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Overview

In the summer of 1776, the American colonists had long been the victims of feckless and oppressive governing elites and nobility that systematically exploited the political and economic rights of all Americans to their own advantage. Unsatisfied with their grievously unjust status quo, about 55 merchants, attorneys, landowners, soldiers and other citizens met in a continental congress. These people were not political partisans in search of personal or political advantage. They were exceptional citizen statesmen and patriots who were willing to risk everything to challenge their oppressive status quo to create a much better reality for the American people.

They met in congress and vigorously debated the pros and cons of forcefully challenging the most powerful nation on earth and reached a consensus to declare their independence from their oppressors at the risk of their lives and property.

Eleven years later, they had won their independence at tremendous cost and they met in a convention to write a constitution for their new nation. Once again, they were not political partisans with personal agendas. One again they debated the merits and detriments of numerous alternatives. In the end, they reached a consensus on a new governing constitution that would prove to be the most exceptional, effective and durable governing document in human history. These visionary actions unleashed the power of human liberty to launch and perpetuate an age of social, education, industrial and technological innovation and productivity that has greatly elevated the prosperity of Americans and the world beyond.

Almost ten years later, in George Washington's farewell address, he warned of the dangers of political parties that would divide the nation against itself and serve special interests.

218 years later his worst fear has become a reality. The United States of America has, in too many respects, has become the divided states of America to serve the interests of the partisan political elites and their donors. As a result, America is far underachieving its social, economic and prosperity potential to the detriment of all Americans. America has become a nation divided against itself and incapable of creating a national consensus to 1) address America's problems in the most effective ways, 2) insure its economic and fiscal strength, 3) guaranty its national security and 4) seize its opportunities to create greater prosperity for all Americans.

“Would the United States of America exist as we know it today if the Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention had operated with the divisive political system of modern America?”

The time is long past for America to resolve its major issues through constitutional and systemic reforms that will end political partisanship, outlaw practices that allow donors to buy political outcomes and enable the federal government to reach its full productivity. Together, these will unleash a new age of social harmony, government productivity, national reconciliation, strong economic growth and greater prosperity for all Americans.

“America must return to the political culture that made the USA great in the first place.”

America 2.0 is a non-partisan initiative that is designed to achieve these goals. It is grounded in a 171 page treatise that conducts a professional review of America's major problems, places them into historical context, asks thought provoking questions and offers a compelling agenda for reforms and initiatives that will free America to reach its full social, economic, prosperity and national security potential.



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“The only partisan agenda of America 2.0 is to end political partisanship and replace it with a solutions oriented system of professional debate to achieve consensus that benefits all Americans.”

Please resist the reflex temptation to imagine that these goals are unreachable idealism and continue to acquiesce to the failing status quo.

“Where would America and the world be today if the founding fathers and the first Americans had continued to acquiesce to their failing status quo?”

Modern Americans are the beneficiaries of the great legacy of the first Americans but they must now make the choice to follow their example, end partisanship and move to a governing culture of pursuing optimum outcomes through consensus building in the collective interest.

American Reality Check

America has very serious and debilitating social, political, education, fiscal, poverty, economic, non-employment and national security problems that are causing the USA to far underachieve its social harmony and prosperity potential. Please consider the following realities that support this assertion:

- **Societal Turmoil**

The American social fabric is corroding under racial, ethnic and socioeconomic tensions that are exacerbated by inequality of opportunity, divisive partisanship and economic stagnation.

- **Divisive & Self-Destructive Politics**

The partisan political system is obsolete, dysfunctional and systematically divides the nation against itself for partisan political advantage. The result is a nation that is dramatically underachieving its social, economic and prosperity potential. Nothing will get significantly better for most Americans until the political and governing systems are reformed.

