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## **People's Comprehensive Agenda and Goals**

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The objectives of this document are to define, frame and articulate:

- I. **Bold goals.**
- II. All concerns, challenges, problems, issues, deficiencies, lessons learned, etc. that could stand in the way of reaching these goals.
- III. General underlying causes of these concerns and challenges. The underlying causes include such things as personnel error, lack of or improper education or training, poor or faulty information, rules, regulations, documentation, legislation, etc.
- IV. Proposed solutions, reform, change actions, etc. which are needed to reach the stated goals, and address concerns, problems, deficient systems and methods and their underlying causes identified under parts II and III.

By providing an integrated list of concerns and solutions, cooperative efforts can be found. For example, deteriorating roads and bridges could be repaired by an underemployed workforce using funds now being wasted on pork barrel earmarks, unneeded weapon systems and redundant government projects.

### **Bold Goals**

1. Have **cooperative**, ethical leaders throughout the public and private sectors who care for all people and promote the general welfare
2. High quality, meaningful education and training for all
3. Meaningful job opportunities with living wages for all
4. Affordable, healthy food, clean water and clean air for all
5. Affordable quality health, dental and mental care for all
6. Affordable comprehensive public transportation
7. Affordable recreation, sports, entertainment, theater, art, etc. (live and via multimedia)
8. No malnutrition and no chronic world hunger
9. No chronic homelessness, displaced person, refugees, etc.
10. World peace, no war or conflicts
11. Security for all
12. Protected and preserved environment and natural resources
13. Self-reliant, healthier and happier world population

14. Home ownership opportunities for all
15. Eliminate corporate personhood
16. Eliminate unconstitutional patent extensions
17. Greatly reduced crime

## **Concerns and Challenges**

1. Iraq conflict and occupation
2. Threats against Iraq
3. Other wars and conflicts.
4. Chronic worldwide unemployment and low wages for many workers with jobs.
5. Malnutrition and chronic hunger
6. Chronic water shortages for drinking, hygiene, irrigation, industry, etc.
7. Shortages of affordable housing
8. Poor physical, dental, mental, and emotional health.
9. Poverty
10. Many uncaring, unethical leaders and managers in both the public & private sectors
11. Failing ecological systems
12. The high cost of:
  - a. Food
  - b. Housing
  - c. Health care
  - d. Gasoline and other fuels
  - e. College education
13. Global warming
14. Global energy crises
15. Nuclear proliferation
16. Crime
17. Health care systems turned over to drug and insurance companies
18. Energy policy turned over to big oil companies
19. On the average parents have to work nine more hours per week than they did 20 years ago to make ends meet.
20. Too much time is being spent on electronic media (the average grade school student spends 6.5 hours per day)

and not enough time socially interacting with each other.

21. Citizens' faith in government failing everywhere

22. Without employees being paid reasonable wages there will not be enough customers to buy goods

23. Decreasing number of manufacturing jobs

24. Outsourcing

25. Free trade versus fair trade.

26. Excessive influence and power of large corporations and certain individuals.

27. Scandal of pork-barrel spending and earmarks most of which occurs in the Department of Defense O&M (operations and maintenance) budgets ultimately shortchanging our troops of many of the low-tech but essential items they need to survive and do their jobs.

28. The ability of corporation executives and corporation and special interest money to effect legislation and policy decisions.

29. The United States makes up 5% of the world's population yet consumes one-third of the world's resources and generates nearly half of the entire world's waste.

## General Underlying Causes

**General underlying causes** of these concerns and challenges, distinguish between problems and mistakes of individuals from those of institutions and systems.

1. Greed

2. Negative traits: vindictiveness, bullying, apathy, etc.

3. Cronyism

4. Waste, abuse, fraud

5. Superstition

6. Corruption

7. Bureaucracies

8. Lack of understanding and practice of ethics, human nature and humane instincts including cooperation, civility, caring for others

9. Distribution of property and income

10. Deficiencies in democratic skills

11. Lack of educational opportunities.

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## Proposed Solutions

**Proposed solutions, work to be done, needs, reform, change actions**, etc. Reform actions which address concerns, problems, deficient systems and methods and their underlying causes identified above.

1. End the violence in Iraq and withdraw U. S. Forces from Iraq in a peaceful, just and timely manner through legislation, court orders, and/or criminal complaints/indictments against senior civil and military officials, as outlined in the **Proposed Plan to End Violence in Iraq & Withdraw U.S. Armed Forces in a Peaceful, Just and Timely Manner** [http://acersnow.org/proposed\\_plan\\_iraq.pdf](http://acersnow.org/proposed_plan_iraq.pdf) (See sections III. F., G., H., I., and J. of [www.ACERSNow.org](http://www.ACERSNow.org))
2. Replace President Bush, Vice President Cheney and others with well-qualified individuals through resignations, impeachments, criminal complaints, indictments, etc. as outlined in the **Plan to Replace Bush and Others with Well Qualified Individuals** (See sections III. J. K. and L below).
3. Reducing/eliminating massive, unneeded nuclear and other offensive weapons, corporation subsidies, etc.
4. Getting money, corporation executives and their lobbyist out of politics and insure that the people have control over their government.
5. Provide job opportunities and education and training programs, for everyone in particular in areas such: as curtailing and ameliorating the ill effects of global warming, environmental protection, developing alternative energy sources, transportation and traffic programs that emphasizes more trains - less traffic and reduces dependence on foreign oil, etc. Funds for this work to come to from ending the occupation of Iraq, reduction/eliminations of the massive, unneeded nuclear and other offensive weapons systems, corporate subsidies, etc. priority items.
6. Enforced rule of law with civil, human, economic, etc., rights observed for all
7. Global cooperation & diplomacy instead of bullying, threats and war.
8. Strengthened and more effective:
  - a. United Nations, UN Agencies, and NGO's
  - b. International peacekeeping forces
  - c. International courts
9. Drastically reduced government spending on programs that do not promote the general welfare.
10. Eliminate nuclear weapons and drastically reduce unnecessary weapons systems and programs.
11. Openness in public & private sectors
12. Clean, renewable energy sources
13. Fair versus free trade
14. Close gaps between the rich and poor
15. Fair taxes
16. Individual psychology

17. Injunctions
18. Indictments
19. Regulated non usury interest rates
20. Resolve the U.S. Iran and the U.S.-Syria situation.
21. Help to resolve the Israel-Palestine-Lebanon situations.
22. Promote global nuclear and offensive weapons disarmament.
23. A stable and peaceful Middle East.
24. Rename and revamp the "war on terror"
25. Get money, corporation executives and their lobbyist out of politics and put control of the government into the people's hands.
26. Fair immigration policies recognizing that we are an immigrant nation that follows the Constitution. Affirms that we are a nation of the people and for the people not just for the citizens.

Example of 21: We support the USA Family Act (HR 440), introduced in 2007. The goal of the bill is simple: It offers immigrants a clear road map to legal status in the United States. It grants legal permanent residence to immigrants who have been living in the U.S. for five or more years. It offers conditional legal status and work authorization to all law-abiding immigrants living in the United States for less than five years. In addition, the bill revokes current laws that bar certain people who live abroad from re-entering the U.S. for a period of three to 10 years, as well as portions of the law that place immigrants at risk of deportation for having committed minor, nonviolent offenses in the past. I support this bill because I believe we cannot continue with a system in which millions of workers and their families live in fear and are subject to economic exploitation. There is no place in our country for second-class status.