

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY'S PROGRAM OF BASIC HUMANITY

What Grass Roots Ombudsmen, Representative Mediation and Truth Tests Would Not Permit

1. Unchecked corruption and unredressed fraud; useless work, superfluous jobs, overcharges, overpay, kickbacks; poisoning, slightly cleaning up the environment; sickening, slightly curing people; building and repairing junk; destroying, rebuilding countries; creating unnecessary unemployment, inflation, poverty, inadequate charity, disorder, hellish prisons.
2. Organizations of lawless savagery: KKK, neo Nazis, Minutemen.
3. Appropriations for subversion, assassination, arms, torture and military intervention, in the Third World, to rob them of their resources and labor, as throughout Latin America, Cuba, the Philippines, Liberia, China, South Africa, Rhodesia, Portuguese Africa (before and after independence), Indonesia, Indochina, Iran; in support of reaction, as in post-revolutionary Russia, Spain and Portugal; of Franco's fascism, by illegal refusal to sell arms to republican Spain; of the slaughter, starvation and poisoning of American Indians, seizure of all their valuable lands, and BIA enslavement; of the 50 % deaths in slave ships, overwork, continued torture and robbery of U. S. blacks; and of Unconstitutional comprehensive domestic surveillance by cooperating CIA, FBI, IRS, police, Post Office and banks, using a network of Government and business computers, mail interference, break-ins, file seizures, blacklistings, beatings and murders. THE FOURTH AND RICHEST REICH (Germany) helps develop (not rob) the Third World, with loans, equipment and technical assistance.
4. The hoarding of sites and resources, for a speculative rise and monopoly profits; made possible by NOT ASSESSING the FULL GROUND RENT, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, owed by titleholders, for a value created by nature, population and community development (accurately determined by charts accessible to all - improvement taxes correspondingly lowered); production reduced from using poorer lands, with superior lands hoarded; frequent devastating losses of crops and homes (often lives), from farming where rainfall is unreliable, or on steep slopes, subject to washout; through business and homes built on floodlands or below unsafe dams; and, GREATEST OF ALL CRIMES (unpunished), UNEMPLOYMENT, FORCED BY HOARDED SITES; ALSO HOLDING THE BASE WAGE-TO WHICH OTHERS RELATE-AT THE SUBSISTENCE LEVEL ("bed of Procrustes"), BECAUSE COMPETITION FOR THE ARTIFICIAL SHORTAGE OF SITES FORCES UP THE PRICE UNTIL IT ABSORBS ALL ONE CAN OFFER, INCLUDING THE VALUE OF ALL GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAVINGS; WHILE FULL GROUND RENT ASSESSMENT WOULD BRING THE PRICE (capitalization of unassessed value) DOWN TO A NOMINAL FIGURE; VIRTUALLY FREE LAND ASSURING SURPLUS JOBS, NO DISCRIMINATION, IN A STRUCTURE OF ONE'S CHOICE - INDIVIDUAL, COOPERATIVE, OR GOVERNMENT - AT ONE'S SKILL LEVEL, AT WAGES EQUIVALENT TO ONE'S PRODUCTION; WITH ECONOMIC SECURITY, MANY COLLATERAL BENEFITS.
5. ANY combinations in restraint of trade; interchanges of stock; control by 5 % ownership.
6. Milksop "regulation," in prices, rates, pollution, nutrition, food deterioration and poisoning, medical care; poisonous waste disposal, affecting water supplies, crops, many animals, and most humans; requiring conversion to safe substances, planned before use.
7. Minuscule aid for clean energy; enormous aid for energy dangerous to ecologies and Indian survival, for monopoly profits; unneeded, with possible savings in production and space heating (40 % to 50 % - long before synfuel development); and from freeing our colonial empire, and moving toward world development. 1977 per capita energy consumptions, in tons of petroleum equivalent: U. S. 6.04; Germany 3.10; U. K. 2.62; France 2.59; Japan 2.23
8. A national debt, issuance of bonds, instead of tax receipts, for current expenses; transferring interest tax money from the poor to monopolists. The debt should be cancelled.
9. The issue of money in excess of the value of goods in the marketplace, against which money is a claim (there being nothing else it can buy); assuring a balanced budget, retention of savings, equivalent repayment of debts, stability - essential to planning of any kind.
10. Private ownership of a natural monopoly - anything in limited supply - permitting gross overpricing, waste of limited resources, loss of invaluable rainforests (already 34 %); requiring Government ownership of utilities, rail and airlines, local transit, some insurance, and the money supply. Patents available, by paying royalties. Mail delivery to be competitive; rates set by cost, not class; isolated areas to be subsidized.