- **Mass Non-Employment & Government Dependence**

The near 5% “unemployment rate” is a dangerous political fiction. Over 102 million American adults (41%) are not employed, economically unproductive, generally not contributing income related taxes and often receive government assistance. It is clearly in the best interests of every American for all Americans to remain productive and self sustaining throughout their lives but there is no public system to address the debilitating demographic problem of mass non-employment. Seniors are about a third of the non-employed and many of them would like to work but they are shut out of the work force by age discrimination, economic stagnation and skill sets deficiencies.

- **Substandard Public Education & Socialization**

The public education system does not adequately develop and maximize the potential and skill sets of America's human resources to meet the challenges and exploit the career opportunities of the 21st Century. America has not harnessed modern technology to optimize the productivity of its human resources. There is no local or national system of positive structured socialization that helps all Americans to reach their full life and productivity potential. This must be addressed to solve America's problems.



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- **Wasteful, Irresponsible & Unproductive Government Spending**

All levels of government and public education consume 35% of GDP each year with almost no performance accountability. The federal government has spent almost \$25 trillion of taxpayer wealth since the 2008 recession to produce 1) 1% economic growth in the first half of 2015, 2) only 4 million jobs and 3) a 16 million increase in non-employed adults.

- **Unsustainable Growth In Federal Debt & Entitlement Commitments**

The national debt has tripled since 2002 and doubled since 2008. The nation has over \$100 trillion of unfunded entitlement obligations.

- **Stagnant Economic Growth**

Since 2007, GDP has grown at 2.8% on average even though 10% economic growth is needed to balance the federal budget. Federal expenditures at current levels are unsustainable without much stronger economic growth.

- **Stagnant Household Income**

Household income has been flat lined for many years as income inequality continues to expand.

- **Oppressive, Ineffective & Counterproductive Governance**

The federal government actively suppresses all the success factors of the free enterprise system rather than aggressively facilitating them. The USA federal government is the largest organization in history but it has no chief operating officer who is held accountable for the productivity of an enterprise that consumes 21% of the GDP of the largest economy on earth. There is no effective performance accountability or competent cost versus benefits analysis of federal government expenditures, regulations, policies, procedures, systems and laws.

- **Corrupt Campaign Finance Practices**

Wealthy donors and organizations are allowed to purchase political outcomes that are too often to the detriment of all other Americans and organizations.

- **Deteriorating National Security**

National security is deteriorating on many global fronts in a nuclear age. After investing 14 years of combat deaths, maiming and over \$2 trillion of federal expenditures, Islamic terrorism has expanded dramatically. Cold War 2 is unfolding and could expand into a hot war at any time. Persistent economic stagnation is forcing contractions in the USA's military readiness.

There are common sense solutions to all of these and the many other problems that all Americans face together. However, a well informed and rational mind would conclude that these problems are very unlikely to be addressed and resolved by the acrimonious, unproductive and divisive partisanship that dominates America's political culture.

In truth, the USA can no longer afford its dysfunctional federal government and political system. It is long past time for America to return to the political system that was employed by its founding fathers. There were no political parties or partisans at the continental congress that wrote the Declaration of Independence or the constitutional convention that created the American constitution.



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The Future – The USA Election 2016

An objective review of the emerging multitude of presidential contenders in 2016 would reveal very few who might possess the qualifications, the wisdom, the leadership qualities, the temperament, the statesmanship stature, the agenda and the vision to unleash a new age of reconciliation and prosperity in America and the global community. Absent a major intervention of visionary leadership and sanity, American voters will once again be faced with a choice between two uninspiring political partisans who want to be president but do not offer a serious and comprehensive agenda for resolving America's problems.

