

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another...they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. - United States Declaration of Independence

So be it: A Blueprint for Peaceful Revolution

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Executive Summary

We The People have been divided into a Cold Civil War¹. This divide was intentionally created by a government that does not seek the Consent of the Governed. Unverifiable "elections" leave no basis for confidence in the results reported, and make this government's power illegitimate. This government benefits from being divisive, and from the inherent uncertainty it creates with Orwellian paradoxes. This paper describes consensus-building measures to heal the divide. It is recommended that communities across the U.S. support a Voter Confidence Resolution² (VCR), modeled after the template language already adopted in Arcata, CA. Part of this campaign involves contrasting proposed election reforms with current conditions to expose the myth of democracy. Other such myths are discussed in this paper and ideas for debunking them are presented as part of the process of consensus building and divide healing. Peaceful revolution is defined as a shift in the balance of power between the government and We The People. Therefore, going from having no say in elections, to having any say at all, is necessarily revolutionary. The essentials of the VCR lay out the parameters for defining success: we must ensure conclusive election outcomes, create a *basis* for confidence in the results reported, and establish an accountable government genuinely representing us with our Consent. No one single reform can achieve all this and so we must embrace both the notion of an election reform platform, and the broader paradigm of peaceful revolution.

Context: The Cold Civil War

America is in the midst of a Cold Civil War, more commonly described as a culture war or the red state/blue state phenomenon. These oversimplifications perpetuate a set of myths, explored throughout this paper, which collectively represent what has been called The Big Lie³. Sides are chosen in this Cold Civil War based largely upon whether one continues to believe The Big Lie. Many of us may not even be sure which side we're on, a particularly insidious aspect of this Cold Civil War. Inherent uncertainty will be a common theme throughout this paper.

Millions of Americans currently suffer from cognitive dissonance as a result of The Big Lie. Cognitive dissonance is the confusing mental trap created by Orwellian contradictions, such as claims that "they" (terrorists) hate our freedoms when in fact those making such claims are the ones to formally enact legislation abridging our rights. These paradoxes inflict upon society a rift in the perception of reality. The intentional

creation of such a rift is a hallmark of The Big Lie. This is how America's Cold Civil War was created and continues to be fueled. Cognitive dissonance keeps many people in denial of The Big Lie.

The Cold Civil War has been created and fueled by those currently claiming to be the legitimate U.S. government. This regime ascended to office through "elections" whose results could not be verified and are thus illegitimate. Power and control have been consolidated using divisive issues⁴, policies⁵ and rhetoric⁶, revisionist history⁷, and shameless self-contradictory statements⁸. The purveyors of The Big Lie mockingly deride "the reality-based community," claiming "We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality -- judiciously, as you will -- we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that's how things will sort out. We're history's actors...and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do."⁹

Some readers will have no trouble accepting that quote as validation of The Big Lie's existence. Let this be a clue about which side you are on in the Cold Civil War. Across the divide from the reality-based community is the faith-based community. In this context, faith-based does not refer to religion but rather to citizens who unquestioningly accept The Big Lie, on faith.

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina raises serious doubt about the stability of U.S. domestic tranquility. Though I personally have devoted myself to a peaceful resolution, there can be no certainty that the Cold Civil War will remain cold (non-violent) for the duration. However, for the Cold Civil War to have an end, we can say for sure that intensely divided Americans will have to unite against those who have intentionally created and fueled the division. The Cold Civil War will cease to be civil as it becomes a nascent Revolutionary War that can only be concluded when We The People sufficiently unify, organize and shift the balance of power to the point where a representative government sits with the Consent of the Governed.

Consenting Citizen or Faithful Subject?

According to the Declaration of Independence, the government derives "just Power" from the Consent of the Governed. Let's take a candid look at that Consent.

- Changes to the U.S. Constitution require a two thirds vote in both houses of Congress and ratification by three quarters of the state legislatures. Yet without going through this process, the current U.S. federal government has seen fit to eliminate habeas corpus, jailing citizens without charging them with a crime and without providing a trial¹⁰. The fundamental notion of innocent until proven guilty has been removed and the Consent of the Governed is not being sought.

- Environmental legislation such as the Clear Skies Act and the Healthy Forest Act foist upon us decisions to put pollution for profit ahead of a sustainable atmosphere, and destruction of our natural Commons before conservation and

stewardship of vital natural habitats. As bad or worse, the laws do the opposite of what their names suggest, creating some of the contradictions that cause cognitive dissonance. The Consent of the Governed is not being sought.

