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POMOS REQUIRE THE JOINED EFFORTS OF MANY PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT ORIGINS AND INTERESTS. IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TO DEFEND OUR HISTORIC CULTURE IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO REFER TO THE CONTINUOUS LOOP ABOVE WHICH CAN BE ENTERED/EXITED AT ANY POINT. IT MAY EQUALIZE OR ELIMINATE MANY DIFFERENCES ENCOUNTERED IN HUMAN INTERACTION.

RECAP

IN OUR LAST ISSUE WE POINTED OUT THREE EXTRAORDINARY FORCES AT WORK IN OUR WORLD THAT HAVE THE POWER TO DRASTICALLY ALTER THE HUMAN LIFE PATTERNS THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED, EMPLOYED AND IMPROVED OVER THE RELATIVELY RECENT MILLENNIA OF MAN'S SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE, IDENTITY AND DESTINY.

ALL THREE OF THESE FORCES ARE MAN MADE. TWO OF THEM, CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ABUSE OF OUR PLANET'S MINERAL, VEGETABLE AND ANIMAL RESOURCES ARE GLOBAL IN SCOPE AND THEIR SOLUTION WILL REQUIRE A PATIENT AND DETERMINED COOPERATION AMONG OUR WORLD'S MANY POPULATIONS AND THEIR POLITICAL LEADERS. AMERICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THESE EFFORTS AND THOSE OF CHINA, INDIA, RUSSIA AND OTHERS WILL

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IN THIS ISSUE: WE INITIATE COVERAGE OF THE POMO SOLUTION CITING ITS BACKGROUND, THE NATURE OF THE KEY FORCES THAT OPPOSE OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND WHAT WE MUST DO TO THWART THEM.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE: WE WILL FOCUS ON WHY AND HOW AGRESSIVE ISLAM POSES A POWERFUL THREAT TO OUR CONSTITUTIONAL REUBLIC.

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BE CRITICAL, AND, IN ORDER TO SUCCEED, ALL WILL BE FORCED TO ACT AS ONE OF MANY, NOT ONE OF ONE. AS PRIOR AND PRESENT ATTEMPTS TO REACH GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMONG MULTIPLE POPULATIONS AND NATIONS HAVE RARELY BEEN SUCCESSFUL, THE PRESENT PROSPECTS ARE NOT ENCOURAGING.

THE THIRD DOES NOT DEAL WITH THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF OUR EXISTENCE ON EARTH SUCH AS CLIMATE, SPECIES, TERRITORY, FOOD, WATER, ETC. RATHER, IT IS CONCERNED WITH OUR VALUES, IDENTITIES, LAWS, MORALS AND THE WAYS AND CIRCUMSTANCES BY WHICH THEY ARE REVEALED, TESTED AND THEN SELECTED FOR FURTHER USE, OR DISCARDED.

THIS GROUP INCLUDES SOME OF OUR MOST CHALLENGING AND SENSITIVE WAYS TO DEFINE AND EXPRESS OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR FELLOW MAN, WITH SCIENCE AND WITH GOD, TO WHICH WAYS WE HAVE GIVEN NAMES SUCH AS RELIGION, CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION. THESE EFFORTS HAVE OFTEN FOLLOWED THE HUMAN FAULT LINE AND EITHER FAILED OR DETERIORATED INTO BITTER ENMITY OR WARFARE. OVER THE CENTURIES, IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS AND PLACES THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN PLAYED AND REPLAYED WITH THE HOPE, BUT NOT EXPECTATION, OF SUCCESS.

...DESTRUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF THE WEST'S UNIQUE INSTITUTIONS, CULTURE, VALUES AND VISIONS.

Now, IN THE 21ST CENTURY, A NEW CHAPTER IN THIS CYCLE IS BEING WRITTEN WITH A FEW MAJOR CHANGES. IT OFFERS A WIDESPREAD BODY OF OPINION THAT CONDEMNS WESTERN CIVILIZATION (WCIV) AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE EVIL AND MANY OF THE TROUBLES THAT NOW AFFLICT MANKIND. THOSE IN THIS ANTI-WESTERN GROUP SEEK NO SHARED SOLUTION, BUT CALL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF THE WEST'S UNIQUE INSTITUTIONS, CULTURE, VALUES AND VISIONS.