Without the emergence of a compelling alternative to this outcome, Americans will once again acquiesce to leadership mediocrity that is very unlikely to make anything better for most Americans. Whoever the "winners" may be in the 2016 election, America will very likely remain divided against itself and drifting toward an economic, fiscal, social, political and national security abyss. Please consider the following certainties about the 2016 election:

- Both parties will ruthlessly divide Americans by race, ethnicity, creed, gender, age, ideology and economic class for partisan political advantage. No one will skillfully unite all Americans around a reform agenda that would benefit all Americans.
- Politicians will bury voters in an avalanche of empty platitudes, shameful demagoguery, meaningless rhetoric, vicious and often false personal attacks on their opponents, ideological sound bites, pandering and phony imagery. All of this will be designed to distract voters from the fact that they do not offer a compelling governing agenda that unites America to reach its potential.
- No candidate for President or political party will offer a comprehensive reform agenda for addressing and resolving the major systemic problems that all Americans face together.
- No candidate will offer a serious plan for converting the Federal Government from a massive, bloated and unproductive consumer of national wealth and prosperity into a much smaller and highly effective facilitator of the success factors of the free enterprise system that is the only source of wealth and prosperity.
- Leaders will be chosen based on their 1) ability to raise money, 2) personalities, 3) party affiliations and 4) fealty to race, gender, creed, ethnicity and obsolete ideologies. Actual qualifications to effectively lead the nation and the world will be far down the list of voting considerations for too many Americans.
- Everyone will talk about income inequality and helping the poor and the middle class. No one will talk about aggressively fostering the success factors of the free enterprise system that is the only method to actually raise the prosperity of all economic classes.
- Special interest and other donors will invest over \$8 billion in an election process to buy political influence that will not benefit most Americans.
- A few political faces will change but the Federal Government will remain a bloated, feckless and unproductive consumer of national wealth and prosperity.
- It is unlikely that the new President will possess the experience, the wisdom, the skill sets, the temperament, the plan or the vision to lead a national consensus for a productive reform agenda that resolves America's problems and unleashes greater prosperity for all Americans.



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- Congress will remain in unproductive partisan gridlock.
- Everyone will complain about the problems with the political and governing system but no one will do anything serious to address the issues.
- Almost half of American adults will not vote and everyone will once again acquiesce to the failing status quo because everyone thinks that nothing can be done to fix the broken political system.
- No one will take direct responsibility for optimizing the cost effectiveness and productivity of the federal government and fostering the success factors of the free enterprise system. No one will advocate much less implement a comprehensive cost versus benefits
- The new President will not articulate or lead a compelling agenda for international reconciliation, peace, trade and prosperity.

Absent an intervention by determined Americans who support a professional and cost effective reform agenda, the severity of the problems that all Americans face together and the urgency to address them in a serious way will be lost in societal acquiescence to the deeply flawed political status quo.

Debunking Conventional Wisdom About Government

The USA is divided into two groups along partisan political lines: 1) Those who think big government is the problem, and 2) those who think big government is the solution. In truth, both are wrong. Intelligent systemic reforms can produce a much smaller and highly productive government that can be a vital part of the solutions to the problems that all Americans face together.

In its current form, the federal government, its systems, its culture and its policies are at the root of every major problem that America faces today. The reality that our existing governance system is performing very poorly does not mean that all government is intrinsically bad. It just means that the federal government must be converted from a massive, unproductive, wealth and prosperity consumer and redistributor into a much smaller and high effective facilitator of a free enterprise system that produces much more wealth and prosperity for everyone.

America Must Move Beyond Partisanship to Consensus

A well informed, objective and professional analysis of the USA would reveal a multitude of debilitating problems that are causing America to far underachieve its prosperity potential. These issues should demand the immediate attention of the national leadership but none of these major issues are on the current political agenda. The federal government is mired in bitter partisan gridlock with a Republican congress and a Democrat President that have not demonstrated the wisdom or the ability to work together as statesmen to solve the many problems that all Americans face together.

Yes, there will be a national election next year and a new President in 2017, but is there any reason to believe that another divisive election will produce the new leaders and major systemic reforms that are needed to resolve America's many problems? The answer is no because constitutional and other systemic reforms are essential to solving America's major issues and optimizing prosperity. These reforms would require visionary leadership and a national consensus that is impossible to achieve as long as divisive and acrimonious partisan mindsets prevail in the White House, in the Congress, the attitudes of the 2016 candidates and the minds of the American people.