- The introduction of paperless electronic voting machines has resulted in "elections" whose unverifiable results are inherently inconclusive. In November 2004, roughly 30% of the votes cast could not be recounted using physical ballots touched by voters¹¹. This is blatantly illegal in the many jurisdictions where a close race automatically triggers a recount. It also means we cannot possibly reconcile the results of so-called "glitches" such as machines losing data¹², counting backwards¹³, or reporting more votes than registered voters¹⁴. These conditions ensure inconclusive outcomes that will never receive unanimous acceptance (more inherent uncertainty). As the City Council of Arcata, CA attested in adopting the Voter Confidence Resolution, "When elections are conducted under conditions that prevent conclusive outcomes, the Consent of the Governed is not being sought."

Failing to seek the Consent of the Governed has created a situation where such Consent is assumed. Allowing this assumption to stand is the great collective sabotage¹⁵ of We The People. The very legitimacy of the U.S. government must be questioned and challenged for it is based not on democratic principles or even laws, but rather the textbook aspects of fascism. Within the reality-based community, these 14 characteristics of fascism¹⁶ are familiar thanks to Laurence W. Britt's widely circulated essay describing commonalities among seven different fascist regimes throughout history.

This should be an intellectual flashpoint between the faith-based and reality-based communities. The reality-based community must aggressively portray the definition of democracy, juxtaposed with the conditions of America today. Debunking of The Big Lie's many myths will bring increasing majorities of the population to the reality-based community and foster a unity that will favorably shift the balance of power between the government and We The People. It is this shift that is cited as the definition of revolution in Rebecca Solnit's "Hope In The Dark."¹⁷ This definition will factor in again later when discussing selection of goals.

The Mythology

The Big Lie is a patchwork of myths. These myths are illusions that our norms and ideals exist in society today, and that we are actively upholding them. Some examples:

- Free Speech: An ideal enshrined in the first Amendment; "free speech zones" concocted during the 2004 campaign season kept citizens from being close enough to petition their leaders for redress of grievances.
- Free Market: Unfettered access to the opportunity to compete; the myth of the free market is exposed by Halliburton's no-bid contracts, Enron's gamed energy

prices, free trade that is by no means fair trade, and ever consolidating industries "regulated" by their former executives.

- Free Press: Another first amendment guarantee; this myth is exemplified by the flag-draped coffins of U.S. soldiers that can't be filmed, the glaring contradictions left uninvestigated in the official story of 9/11, the ads and programs critical of government that networks have refused to air, and even the admissions of self-censorship by top media professionals¹⁸.

- Capitalism: In theory, a Darwinian system of "survival of the fittest" businesses competing for market share. In reality, privatization and industry consolidation often strangle any true semblance of competition. Further, corrupt and unaccountable corporations bypass conflict of interest and other laws to wield power far beyond the mandate of their charters.

- Democracy: As explained above, unverifiable votes leave no *basis* for confidence in the results reported from U.S. federal elections. The Consent of the Governed is not even sought. Comparing current conditions to any definition of democracy reveals this myth.

It is understandable that much of society buys into these myths. As a collection, these myths depict the way things are supposed to be. In the midst of the Cold Civil War, however, things are clearly not the way they're supposed to be. The readiness to acknowledge this is another clue about which side you are on in the Cold Civil War.

These myths also endure as a result of proactive message management – propaganda - by both the government and the corporate media (which are increasingly one and the same¹⁹). Just as creating and fueling the divide enables government power consolidation, so too must the myths be perpetuated to preserve the general sense of status quo. This subversive control over the appearance of normalcy leaves much of the population perceiving no justifiable cause to pursue peaceful revolution. How can we help them see?

Ruthless Honesty

To evolve the Cold Civil War into peaceful revolution, We The People must begin to heal the divide created to separate us. We must learn to communicate and become united in rejecting the government's illegitimate claim to power. To begin community level bridge-building, members of the reality-based community should devote themselves to ruthless honesty.

There are two main components to ruthless honesty. The first is distinguishing false alternatives from genuine opportunities for progress. For example, is it enough to have voter verifiable paper ballots, if we still have secret vote counting, corporate campaign funds and voting machines, partisan election officials, disenfranchisement, unequal media and debate access for candidates, and a winner take all system? The ruthlessly honest

truth is that voter verifiable paper ballots, or any other excellent and necessary election reform, on its own, cannot ensure conclusive election outcomes and create a basis for confidence in the results reported. We must define these standards as our minimums, and anything less as a false alternative.

