

The Unapologetic Truth, Winter 2020/2021

Attachment A: Solutions Tree. Much more detailed information provided in Newsletter Issue #4

Engaged, knowledgeable, relentless, passionate, and brave citizenry developing solutions at the local level, with this force trickling energy upward to the state, national, and international levels.

THE SIMPLE VISION TO DRIVE ALL OUR ACTIVITIES: LOCAL CONTROLLED FOOD, JOBS, AND SHELTER.

FOOD: ESTABLISH A ROBUST LOCAL FOOD PROGRAM

- Grow as much food as you can on your property
- Buy as much of your store-bought food from local farm markets, including your meats. Consider taking up hunting
- Organic, GMO-free, fair trade, should be bought as much as possible for any remaining food
- Pressure your town to preserve open space for public farming
- Create weekly and even daily community farmer's markets
- Connect locally grown food to all local schools, nursing homes, small businesses, etc.
- Create workshop series to train gardening and homestead skills
- Demand our state/federal govt enact local food policies only

JOBS: COMMUNITY-FIRST BUSINESS AND WORKER'S COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

- Create community-focused shopping websites: AMAZON STYLE ONLINE SHOPPING SITE FOR INDIVIDUAL TOWNS
- Massively expand the shared office space model
- Promote the sharing economy
- Move past unions/freelance limits to more empowering worker cooperative movement
- Shift our money to local banks and credit unions
- Encourage more people to pursue "real" careers: farmers; green chemists; HVAC; etc, etc

The goal is the creation and purchase of as many products as possible at the local level

SHELTER: HAPPY, NONTOXIC LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMUNITIES

- No greenspace development
- Convert underutilized buildings, mainly office spaces, into housing units
- Expand creative uses of shared living arrangements
- Promote more robust use of green energy
- Build up our homeowner and creative skill set: Take more matters into our own hands

Example signals of success:

Big drop in chronic illness; Facebook dies; many toxic chemicals banned; self-reliant enclaves sprout up all over; vast decline in global trade; town walkability surges, etc...

Attachment B: *Reclaim Movement* Vanguard for a Viable Third Local and National Political Coalition

As the famous saying goes, you don't need very many people to be able to change the world. It really is true. Large changes in society always come from small groups of visionary people. The key is developing a proactive strategy and relentlessly pursuing those goals to address obvious weaknesses in our communities and develop solutions that people at large are crying out for. It really would only take around 20 dedicated people in each small region of the country to put us on a much healthier shared path and greatly heal our nation. **Here is a sample set-up for community-level vanguard leadership teams in towns/regions all over the country**

- 2-3 people with some computer skills to start an Amazon-style online shopping site for the community
- 2-3 people with a green thumb to start a weekly and then eventually a daily community farmer's market
- 2-3 people with a passion for writing to start an alternative underground community newsletter
- 2-3 people with knowledge in politics to create step-by-step guidebook for independents to run for office

- 2-3 people with homesteading skills to start workshop series on various self-reliant topics
- 2-3 people with labor skills to develop helpful career guidance and local worker cooperatives
- 2-3 people with housing and zoning expertise to set-up a robust/diverse local housing program
- 2-3 people with eco passion to push green energy, work local efforts, nontoxic chemicals, etc...