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The Visionary Presidential Leadership Opportunity

Common sense solutions to America's major problems are obvious but they will require constitutional and institutional reforms that must have the broad support of the American people. The only way to create that broad support is to end the age of bitter adversarial partisanship and move to government by consensus. The best person to lead that transformation for the next 17 months is the current President of the United States of America but others must intervene to help lead him in the direction of national reconciliation.

America's problems are so serious that the USA cannot afford the luxury of no progress to address its major issues over the next 17 months. Despite this reality, the President seems content to acquiesce to the current partisan paradigm and focused on posturing his legacy until his term expires. This point of view is understandable but it misses a unique and enormous opportunity to lead a visionary reformation of America's institutions that would unleash a new age of national reconciliation and much greater prosperity for all Americans.

If you doubt these assertions, please consider the following actions that the President could take **immediately** that would help end the partisan divide and free America to reach its full potential:

1. He could renounce his party affiliation

It has no benefit to him at this point in his career and this step is absolutely necessary to establishing a "post partisan" reality where real progress can be made to reform the political status quo for the benefit of all Americans.

2. He could issue an unequivocal mea culpa

He could apologize for his part in dividing America and contributing to partisan gridlock. This action is necessary because the President must fully disavow his past and his partisan profile to become an impartial and inspirational leader who can lead a national consensus for major institutional reforms of government. The mea culpa would immediately disarm his adversaries and increase respect for him across the political spectrum. A vital part of leading a successful reformation of America is leading by personal example and a mea culpa is essential to resetting the political culture.

3. He could formally renounce his personal ideologies

Ideologies are largely fictions designed to divide citizens for partisan advantage rather than unite them for collective advantage. Renouncing them would be another vital part of transcending acrimonious partisanship and leading a consensus reformation of America. It is not enough to renounce a political parties that are then replaced with ideological associations. Ideologies are just another counterproductive obstacle to achieving success through consensus.

4. He could call on everyone in Washington to match his actions

This would include a challenge to sets aside partisanship and come together to reform the American political culture and institutions to unleash a new age of reconciliation and prosperity.



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5. He could lead the creation of a major global reconciliation movement

This movement would be designed to overcome senseless and adversarial geopolitical conflicts, unify all nations to end the scourge of ISIL and Al Qaeda and set the stage for a new age of global peace, reconciliation, trade and much greater prosperity.

6. He could embrace the America 2.0 agenda

The America 2.0 agenda can be found in the treatise at the link below:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/935af2643d0709feca828d2ab680a415?AccessKeyId=9E533268DA51246EF35E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

The treatise includes an objective and nonpartisan analysis of America's major problems, provides historical context, recommends common sense solutions and proposes an agenda of constitutional and systemic reforms of America's institutions. The summary agenda can be found beginning on page 148 of the link above.

Such a major shift might be difficult for the President to embrace but it is the only near term way to remove partisanship from the political equation to enact these major recommendations. Embracing this idea would also reveal him to be a great and visionary leader who placed the best interests of all the American people above all other considerations. Leading a shift from the plague of acrimonious partisanship to government by professional consensus would elevate him to the top tier of the pantheon of American presidents.

The America 2.0 Agenda

The America 2.0 treatise 1) analyzes all of America's major problems, 2) places them in historical context, 3) asks compelling questions, 4) offers comprehensive solutions and 5) expresses a vision of a much better future for all Americans. The primary features of the America 2.0 agenda can be summarized as follows:

1. End Political Parties & Partisanship

Outlaw political parties by constitutional amendment and move beyond partisanship to a culture of government by consensus. It would become a system where candidates run as citizens based on their personal qualifications and leadership abilities, the merits of their ideas for solving the nations problems and their willingness and ability to lead solutions oriented consensus. America can no longer afford to be divided against itself.

What organization could achieve its maximum potential if it was led by 536 politicians who are divided into two groups who loathe and systematically undermine each other and divide its constituents for partisan political advantage?