Ruthless honesty also requires the disciplined judgment to recognize when one claims to view facts a certain way while acting as if those facts are viewed differently. Prior to the "election" of November 2004, many people recognized that the conditions would guarantee an inconclusive outcome. Afterwards, these same reality-based people gathered lots of data to support claims of fraud. Yet instead of outright rejection of the "election" as simulated competition²⁰, calls for a re-count served to validate the legitimacy of the first "count." Ruthless honesty is not just necessary to bring new people into the reality-based community; it is even more essential that we first learn to distinguish our own contradictions.

Lying to ourselves is human nature and part of cognitive dissonance (which we all experience to a degree) and it is a habit insidiously reinforced by The Big Lie. While we can't hope to completely eliminate our own denial and self-deception, we can accept responsibility for the consistency of our own thoughts and actions. Ultimately, reality-based community members will have to become experts at helping others see how they are lying to themselves. This is easier said than done, but keeping these things in mind can facilitate a successful approach:

- We are being lied to and we are lying to ourselves;
- Telling someone flatly "you are buying a load of lies" or "you are lying to yourself" will likely create defensiveness;
- Before giving up a belief or accepting a new belief, one must first question the existing belief;
- The divide intentionally created to fuel the Cold Civil War relies upon inherent uncertainty as its very nature.

The goal here is not telling people what to think. Instead the point of such ruthlessly honest outreach is to help people confront, and attempt to reconcile, contradictory beliefs they already hold. There is a conclusion that can be suggested without appearing to be telling people what to think. It is simply that the contradiction was intentionally created by people who benefit from the confusion and division it causes. Depending on response, here we have an opportunity to open meaningful dialog about the very notion itself of the Cold Civil War.

"Yeah, but the real problem is..."

Common to the point of cliché, well meaning advocates of social change can often be heard exchanging analyses with the qualifier "yeah, but the real problem is..." Such

exchanges are often about people intuitively recognizing when someone else is describing a false alternative. The next step is to "one-up" the diagnosis of the situation by presenting a more "real" problem. Often this too is a false alternative and the cycle continues.

Such intellectual explorations are really about digging for root causes, such as those described in this paper: inherent uncertainty, intentionally created divisions, and disregard for the Consent of the Governed (among others I have still yet to mention, such as peak oil and corporate personhood). Social change strategists need to be clear about root causes, end goals, and the small tangible steps in between. In general, we must do better at choosing goals, identifying the most effective path from beginning to end, and avoiding being diverted by false alternatives.

Memes

Memes are often regarded as "idea viruses," expressions that are easily remembered, internalized and passed on to others. In this way, memes can be an action element to our own message management. Here are two complementary multi-purpose memes that work as I just described while also offering guidance on strategy development. Both of these memes work with mass communication as well as on the individual level.

- *What would be better?*

This versatile meme is simple and easy to remember. Use it to:

- Steer complaints toward specific, solution-oriented brainstorming.
- Resolve partisan stalemates with centrist solutions that make the definition of "better" the center of the debate.
- Juxtapose proposed reforms with current reality.

- *The least you can do.*

This motivational meme is great for identifying next steps.

- To help people overcome apathy or complacency, encourage them to identify the least they can do to have a tangible impact, and then to commit to doing at least that much.
- When an intermediate or long-range goal cannot be achieved in a single step, the least you can do reveals the lowest hanging fruit on the most practical path.
- When recruiting assistance, the least you can do is the lowest pressure pitch (you can't ask for less).

One ingeniously simple way to spread the word is The Whispering Campaign,²¹ leaving leaflets, pamphlets, fliers, articles, etc. where they are likely to be found (i.e. public transportation or coffee shops).

The Last Straw

Think about the expression "the last straw," which doesn't typically apply to an actual collection of straws. It refers to some threshold that has been reached after accumulating what seems like more than enough of something. But let's be literal. Imagine piling individual pieces of straw on the back of a camel. The camel can stand under the weight of only so much straw. So straw after straw is piled on until eventually one piece becomes "the last straw," which becomes "the straw that broke the camel's back."

These clichés illustrate the working mechanism for the sociological phenomenon called the Tipping Point. The Tipping Point is commonly thought of as that moment when the camel's back breaks, when a major change occurs. But Malcolm Gladwell advertises the broader and deeper meaning in the subtitle to his 2000 book "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference."²² More than just a moment of big change, Tipping Points necessarily occur as the result of a gradual, often unnoticed, accumulation or swell.

This is a profound lesson that should greatly shape the general formulation of social change strategies. Within the Tipping Point paradigm, "what would be better?" points the path ahead while "least you can do" identifies the footholds along the way. At each stop, "what would be better?" allows the "least you can do" to advance that gradual (but not inevitable) swell. This begs a crucial question for strategists and social change agents: how to generate cumulative impact?