...THIS TIME NOT BY MILITARY MEANS.

OURS IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY DANGEROUS MOMENT BECAUSE OF THREE FACTORS —

THE GROWING PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR ARMS, THE AVAILABILITY OF INSTANT INFORMATION 24/7 MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE REEMERGENCE, AFTER THREE CENTURIES, OF RADICAL ISLAM'S ATTEMPT TO INVADE AND CONQUER EUROPE, THIS TIME NOT BY MILITARY MEANS.

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INTRODUCTION

THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE BACKGROUND TO THE VERY THREATENING SITUATION THAT NOW FACES OUR COUNTRY AND CULTURE. AS WE LACK THE EFFECTIVE MEANS TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION TO OUR GLOBAL NATURAL ELEMENTS AND RESOURCES ISSUES ON OUR OWN, WE MUST DIRECT OUR EFFORTS TO THE DEFENSE OF OUR CULTURE, CONSTITUTION, VALUES AND GOVERNMENT FROM THE MULTIPLE SOURCES THAT NOW TARGET WCIV FOR ITS ELIMINATION.

THIS WILL NOT BE EASY, AS IDENTITIES AND ROLES ARE OFTEN DISGUISED AND THE PROCESS OF CALLING THEM OUT WILL INEVITABLY CAST DOUBT ON SOME OF OUR TRADITIONAL PEOPLE/GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON PUBLIC SUPPORT AND LOYALTY. BUT SUCH EXPOSURE IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY OUR ENEMIES AND PUBLICIZE THEIR GOALS AND METHODS.

...AND IN OUR PRESENT CONDITION NATIONAL UNITY IS A "MUST".

OUR TASK IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT OUR EFFORTS AND DETERMINATION TO DEFEND OUR NATION FROM EXTERNAL ATTACKS WILL REQUIRE THE NOT EASILY ACHIEVED COOPERATION OF ALL THREE BRANCHES OF OUR GOVERNMENT — MOST NOTABLY, THE CONGRESS THAT IS CHARGED WITH ENACTING AND FUNDING ALL LEGISLATION. SADLY, IT IS A BRANCH IN EVIDENT DECLINE THAT CONSISTENTLY REJECTS ITS CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO ENGAGE IN PARTISAN, AND OFTEN BITCHY, POLITICAL BICKERING. FAR FROM ACTING AS A STABILIZING FORCE TO KEEP THE COUNTRY ON ITS PRESCRIBED CONSTITUTIONAL PATH, IT

SEEMS COMMITTED TO MAGNIFYING DIFFERENCES — MAJOR OR MINOR, NEW OR OLD — BETWEEN OUR TWO POLITICAL PARTIES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS MAKES NATIONAL UNITY IMPOSSIBLE; AND IN OUR PRESENT CONDITION NATIONAL UNITY IS A “MUST”.

IN THIS NEW SERIES, ENTITLED THE POMO SOLUTION, WE WILL ANALYZE THE METHODS, TACTICS, TIMING, IDENTITIES, BACKGROUND AND PURPOSES OF THOSE WHO ARE ATTACKING OUR WAYS OF LIFE, THOUGHT, AND GOVERNMENT; AND THE CULTURE, VALUES AND HISTORY FROM WHICH THEY DERIVE.

AND WE WILL INTRODUCE AND RECOMMEND THE POPULAR MOVEMENT (POMO) AS BEING OUR ONLY MEANS OF SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FORCES NOW ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN TRYING TO BRING ABOUT THE DEMISE OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THE MANY FREEDOMS OF CHOICE AND BELIEF WHICH FLOW FROM IT.

THE POMO

POMO IS AN ACRONYM ABBREVIATION FOR POPULAR MOVEMENT FORMED FROM THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF EACH WORD. BECAUSE THESE MOVEMENTS ARE DISTINCTIVE IN MANY WAYS THEY DO NOT FORM OR SUCCEED FREQUENTLY ON A NATIONAL SCALE. THEIR ORIGINS ARE OFTEN DESCRIBED AS STEMMING FROM SOME SPONTANEOUS IMPULSE OR REACTION, BUT EVEN WHEN OBSCURED BY SUCH CLAIMS, EVIDENCE OF PURPOSE AND/OR PLANNING CAN BE FOUND.