2. End Political Donations

Outlaw political donations to political candidates as well as indirect funding. The ability of anyone to buy political outcomes must end so that politicians can be free to vote for the best interests of their voting constituents. Mandate federal funding of federal elections. Provide a qualifications system for such funding. Adopt the single primary system that is used in Louisiana.



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Who ever thought that is was a good idea for anyone to have the power to buy or influence political outcomes in a democracy or to allow politicians to keep their campaign donations for personal use?

3. Create a COO For The Federal Government

Convert the position of Vice President into the “Chief Operating Officer” of the USA with a mandate to:

- Insure the cost effectiveness and productivity of the federal government.
- Convert the federal government from a massive and unproductive consumer and re-distributor of national wealth into a much smaller and highly effective facilitator of all the success factors of a free enterprise system that produces more wealth and prosperity for all Americans.
- Pursue a goal of 10% economic growth that is required to balance the federal budget, insure full employment and address America’s major problems.
- Make facilitation of all of the success factors of the free enterprise system a major and enduring priority of the federal government.
- Lead item 4. below.

The VP/COO should be elected separately from the President to 1) reduce the leadership demands on the president, 2) allow for executive skill set diversity and competence and 3) achieve more cost effective and productive governance.

How does it make sense for the largest organization in human history to have no highly competent management professional who is directly responsible and accountable for optimizing its cost effectiveness and productivity?

4. Conduct A Cost Vs Benefits Analysis Of The Federal Government

The federal government is a massive and wasteful consumer of national wealth. Since the 2008 recession, the federal government has spent almost \$25 trillion of taxpayer wealth to achieve negative economic growth in Q1 2015 and deliver stagnant household incomes. To address this national madness, Americans must mandate a comprehensive cost versus benefits review of every federal law, regulation, policy, procedure and organization. The federal government should then be reorganized to employ the recommendations from the comprehensive analysis.

How much longer should the American taxpayer be required to fund a government that operates on a no limit credit card with no cost versus benefits accountability?

5. Create the National Human Resources Commission

America is acquiescing to poor education and socialization outcomes that are creating ever more poverty, social unrest, government dependence, adult non employment, crime and economic stagnation. To address these major issues, equal opportunity of excellent education and socialization must become national imperatives. Below are the key solutions:

- Combine the departments of Labor and Education into a single National Human Resources Commission (“NHRC”).



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- Remove the NHRC from the control of the federal government and place it under the control of a nationally elected board of governors.
- Give the NHRO a mandate to optimize the socialization, education, skill sets and productivity of America's human resources throughout the lives of Americans.
- Employ state of the art technology, teaching methodologies and systems to insure equality of opportunity. Replace grades with skill set certifications.
- Create lifetime public reeducation and training options for all adults.
- Match curricula and skill set development with job market requirements.
- Create programs to move most of the 102 million non-employed American adults back into the work force. The American culture should proactively encourage all adults to remain economically productive and self-sustaining and provide the resources to help all Americans to achieve these goals.
- Mandate a national human resources clearinghouse that 1) catalogs all students and adults, their education, skill set certifications and job experience 2) mandates that all jobs be posted on the national system and 3) matches jobs with qualified candidates.

It is much more revenue and cost effective for a society to optimize the productivity of its citizens than to subsidize their failure or underperformance. With 102 million non-employed adults, America must deal with adult education and retraining to avoid a demographic and fiscal crisis.

It is in the interest of all American for all Americans to reach their maximum life productivity.

6. Supercharge Innovation, Venture Capital Formation & Free Enterprise

Revise SEC regulations that suppress venture capital formation and prohibit online capital solicitations. Finance the creation of a national venture capital clearing house that allows all inventors, entrepreneurs, capital seekers and investors to register on an online system that skillfully matches ideas and opportunities with global capital sources.

How does it make any sense for the federal government to systematically suppress venture capital formation and all of the success factors of the free enterprise system that is the only source of wealth and prosperity?

