

## Foreword

I have known Robert Steele since 2008 when I accepted the Green Party nomination to be their candidate for President, and read his first political book, [\*ELECTION 2008: Lipstick on the Pig\*](#), which is free online as well as at Amazon.

I watched his [first video on election reform](#), six minutes in 2011 during which he presented his ideas to the Occupy Working Group on Politics & Electoral Reform - after the video was linked to from the front page of Reddit it went viral.

I took notice when he ran briefly as one of three candidates for the Reform Party presidential nomination, and appreciated the decisive manner in which he deferred to Andre Barnett after just six weeks. His website, <http://bigbatusa.org>, is going to be home for We the People.

We met in Denver in 2009 at the American Citizen's Summit organized by Joseph McCormick, which was an effort to encourage Americans to rise above party identities and work for the greater good of the US and the world. Since that Summit, Robert and I have been in regular touch. We appeared together on the Alex Jones show and we share the view that there is nothing wrong with America the Beautiful that cannot be fixed and fixed quickly, simply by restoring integrity to our government.

When Robert published his second political book, [\*Open Power: Electoral Reform Act of 2015 - Open Source Activist Tool Kit\*](#), I began to feel, for the first time, that a solid set of solutions was being brought forward, but I also understood that the "two-party tyranny," as Therese Amato calls it in her book, [\*Grand Illusion: The Myth of Voter Choice in a Two-Party Tyranny\*](#), was never, ever, going to allow the six other accredited small parties (Constitution, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Reform, Socialist) or the emerging parties (Justice, Working Families) or the Independents (or even the small "i" independents) to gain ballot access.

Then Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders exploded into being, each tapping into deep anger across what are now called the Alt Right and the Alt Left. While each has failed to fulfill their potential as liberators, I join Robert in asking for God's blessing of each of these two individuals. Donald Trump denounced the rigged system and helped each citizen understand that the Deep State owns the two-party tyranny or Establishment, and that fake news and false flags are the norm so long as the Deep State controls the government and rules in secrecy.

Robert's blinding flash of genius came recently - after he realized Donald Trump was not going to honor all his campaign promises while Bernie Sanders set out to create Sheepdog 2.0 - the People's Party subservient to the Democratic Party. He and I realized in conversation together that many thought leaders in the Black community are finally ready to leave the Democratic Party, and that there is a clear path for Alt Right and Alt Left to come together, with smaller political parties, Blacks, Latinos, and Independents as the center of gravity for a 2<sup>nd</sup> American Revolution. Here, I will clarify with more accurate language suggested by my friend, civil liberties attorney

King Downing; what we are talking about is the POP(ulist) Left and the POP Right coming together to transform politics in the US, and hence, the globe.

The essence of Robert's idea is simple: if we can agree that the Deep State is our common enemy, and agree that the restoration of integrity to our government is the only means by which the needs and beliefs of the 99% can triumph over the 1% that own and control the Deep State, then we mark that out as our common ground and come together to demand, during the summer recess, that every Member sign the Integrity Pledge.

The Integrity Pledge, when signed, commits the Member to co-sponsoring and voting for the Election Reform Act of 2017 in September when Congress returns to Washington, DC after the summer recess.

If passed in September, October, or November 2017, the Election Reform Act of 2017 would free all Members from the bonds of blackmail and bribery to which they are subject now, and enable Greens, Libertarians, and Independents among others, to be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

While I disagree with Robert that election reform is "enough," I am willing to embrace his energy as a first step in our project of transformation. Honestly, I even introduced the Voter's Choice Act while I was in Congress because it became clear to me that the US system of election administration is far from "democratic." Any system that awards 100% of the power for gaining only 50%+1 of the vote (and mostly that is from only 30%--oftentimes, even less-- of the electorate even bothering to vote) cannot in any seriousness be considered "democratic!" Moreover, recently, I've begun to investigate direct democracy as a systemic solution that restores individual sovereignty and displaces the folks whose names and faces we mostly don't know and that rule over us in the interstices of state power. Direct democracy, also embraced by former US Senator Mike Gravel, truly gives the power to the people. But this is another discussion for another day.

Unfortunately, the ineptitude of the Trump Administration, to date, is almost certain to reinvigorate the Democratic Party--a political party that, in my opinion, given its undemocratic arguments, even put forward today in US Court defending its treatment of Hillary Clinton challenger Bernie Sanders, and its unwillingness to usher in real leadership and values change, renders it a party that exists beyond its usefulness.

Even so, I agree with Robert's assessment that absent a strong movement of We The People, the Democratic Party stands a good chance of retaking the House of Representatives and maybe even the Senate. Thus, the explosive information contained in the Clinton/Podesta/DNC emails will go unaddressed and business as usual will resume in the criminal governance of the US. Even more, this positions the Deep State to decisively win by totally compromising Trump; he becomes a caricature of himself or he is impeached--rendering the same result: neutralization.

My role in all this is clear: I wholeheartedly embrace - with urgency - the importance of bringing together the Alt Left and the Alt Right (the populist or POP Left and the populist or POP Right) as a political force. I have always said that to get a different

result, we have to do what we've not done before. I want the investment that Blacks make in the political system to be reflected in policy outcomes. These policy outcomes will improve the quality of life in the Black community and in the American community. If Donald Trump would deliver POLICY to communities of color: if he would endorse community control of police departments, strengthen the financial viability of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), attack the red-lining of Black communities that occurs through gentrification and for bankster profiteering, there is absolutely no question in my mind that Donald Trump will have delivered what no Democratic Administration in recent memory has delivered: peace of mind to a community under siege and under active occupation. Many residents of Black communities in the US feel as oppressed as the Palestinians in Palestine. If Donald Trump would actually deliver to this community, he could begin the policy transformation that US voters actually voted for in 2016; he could upend the current two-party tyranny, and because of doing good works, bring out more voters in 2020 that would truly put the US on the road to dignity again.

This is a big if. I know what my goals and values are; I have never compromised on them. That is why I'm out of Congress, kicked out by the very Deep State that is running rings around Trump and his inexperienced staff right now. But, here's the thing: that same Deep State is not stronger than all of us working together. That's why it spends untold hours scheming mightily at dividing us. I think it's about time that we turn the tables on this strategy and allow our knowledge of the Deep State's criminal and otherwise nefarious behavior to actually bind us.

The Deep State is our common enemy. Election Reform is one of our common goals. By working together, I'm sure we will find even more common goals. I am ready to join with every citizen willing to step forward and fight the 2<sup>nd</sup> American Revolution.

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