SUCCESS ON A NATIONAL SCALE IN A LARGE AND POPULOUS COUNTRY WITH ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS IN PLACE IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE THE POMO MUST BE QUICK AND NIMBLE IN ESTABLISHING ITS PRESENCE AND IN NEUTRALIZING OR CIRCUMVENTING THE FORCES AND OPINIONS OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE IT, BUT IT CAN BE DONE; AND WE BELIEVE THAT UNDER SKILLED SUPERVISION TODAY’S UNSETTLED POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES MAY OFFER ADVANTAGES TO A POMO.

OUR INTENT IS CLEAR. IT IS TO ENERGIZE AND ORGANIZE A PROCESS TO DEFEND OUR WESTERN EUROPEAN CULTURE (WEC), AND BY EXTENSION WCIV, HERE IN OUR AMERICAN HOMELAND. THIS IS BASICALLY AN EDUCATIONAL EFFORT, BUT WE ARE NOW DEEPLY DIVIDED POLITICALLY AND HAVE EXTENDED THOSE DIVISIONS OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY BY POLITICIZING MANY OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES — EDUCATION, SPORTS, ART, ENTERTAINMENT, THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA (MSM), RELIGION AND MORE.

THE RESULT IS THAT, WHILE OUR EFFORT IS NOT OF A POLITICAL CHARACTER, OUR OPPONENTS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE STRONG POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TIES, WILL COMBINE THEM TO ATTACK OUR EFFORTS ALONG THE POLITICAL FRONT. WE MUST EXPECT THIS AT EVERY TURN OF TIME OR PROGRESS AND MUST MAINTAIN OUR NON-POLITICAL FOCUS.

THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE WE MUST UNDERSTAND AT OUR BEGINNING AND AS WE GROW IN NUMBERS AND STRENGTH. EVEN AS ITS FOUNDERS, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT A POMO IS SOMETHING WE CAN START AND STEER FOR A WHILE BUT NOT STOP. FOR WHEN THE TIME COMES THAT IT HAS ACHIEVED CRITICAL MASS AND IS SEEN AS SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL BE BEYOND OUR REACH. IT WILL HAVE BECOME A FORCE OF ITS OWN MAKING THAT BEGAN WITH LOCAL EFFORTS WHICH THEN JOINED WITH OTHERS IN BECOMING ONE — E PLURIBUS UNUM.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR BEGINNING IS THE NATURE OF OUR ROLE AS FOUNDERS. EARLY ON, WE WILL BE CALLED UPON TO UNDERTAKE BASIC ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR LOCAL GROUPS TO KNOW THAT THE CENTRAL, FOUNDING GROUP WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE, BUT THAT ITS PRIMARY FUNCTIONS WILL BE TO SET POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL STATUS ON A TIMELY BASIS. TO THIS END WE WILL ALWAYS REFER TO OUR CENTRAL GROUP’S ROLE AS ONE OF SUPERVISION OR ASSISTANCE, NOT MANAGEMENT.

POMO CHARACTERISTICS

UNDOUBTEDLY OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN POMO WAS OUR 18TH CENTURY STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM ENGLAND. IT GREW GRADUALLY OVER SEVERAL DECADES, CERTAINLY SLOW BY TODAY’S PACE, BUT IT OCCURRED AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS NO RADIO OR TV AND WHEN NEWS BULLETINS, THE PRECURSOR TO OUR NEWSPAPERS, WERE TYPESET/ PRINTED BY HAND AND THEN POSTED IN TAVERNS OR HAWKED IN THE STREET; AND TRANSPORTATION WAS EQUALLY PRIMITIVE. STILL, AFTER TIME, AS ONE INJUSTICE FOLLOWED ANOTHER, PEOPLE WROTE, TALKED AND MET TO PROTEST THEIR COLONIAL GOVERNMENT AND STATUS. THIS ONGOING “CONVERSATION” SUSTAINED THEIR IDEAS, COMMENTS AND HOPES FOR INDEPENDENCE.