7. Create A National Health Care Clearing House

End the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid and create a national, online clearing house for health insurance which removes state line restrictions and allows anyone to receive the benefits of group association. Include a subsidy system for those who cannot afford insurance. Pass tort reforms that limit awards on frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits.

Common sense and cost effective solutions on healthcare can prevail once political partisanship is abandoned.



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8. Move From Income To Consumption Taxes/ Reduce Corporate Taxes

End federal income taxes for any person with income less than \$500,000 per year. Create a national sales tax to replace the revenue source and set it at an adequate level to meet revenue requirements. Offer sales tax exemption cards with monthly limitations to those who meet need requirements. This system should dramatically reduce the 75,000 page tax code and IRS costs/oppression, end tax evasion, capture taxes from illegal immigrants and other foreigners visiting the USA. Reduce the corporate tax rate from 40% to 25% to repatriate foreign capital, incent investment in America and increase equity market values that will also create more capital gains tax revenues. Offer a one time lower tax rate incentive for repatriation of the over \$2 trillion that is held overseas by American corporations.

Why should Americans and entrepreneurs be penalized for financial success just as they begin to accumulate wealth in their career progressions?

9. Create A Self Direct Feature For Social Security

Mandate that the federal government immediately refund 35% of all social security payments that have been made by individuals in their life to date into accounts that they can self-direct for investment purposes. Yes, this would require a one time major deficit but the long term benefits would far outweigh the costs. This would 1) provide a major new capital source for the economy and 2) allow Americans the opportunity to participate in the equity market value appreciation that will flow from much greater economic growth that implementation of the America 2.0 agenda will stimulate.

How does it make sense for Americans to force all of their social security funds to be invested to finance the federal deficits at 0% interest rates?

10. Create More Presidential Accountability

Motivate the president to lead by consensus to keep his job and achieve a third term. This should include national performance referendums in mid term elections and a fast track judicial process on Presidential overreach.

Does it not make sense to have more accountability on the President, swift consequences if he/she ignores the law and motivations for them to govern by consensus?

11. Lead A Global Reconciliation Initiative

The USA leadership should launch a new global reconciliation initiative that moves beyond the United Nations to achieve mutually beneficial resolutions to all major geopolitical conflicts. This scenario would require visionary Presidential leadership that 1) seeks to relegate senseless geopolitical conflicts and their exorbitant military expenditures to the ash bin of history and 2) mobilizes the global community to defeat the scourge of international terrorism through sacred sacrifice. It also projects plausible scenarios for free trade and economic development and prosperity for countries like Russia that can replace the dangerous politics of self-destructive nationalism to preserve political power.

The America 2.0 treatise includes many more recommendations but the above list includes a summary agenda that is condensed enough for most people to absorb and support. It is not necessary for you to immediately embrace every element of the agenda to see the wisdom of the major reformation that the America 2.0 agenda advocates and take action to support it.



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The Marco Rubio Opportunity

Left to his own devices, the President will not devise or pursue the suggestions above and, even if he did, it would be much less effective for him to pursue the strategy alone. Marco Rubio has recently announced his candidacy for president in the 2016 election. He has raised a substantial amount of money to finance his campaign but this conventional approach is not the best course for Marco Rubio or the nation. Please consider the following alternative strategy:

- Marco could embrace “The Presidential Opportunity” actions in this document and the America 2.0 agenda.
- Marco could approach the President and encourage him to embrace the America 2.0 agenda and all the actions that are suggested in “The Presidential Opportunity” section of this document. The President’s agreement is vital to move forward now to advance the interests of the American people.
- Marco could ask the President to join him in a simultaneous announcement in which they both 1) renounce their party and ideological affiliations, 2) embrace government by consensus in the spirit of America’s founding fathers and 3) pledge to work together to enact the agenda over the remainder of the President’s term.
- Marco announces that he will run for President in 2016 as an American citizen without party affiliation.
- Marco pledges to devote the campaign funds he has raised to help advance the America 2.0 agenda into reality.
- The President immediately appoints Marco to head the implementation of the America 2.0 agenda.