The First Straw

NOTE: If you have not already done so, please read the Voter Confidence Resolution before concluding this paper. <http://tinyurl.com/cr2va>

Many things may grow larger without ever reaching a Tipping Point, and achieving peaceful revolution will not happen by accident. When we select our goals, our choices must reflect this understanding by including a means to generate cumulative impact, a way to ensure that more and more support means moving closer and closer to the Tipping Point.

In Arcata, CA, the first city to adopt the Voter Confidence Resolution (VCR), I've been having conversations about peaceful revolution, refusing to recognize the legitimacy of the U.S. government, and the reforms needed to produce conclusive election results with a *basis* for confidence in being genuinely represented. I have repeated these big picture goals throughout this paper. I believe that many people everywhere dream of realizing these ideals. We share a vision but lack a way to validate the scope of our constituency or harness its inherent collective strength.

The VCR was created to be the first straw, a template for a series of think global, act local actions. The VCR is designed to seed the growth of cumulative impact. We've

already seen that the Consent of the Governed is not being sought and that we need to reject the assumption of the government's claim to legitimacy. Consider this question and the alternate assumption it boldly implies: "Has the Consent of the Governed been withdrawn, YET?"

It is unlikely that anyone thinks the Consent of the Governed has been withdrawn simply because Arcata adopted the VCR. As other communities start to follow, however, and as the YET question gets reinforced through proactive message management, we have a formula for cumulative impact. It is only a matter of how many VCRs, how many communities must stand up, before the answer has clearly switched from NO, to YES, the Consent of the Governed HAS been withdrawn.

Building Consensus

It took over one year and countless revisions before the City Council of Arcata adopted the Voter Confidence Resolution. Arcata's language is now regarded as a template, and it is expected that most or all of the communities that come next will make modifications. Such differences will not undermine the intended cumulative impact, provided that three core aspects of the VCR are left intact.

1. There is no *basis* for confidence in the results reported from U.S. federal elections. Current conditions ensure inconclusive outcomes that will never receive unanimous acceptance.
2. No one single reform will ensure conclusive outcomes. A comprehensive election reform platform is needed to create a new *basis* for confidence in the results reported.
3. Since the Consent of the Governed is not being sought, we must ask: Has the Consent of the Governed been withdrawn, YET?

The first point is an empirical fact: unverifiable votes, privatized source code, and secret vote counting make it scientifically impossible to know the true outcome of an election or to reliably reach the same result through a recount. This is why such great emphasis is placed on the word *basis* – no *basis* for confidence means no reason to believe what we're told. Ruthless honesty about inherent uncertainty serves well for consensus building on this point.

On the second point, suffice to say that even the individual reforms in Arcata's template version of the VCR become false alternatives without the rest of the platform to collectively address the true big picture goals. The consensus building challenge is determining the reforms both popular enough and comprehensive enough to synergistically produce conclusive results, a *basis* for confidence, and accountable legislators who truly represent We The People with the Consent of the Governed.

And the third point is really about whether the community is united enough to agree to draw a line in the sand--a consensus that the current level of government failure warrants working toward the different Tipping Point of People empowerment.

Maintaining these common themes allows each community to contribute toward the cumulative impact while still building consensus around their own reform platform. This is an ideal place to contrast the definition and basic notions of democracy with our current reality. Debunking the myth of democracy this way exposes The Big Lie and replaces it with a consensus vision of “what would be better?”

What’s next?

Stephen Covey’s “7 Habits of Highly Effective People”²³ recommends: Begin with the end in mind. My “end in mind” here is conclusive election results, a *basis* for confidence, and accountable legislators providing genuine representation. But it is still fair to ask: Does this constitute peaceful revolution? How will we know precisely when the Consent of the Governed has been withdrawn, and a Tipping Point has been reached? How can such a moment be identified in advance so it will be recognized when it arrives?

Returning to Rebecca Solnit’s “Hope In The Dark” and paraphrasing her example of the definition of revolution: If we imagine a nation’s leader being impeached, forced to resign, or otherwise driven from office, yet the corrupt and exploitative power structure is left intact, this is not revolution; for no matter how hated the fallen leader may have been, the balance of power in the relationship between the People and the government will remain unchanged. It is only when this balance has shifted that we may rightfully call it revolution. Since we currently have no say in elections, in influencing changes in leadership, revolution can be no less than restoring the franchise. In this way, peaceful revolution is not grandiose; it is the least we can do!