TODAY’S RELIANCE ON SPEED IN THE REPORTING OF NEWS OFTEN OVERSHADOWS OTHER CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS ACCURACY, FAIRNESS, DETAIL, SOURCE, DECENCY — I.E., TRUTH. BUT IT IS THE STANDARD OF OUR TIME AND ONE FROM WHICH THE POMO COULD ALSO BENEFIT.

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...HAVING A BIAS IN FAVOR OF LIBERAL/LEFT ISSUES AND OPINION.

THE BEHAVIOR OF A POMO CAN BE LIKENED TO THAT OF A PRAIRIE FIRE. IT CAN MOVE EQUALLY FAST IN A STRAIGHT LINE OR MAKE INSTANTANEOUS CHANGES IN ANY DIRECTION WITHOUT GIVING ADVANCE NOTICE. POMOS SUCCEED IF THEY ARE ABLE TO GENERATE, SUSTAIN AND EXPAND ENTHUSIASM TO THE DESIRED SCALE. THERE IS NO SET TIME- TABLE. SOME CAN SEEM TO GROW RAPIDLY; OTHERS MAKE PROGRESS MORE SLOWLY. WHATEVER THEIR TIME FRAME, WORD OF MOUTH (W/M) PUBLICITY IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT THAT MUST BE EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED.

TODAY THE FATE OF WCIV IS A MATTER OF GLOBAL CONCERN AND SOME OF ITS CONNECTED ISSUES ARE CONVERSATIONAL TOPICS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. SUCH IMMEDIACY IS A BENEFIT FOR DISSEMINATING INFORMATION BY W/M. INFORMED AWARENESS IS THE POMO'S WEAPON OF CHOICE AND, WHEN COMBINED WITH AMERICA'S HISTORICAL ENERGY AND INDEPENDENCE, WILL ENABLE THE PRESENT ATTACK TO BE DEFEATED AND ITS THREAT TO OUR DESTINY REMOVED.

POLITICS AND PUBLIC OPINION SHARE THE SAME BORDER. IT MAY NOT BE VISIBLE ON THE GROUND IN THE CONTINUING PUSH/PULL AND GIVE/TAKE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES, BUT, LIKE A LINE ON A MAP, IT IS THERE TO CLEARLY ESTABLISH IDENTITY, LIMITS AND ORIGINS. IN POLITICS THESE ARE COMBINED TO FORM PARTIES; IN THE WORLD OF POPULAR OPINION THEY BECOME PART OF OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER THAT IS EXPRESSED IN SOVEREIGNTY, CULTURE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR HISTORY THAT WE DEEM VALUABLE TO BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE GROUP.

CURRENTLY THE ROLE OF THE MSM IS FAR BROADER AND MORE ACTIVE THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN IN OUR PAST. STARTING FROM THE MANUALLY PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED HANDBILLS OF THE 18TH CENTURY, IN THE SPACE OF 200 YEARS IT BECAME AN IMMENSE, SELF-CONTAINED INDUSTRY THAT SERVED THE NATION WELL BY CONTRIBUTING GREAT WEALTH TO ITS ECONOMY AND PROVIDING A RESPONSIBLE VOICE TO REPORT AND COMMENT ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST.

TIME AND TECHNOLOGY, HOWEVER, CHANGE EVERYTHING AND TODAY THE MSM IS NO LONGER A STAND-ALONE BODY, BUT HAS BECOME PART OF WHAT IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS OUR ENTERTAINMENT/MEDIA COMPLEX. IN THE PROCESS OF THIS ABSORPTION IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT ROLES AND VALUES WOULD CHANGE, WHICH THEY DID WITH THE RESULT THAT OUR MSM IS NOW GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS HAVING A BIAS IN FAVOR OF LIBERAL/LEFT ISSUES AND OPINION.

THE CHARGE, OR EVEN SUGGESTION, OF BIAS SEEMS TO HAVE SOME BASIS IN FACT; AS MSM COVERAGE OF EVENTS, ISSUES OR PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLITICAL RIGHT HAS DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY.