11. Unconstitutional tax exemption for religion owned business and land, with savings for innumerable bizarre private business arrangements. Taxing Government and private property exempts could reduce personal and commercial taxes 40 % to 50 %. Congress and clergy favor taxing business, and payment for community services (ground rent). (THE RELIGIOUS EMPIRE)
12. The illegal sadistic beating of 25 % of police pick-ups, for confessions or amusement, and killing of many; dehumanizing cage confinement, lack of initiative, privacy; deprivation of normal society and sex relations; submission to rape (10 million now free will be raped in detention), often extortion, sometimes murder, in every type of detention, for men, women, boys and girls - an irreparable loss to victims and society; the estimated 5 % of innocent; inequitable judgments between those of disparate incomes; plea bargained "trials" for the poor, and sadistic sentencing (1000 years for \$ 70), because of exorbitant cost, racial and class prejudice; need for the unemployed and poor to steal or prostitute themselves, to exist; to engage in violence, vandalism, arson and dissipation, to relieve frustrations; arson, to avoid bankruptcy; for sumptuary laws to gratify the philosophically ignorant; requiring an end to forced detention for any but the emotionally dangerous and helpless; monetary restitution, decided by free representative mediation - not to exceed injury; assured in present detention by independent checks and PSE tests, when required (for innocence or redress only). 91 % of business men surveyed admitted to crimes which warranted imprisonment - not imposed. A single case of price fixing cost the public more than all street crime during that period. We have a caste society, with justice reversed.
13. Unconstitutional, inhuman compulsory schooling (slavery), with many subjects unneeded in business or other vocation, and unwanted; resulting in wasted lives and money, poor teaching and learning, often a prison environment, violence, vandalism, inability to marry when biologically ready; with enormous promiscuity, abortions, venereal disease. Half Chicago black children are illegitimate; half N. Y. C. students drop out. Black unemployment very high. Two-thirds of Danes marry by age 15; others live together. An average 12-year-old can learn, in four months, the essentials of grammar school. High school equivalency courses and tests, with diplomas, are accepted in 84 % of our colleges. 32 % of high school graduating students, who took these tests, failed. Government vouchers should be offered, covering optional studies, through college level, at homes, schools or resource centers.
14. Medical experiments on asylum, charity hospital and prison inmates, and civilians, now misinformed on serious, possibly permanent damage, unless independently supervised.
15. A monopolized food industry, using unnatural fertilizers, pesticides, adulteration, poisoning, in processing and handling; miseducation in nutrition and medicine, resulting in widespread illness, tired lives, difficult childbirth, defective children, unneeded operations, dental care, early death; most of it avoidable with natural foods, proper exercise and a clean environment. Many primitive societies have (or had, before colonization) almost no illness or dental problems, and lived to be 90 or 100, or more. (THE VEGETARIAN DIET AND PHILOSOPHY, THE POLITICS OF CANCER, THE CANCER SYNDROME, and many health food books).
16. The annual torture of 64 million laboratory animals. Most useful results obtainable by mechanical means. Protection society approval for handling of ALL sensate creatures.
17. Lack of comprehensive social care, covering ALL contingencies, as common elsewhere. (We need private agencies to advise on unsafe work places, residence and food; and surplus opportunities, to enable us to act accordingly. Protection lags far behind. 400 times the radiation known to produce lung cancer was permitted in a uranium mine. Employees and the public are constantly abused. Ending poverty should help integrate neighborhoods and schools, obviating the need for most busing and public housing. Minimizing problems, through economic justice, is the first step toward their solution; recalling that increased production and saving - usually offered as cures - merely raise land prices, until ground rent is fully assessed (ending the sale price of land), permitting gains to be reflected in wages, while assuring full employment. Immediate humanitarian steps would be access to all detention by activist ombudsmen, and truth tests to establish abuse (for redress only). DRY GUILLOTINE and HELL ON TRIAL ended the French Guiana camp (Devil's Island). Awareness should end our own hells of exploitation and repression: PROGRESS AND POVERTY; AMERICA, INC.; POWER, INC.; A CENTURY OF DISHONOR (five: 50 million Indians in western hemisphere in 1492); works of W. E. B. duBois and Carlton Beals; THE GREAT FEAR IN LATIN AMERICA; HIDDEN TERRORS; A MAN IN HIS TIME; TERROR IN THE PRISONS; WOMEN IN PRISON; YOUTH IN HELL; WEEPING IN THE PLAYTIME OF OTHERS).

(Ghosts belong in prison) "with liberty and justice for all."