The immediate next steps needed are for community leaders across the country to hold workshops and teach-ins on the VCR. Local media must hear from citizens questioning the status of our Consent. City Councils need to see consensus being built in their communities and so ruthlessly honest efforts must be made to build bridges to the faith-based community. We are adopting a position of non-recognition, consistent with other forms of civil disobedience involving non-cooperation and non-compliance. Citizens must compel their local government to reject federal mandates that are counter to the interests of the People. This may include, among many other things, refusing to buy worthless voting machines, rejecting military recruitment, or setting local standards for education. In addition, it is vital that we create parallel institutions²⁴ in as many sectors of life as possible, starting with parallel elections²⁵, and likely including improved and less bureaucratic health care, disaster response, transportation systems, democratized and locally owned media, and perhaps local currency exchanges²⁶.

What else?

This paper has focused on election reform as a front and center issue for peaceful revolution, the larger goal it must necessarily achieve. This is a strategic and tactical analysis of what is likely to extricate us from the regime under which we live. But just as Arcata alone cannot withdraw the Consent of the Governed, a resolution and an election

reform platform will not be sufficient to achieve peaceful revolution. Rhetorical non-recognition must be joined by actual non-cooperation. Resistance on the municipal level will only follow widespread individual civil disobedience. This could include, among many other things, refusing military service or to pay taxes, ignoring “permission slips” such as licenses for driving or business, preventing operation of polluting or toxic industries, or holding extralegal meetings to discuss the formation of new governments.

We must also be talking about Peak Oil²⁷ — an issue as vital as election reform – before the global economy crashes. It is impossible to fully imagine all the ramifications but we should be planning for an all local/regional economy, and for not necessarily having access to routine things such as a commercial airline flight or business supplies delivered overnight. We should call upon or create local and regional committees to compile or conduct studies about what food is or could be grown in any area, how much of it, how many people could live on it, and what can be imported and exported. Expect barter to flourish and co-ops to thrive. Small businesses will become the norm and they will be inclined to pursue the triple bottom line²⁸, synergizing the pursuit of profit with the impact on the environment and on the community. Corporate personhood²⁹ must be abolished, and corporate charters renewed only for those companies who behave responsibly. Money and speech must no longer be equated.

As an emerging force for the voice of Democracy, we must also be ruthlessly honest about the last time (if ever) we were all really 50 United States. The Cold Civil War is taking place in the Intentionally Divided States of America. As the VCR generates cumulative impact, the communities that have adopted it will network together. They will develop a consensus vision of a new Democracy based on the reform platforms recommended in their various similar, but not necessarily identical, VCRs. Our non-recognition and withdrawal of Consent can be embraced as a blank slate. Discussions on forming new governments³⁰ should contemplate bioregions³¹, comprised first of local tribes and spokescouncils built on the practice of direct democracy³².

Each topic mentioned in this section warrants its own Blueprint to create an integrated approach to the Cold Civil War and beyond.

Conclusion

American ideals are thrust at us (and the world) virtually constantly. The pace of our lives in the 21st century often makes it difficult to examine exactly what passes for these ideals today. When current conditions are compared to such romanticized notions, a pattern of myths emerges, collectively called The Big Lie. We must pursue truth, justice, peace, human rights, environmental protections, sustainable communities, election reform and accountable government, because we are ENTITLED to these things.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness -- That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the

Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. - United States Declaration of Independence

A generation from now, will our children and grandchildren regard this as their birthright? Is there any more precious heirloom to bequeath? If this isn't worth preserving, what is? We cannot pretend that we do not see what is happening around us. If you are revolted, revolt!³³

"In Germany first they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me-and by that time no one was left to speak up." - Pastor Martin Niemoller

Keep your mind open, the future's coming. And all bets are off.

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¹ A Google search of "cold civil war" returns over 1000 hits. It is not clear who first used the phrase or when, though a German newspaper is cited from 1949 and Ayn Rand used it in the LA Times in 1962. References have been more frequent since the November 2000 U.S. presidential election and generally bear a surface level resemblance to the use in this paper.

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³ A Google search of "big lie" returns over 1.7 million hits. The origin of the phrase is generally attributed to Adolf Hitler's 1925 autobiography "Mein Kampf" in which he writes: "...in the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility; because the broad masses of a nation are always more easily corrupted in the deeper strata of their emotional nature than consciously or voluntarily; and thus in the primitive simplicity of their minds they more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie, since they themselves often tell small lies in little matters but would be ashamed to resort to large-scale falsehoods. It would never come into their heads to fabricate colossal untruths, and they would not believe that others could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously." (Translation credit: James Murphy, p. 134, courtesy of http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Lie)

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