POMOS ARE ABOUT CHANGE AND COMPETITION WHICH ARE FORCES THAT THE MSM'S DOMINANT MINDSET SEES NO ADVANTAGE IN ENCOURAGING VIA MEDIA EXPOSURE. ACCORDINGLY, COVERAGE OF OPPOSITE OR SUSPECT CAUSES IS DISHED OUT LIKE STARVATION RATIONS. BUT THIS POSITION BECOMES DEMONSTRABLY LESS TENABLE AS PUBLIC INTEREST AND ACTION DEVELOP AND INCREASE.

ENTER THE POMO ! ITS LOCAL ORIGINS AND UNPREDICTABLE GROWTH PATTERNS ASSURE THAT IN ITS EARLY STAGES ANY MSM COVERAGE IT ATTRACTS WILL BE LOCAL, MINOR AND BRIEF, BUT IT IS IN ITS PRAIRIE FIRE NATURE FOR A POMO TO SHOW SUCH SUDDEN AND RAPID GROWTH THAT LOCAL EFFORTS CAN COMBINE AND PROGRESS TO STATE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS. THE MSM CAN MODERATE ITS COVERAGE OF ANY ISSUE UP TO A CERTAIN POINT AFTER WHICH THE STORY BECOMES SO POWERFUL AND OF SUCH COMPELLING PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IT MUST BE TREATED COMMENSURABLY. POMO GROWTH DISPLAYS THE SPEED AND AGILITY THAT CAN FORCE MSM COVERAGE FAR BEYOND STARVATION RATIONS LEVELS.

HISTORY

AMERICA'S FEW POMOS HAVE GROWN OUT OF VERY DIFFERENT CAUSES. FOLLOWING OUR PUSH FOR INDEPENDENCE THE SLAVERY ISSUE PRODUCED THE ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT; AND AT THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF A BIMETALLIC CURRENCY (SILVER AND GOLD BOTH AVAILABLE AT A FIXED RATIO OF 16 TO 1) CHAMPIONED BY WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN DEVELOPED INTENSE NATIONAL AND POLITICAL INTEREST, ALTHOUGH BRYAN'S PRESIDENTIAL EFFORTS FAILED.

COMING OR GOING, THE POMO
DELIVERED ITS DESIRED RESULT.

EARLY IN THE 20TH CENTURY TWO OTHER ISSUES MARKED BY THEIR DETERMINED AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GREW TO BECOME POMOs AND EVEN ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION. THEY WERE PROHIBITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BOTH OF WHICH TOOK EFFECT IN 1920. IN A REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF THE POMO'S POWER, THE 18TH AMENDMENT WHICH LEGISLATED PROHIBITION WAS REPEALED THIRTEEN YEARS AFTER ITS PASSAGE. COMING OR GOING, THE POMO DELIVERED ITS DESIRED RESULT.

THESE TWO EXAMPLES COME FROM A TIME WHEN POPULAR EXPRESSION WAS MORE NATURAL AND LESS CONTROLLED THAN BY THE TECHNOLOGY OF OUR ERA. LATER IN THE SAME CENTURY THE NATION BECAME BITTERLY DIVIDED OVER THE VIETNAM WAR AND MANY OF THOSE WHO OPPOSED IT JOINED FORCES AND IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS THE "PEACE PARTY". BUT THE VIETNAM WAR, DESPITE THE HIGH EMOTIONS AND NUMBERS IT ENGENDERED, WAS NOT A TRUE, SINGLE ISSUE POMO, AS IT CONTAINED SUBSETS THAT INVOLVED COLONIALISM IN SE ASIA, PERSONAL DISLIKE FOR PRES. JOHNSON AND NIXON AND GENERATIONAL CONFLICT OVER AGE, POLITICAL POWER, AUTHORITY, BEHAVIOR, EDUCATION AND MORE.

...WHEN VOTING POLLS OPENED FOR WOMEN
AND BARS CLOSED FOR MEN.

MANY PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER THE NAME OF "PEACE" FEATURED OBJECTIONS TO OTHER SOCIAL CAUSES AND CUSTOMS, BUT WHETHER TARGETING VIETNAM OR THE HOME FRONT, THEIR PROTESTS GAINED ENERGY FROM BOTH THE EARLY BEGINNINGS OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION AND GROWING DRUG USE — A LONG TRIP IN TIME AND DISTANCE FROM 1920 WHEN VOTING POLLS OPENED FOR WOMEN AND BARS CLOSED FOR MEN.