The willingness to join together would send a much more powerful message about their commitment to end the partisan divide in the interests of the American people than either could achieve standing alone. It would also elevate the national stature of both men to the highest level while inspiring the American people to embrace a reform path to a much better future.

Scenarios

There are several scenarios for how this could unfold:

- The President says no. In this case, Marco makes the announcement alone and points out that the President refused to join the effort. The President misses a huge positive legacy opportunity and looks like a self-centered obstructionist to the American people. Marco runs for President as a visionary citizen statesman on the America 2.0 agenda.
- The President says yes and agrees to immediately appoint Marco to the leadership role on implementing the agenda. The President and Marco look like visionary statesmen. The other 2016 presidential candidates are politically dead in 2016.
- The President says yes and his approval ratings skyrocket. He wants to run for a third term under the new rules. Marco runs for the VP/COO position in 2016 to insure the implementation of the America 2.0 agenda and he could run for President in 2020. **Success as the first VP/COO who led an American reformation would be much more historically significant than any single presidency.**



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- The President chooses not to run in 2016. Marco runs for president in 2016 as the visionary, selfless citizen statesman.
- The President says no but proceeds on the agenda without Marco. Marco could easily expose his treachery.
- Both Marco and the President say no. The America 2.0 agenda will proceed and one of the other candidates could embrace it and Marco Rubio would be politically dead.

Summary

Yes, this is an enormous vision but it is grounded in profound intrinsic merit for all concerned. It would require two great and visionary statesmen to make it a reality. America needs the President to embrace these common sense ideas soon and Marco Rubio may be the ideal person to approach him. America desperately needs visionary leadership, national and global reconciliation and reforms to avoid impending calamities and unleash a new age of peace and prosperity.

It is by far the best available course of action for the President, his legacy, his approval rating and the American people. It is a huge opportunity for Marco Rubio to create a historic legacy and preempt the 2016 presidential contest with an act of visionary leadership that 1) checkmates all the other presidential candidates and 2) is better suited to his temperament than slogging through the Republican primary process.

Please stop and imagine the overwhelmingly positive response of the markets, the economy, the world and the American people if the President and Marco Rubio were to announce the joint course of action that is recommended in this article. It is the path that leaders of the caliber of America's founding fathers would choose for the benefit of all Americans.

Success would likely require a constitutional convention in no later than the first quarter of 2016.

The immediate and enduring benefits of the America 2.0 agenda and the strategy that is articulated herein could hardly be greater for the President, Marco Rubio and the American people. The immediate effects would be as follows:

- The great national political divide would end and America would no longer be divided against itself.
- The political dynamic in Washington would shift from partisan acrimony toward innovation and problem resolution.
- Political leaders and legislators would be free to vote the best interest of their constituents.
- Consumer and investor confidence and optimism would rise dramatically.
- Equity values would explode on higher economic growth and demand expectations as well as lower impending corporate tax rates.
- Political and social divides would recede. Poverty would soon drop as personal incomes rise.
- The economy would jump start to much stronger growth.
- Businesses would become more inclined to hire.
- Venture capital would begin to flow again.



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- Federal revenues would increase on stronger growth and capital gains taxes as the equity markets increase in value and the non-employed shifting to employment, paying taxes and requiring less government assistance.
- Non-employed and underemployed Americans would have renewed hope for jobs and better futures.
- Global conflicts should soon recede and lower military expenditure requirements should follow to further stimulate global economic growth.
- New business opportunities would proliferate as the economy grows much faster and the national venture capital, human resource and healthcare clearinghouses unfold.
- The global economy would begin to improve as America becomes serious about addressing its major issues and leading a new age of reconciliation and prosperity.

The age of acrimonious partisanship must end for America to address the many problems that all Americans face together and achieve the full prosperity potential of the American people. The America 2.0 agenda is a serious attempt to make this goal a sensational reality for all Americans and the world beyond.

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