generations without needing another revolution.

Most radically, it bakes **democratic renewal** into its core. Every 25 years, a **Citizens' Assembly**—a representative sample of the population chosen by lottery—will convene to review the nation's laws and propose updates. It makes **We the People** a permanent, governing branch.

The Compact provides the tools to achieve the dignified life we all seek: healthcare as a right, housing as a right, education without debt, an economy that serves the many. But it does so by first giving us the legitimate, uncorrupted **process** to debate and enact those guarantees ourselves.

This Compact is our positive vision. It is the “what for” of our resistance. It translates the negative freedom *from* tyranny into the positive freedom *to* build a just society.

The Spirit of the Compact: Rewilding Our Democracy.

The final goal is a new civic culture. We must **rewild our democracy**. This means moving from a culture of consumption back to a culture of citizenship. It means valuing the artisan over the algorithm, the community meeting over the viral feed. It means honoring caregiving as essential labor.

It means understanding that democracy is not a spectator sport you watch every four years. It is a muscle you exercise every day in your neighborhood, your workplace, and your Liberty Chapter.

“We have it in our power to begin the world over again.”
– Thomas Paine, 1776

Paine’s words are an instruction. The world that is dying is theirs—the world of extraction, of the individual against all. The world we must build is ours—a world of stewardship and community.

The regime believes you are too distracted, too divided, too comfortable in your chains to ever do what is necessary.

They are wrong.

The future belongs to the people who show up to build it. This is our task. This is our time.

What you can do, starting tonight:

First, get the guide. The complete manual for community defense, mutual aid, and peaceful action is The Liberty Handbook. Download it at [Appleseed2028.com/build](https://appleseed2028.com/build).

Then, choose your first step:

- **If you need to start alone:** Open the handbook to The Solo Patriot's Path (Appendix Zero). Its first actions will help you reclaim your agency and build the confidence to connect.
- **If you are ready to connect:** Use the handbook to host a conversation with three people you trust. You don't need to have the answers—just start the talk.

From these small, deliberate acts, chapters are built. From chapters, a network forms. From a network, a people finds its power.

The community power that you build today is what will ensure the 2028 national strike is successful. Be vigilant and do not lose hope. More people than you know are in your exact position right now, wondering, "What can we do?" You now have the manual.

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

– Alice Walker

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VII. THE ULTIMATE CORRUPTION: OF IMPUNITY AND THE ABUSE OF THE INNOCENT

“Where the most helpless are trafficked and abused with impunity, there can be no claim to civilization, only the rule of the predator.”

– Frederick Douglass

The theft was of more than money. The coup is of more than institutions. To understand the depth of the rot, one must confront the ultimate corruption at its heart: the ritualized abuse of the vulnerable as both a token of power and a bond of complicity.

The recent revelations—the files, the flight logs, the settlements—are not a scandal. They are an autopsy. They confirm what we have long suspected: that for decades, a network of the ultra-wealthy and powerfully connected operated a system for the trafficking, abuse, and degradation of children. This was not an underground fringe. It was a protected privilege, a grotesque perquisite of absolute impunity.

This is the logical end of the philosophy of the Parasite Class. When you believe people are commodities, when you believe wealth severs you from the bonds of common morality, when you believe laws are for the little people, this is where you arrive. It is the ultimate expression of their worldview: that everything and everyone has a price, and that their desires, no matter how depraved, constitute a right.

The machinery of the silent coup enabled this. The same stolen \$80 trillion that funded lobbyists and media empires also paid for the silence. The same corrupted institutions that look away from wage theft were designed to look away from this. The same secret police that now detain citizens without warrant are the spiritual descendants of the agencies that buried evidence, intimidated victims, and protected the powerful.

This is not a separate crime. It is the core sample of the corruption. It reveals the truth:

Their collaboration is total. They collaborate not only on taxes and tariffs, but on the covering of unspeakable sins. Their bonds are sealed in blood guilt.

Their impunity is absolute. They believe themselves above all law, human and divine.

Their contempt for the people is complete. The children they abused are your children, in the world they built for their pleasure and your servitude.

To focus only on the economic theft is to miss the full horror. They stole our security to fund their license. They hijacked our government to protect their shame. A regime that enables and covers for the systematic rape of children is not a political opponent. It is a host of evil. It cannot be reformed. It must be excised.

This knowledge must steel our resolve, not dilute our strategy. It makes the work of the Covenant of Civic Trust not merely political, but moral. Our resistance is not just about restoring a balance of power. It is about asserting a fundamental, non-negotiable truth: **There is a line. This is the line. A society that normalizes this, or allows its architects to walk free, has forfeited its soul.**

Therefore, the Reckoning we seek must include a full, unsparing investigation into this network. Every name must be brought to light. Every enabler—every fixer, every lawyer who brokered a silence, every official who buried a report—must face justice. This is not vengeance; it is the essential cleansing of a poisoned well.

Our message to the people called Evangelicals, and to all people of conscience, gains its sharpest point here: You cannot serve God and Mammon. And you certainly cannot serve God and those who sacrifice the innocent on Mammon's altar. To remain neutral in the face of this is to become complicit in its stench.

Let this be the flame that burns away all remaining illusion. The regime and the class it serves are not simply greedy or authoritarian. They are morally necrotic. Our duty is clear: to build a world where such predation is not just illegal, but impossible. A world where the

walls of power are transparent, where institutions serve the vulnerable, and where the community's watchful care—the very fabric we are weaving in our Liberty Chapters—is the first and strongest defense against the darkness.

This fight, now, is for the children they failed. It is for the future they sought to corrupt. We draw the line here. We will not allow it. We will not normalize it. We will remember, and we will build a republic worthy of the innocent.

"Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

— John Lewis

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