...THE MOST IMPORTANT ARE SPEED AND UNITY.

GIVEN THE MANY ELECTIONS THAT HAVE MARKED OUR POLITICAL PROGRESS AND DIRECTION SINCE WE BECAME A NATION, THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY A HANDFUL OF GRASS-ROOTS SUCCESSES. TODAY'S TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY BEAR LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO THOSE OF THE PAST AND MAY SEEM TO FAVOR ESTABLISHED INTERESTS, BUT THE POMO IS A VALID ART FORM WITH QUALITIES THAT ARE BEYOND THE REACH OF

OUR MSM, POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. THE MOST IMPORTANT ARE SPEED AND UNITY.

UNITY

AN IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTIC OF POMOs IS THAT THEY FORM AROUND AND PURSUE A SINGLE ISSUE — IN OUR AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: INDEPENDENCE, SLAVERY, SILVER COINAGE, ALCOHOL AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE. THERE WERE POLITICIANS FROM BOTH PARTIES WHO, IN THE COURSE OF CAMPAIGNING FOR OFFICE, ATTACHED THEMSELVES TO THE POMOs' ENERGY AND GOALS, BUT THE POMO, ITSELF, WAS NOT BURDENED BY PARTY LINE POSITIONS ON OTHER MATTERS SUCH AS TAXATION, FOREIGN POLICY, TRADE, ETC. IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS PURITY IN OUR POLITICS, THE POMO CAN CLAIM IT FAR MORE REASONABLY THAN MOST OTHER FORCES.

THIS SHARED SINGULARITY OF PURPOSE AND EFFORT BY THOSE ENGAGED IN A POMO CREATES A POWERFUL BOND BETWEEN THEM, AND DEVELOPS THE UNITY WITHOUT WHICH ANY LARGE NATIONAL EFFORT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE DIMINISHED AND SUCCUMB TO BICKERING AND COMPETITION FOR PERSONAL AND POLITICAL POWER.

UNITY IS A KEY ELEMENT OF ANY POMO AND ALSO A STRONG FACTOR IN OUR EFFORTS TO CONVERT THE RESULTS OF OUR POLITICAL PROCESS INTO RESPONSIBLE AND SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONDUCT AND THE AFTERMATH OF OUR CIVIL WAR IT IS REASONABLE TO STATE THAT AMERICA HAS NEVER BEEN MORE BITTERLY DIVIDED OVER EVERYTHING — PERSONALITIES, POWER AND POLITICS — THAN IT IS NOW. THIS IS DANGEROUS ENOUGH IN ITSELF, BUT OUR PRESENT MOMENT CONTAINS A LARGELY UNRECOGNIZED , BUT POSSIBLY LETHAL, DEMOGRAPHIC THREAT.

OUR EDITORIAL PERSPECTIVE OF AMERICAN UNITY IS INFORMED BY THAT PERIOD OF HISTORY THAT COMMENCED IN 1914 WITH WORLD WAR (WW) I AND EXTENDED THROUGH WW II AND THE TRUMAN AND EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATIONS UNTIL THE ELECTION AND ASSASSINATION OF PRES. KENNEDY. THE TWO GENERATIONS THAT FIT WITHIN THOSE YEARS WERE ONES IN WHICH OUR PARENTS AND OURSELVES EXPERIENCED ALL OR PART OF THE CYCLE OF EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, MARRIAGE, BIRTH AND DEATH.

WHILE DOING SO, OUR COUNTRY FELT THE IMPACT OF SOME OF THE MOST FEARFUL EVENTS OF ITS HISTORY — WW I, THE STOCK MARKET CRASH OF 1929, THE GREAT DEPRESSION, THE FAILURE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND THE RESUMPTION OF MILITARISM IN EUROPE, WW II, THE DAWNING OF THE ATOMIC AGE, THE END OF THE COLONIAL ERA, THE COLD WAR AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE FOR WORLD DOMINATION BETWEEN POPULAR GOVERNMENT FAVORED BY THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES AND THE AUTHORITATIVE FORMS PUSHED BY COMMUNIST RUSSIA AND CHINA.

IN AMERICA THERE WERE SHARP, HARD-EDGED DIFFERENCES OVER THE TERMS OF THE VERSAILLES TREATY THAT ENDED “THE GREAT WAR” AND WIDESPREAD SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC AGONY FOLLOWING THE STOCK MARKET’S COLLAPSE AND THE END OF THE ROARING TWENTIES IN OCTOBER, 1929. IN THE FOLLOWING DECADE OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION AMERICA’S TRADITIONAL OPTIMISM, STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE WAS MUTED AND CONFINED BY OFF-THE-CHART UNEMPLOYMENT, IDLE PLANTS AND CORPORATE FAILURES, SOUP KITCHENS, FAILED REMEDIES AND HUNGER THAT REACHED THE STARVATION LEVEL IN ”DUST BOWL“ AND COAL MINING COMMUNITIES, WHILE CONGRESS ARGUED LOUD AND LONG OVER FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC ECONOMIC PROPOSALS. THROUGHOUT THIS PAINFUL TIME AMERICA WAS ABLE TO RETAIN MUCH OF ITS UNITY — NOT, HOWEVER, WITHOUT IT TAKING SOME HARD HITS.

THERE WERE GEOGRAPHICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC GROUPS THAT BORE MORE OF THE PAIN AND BURDEN THAN OTHERS AND TO WHOSE MORE FREQUENT AND URGENT CALLS FOR HELP PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AID WAS DIRECTED. LOOKING BACK, WE WERE SOMEHOW ABLE TO CONVEY THE THOUGHT THAT WE WERE ALL IN THIS CRISIS TOGETHER AND MANAGED TO GET THROUGH IT. WHEN WAR RETURNED TO EUROPE IN 1939, OUR UNITY WAS RESTORED TO ITS NORMAL STATE AND THEN, FOLLOWING PEARL HARBOR, IT REVERTED TO ITS EXTRAORDINARY ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION, ONE PURPOSE LEVEL OF WW I.

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WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING BACK.

THIS UNITY EXPRESSED, AND MOSTLY MAINTAINED, FOR HALF A CENTURY FROM 1914 TO 1963 WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY ASPECT OF OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER AND DEVELOPMENT. THEN, IT WAS PALPABLE, A SOURCE OF STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT. TODAY IT NO LONGER EXISTS. PROPHETICALLY, PERHAPS, AS IN A ROMANTIC WARTIME FAREWELL, WE SEEM TO HAVE MOVED ON WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING BACK.

THERE WAS ANOTHER ASPECT OF THIS FIVE DECADE PERIOD THAT CONTRIBUTED TO OUR UNITY AND OUR ABILITY TO ENDURE AND SURVIVE ITS PERILS. IT WAS PART ART, PART ENTERTAINMENT AND PART ROMANCE; AND IT DETERMINED THE QUALITY AND CONTENT OF MASS ART FORMS — MOST NOTABLY FILMS AND THE STORIES, MUSIC, LYRICS, DANCING, DRAMA AND ROMANCE THEY PROVIDED TO MAKE THE PERSISTENT PAIN OF BOTH THE WAR AND PEACE OF THOSE YEARS BEARABLE.

WW I GAVE US THE BEAUTIFUL BALLADS KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING AND THERE’S A LONG, LONG TRAIL ‘A WINDING AS WELL AS GEORGE M. COHAN’S ROUSING CELEBRATION OF AMERICA’S ROLE OF DELIVERANCE IN OVER THERE. FOLLOWING FOUR YEARS OF WAR AND THE FALL OF THE EUROPEAN MONARCHIES, A REMARKABLE ARTISTIC RENAISSANCE THAT

EMBRACED FILM, LITERATURE, DRAMA AND THE PICTORIAL ARTS EMERGED IN THE WESTERN ALLIES’ COUNTRIES WHILE TO THE EAST RUSSIA AND GERMANY UNDERWENT POLITICAL REVOLUTIONS WHICH ESTABLISHED AUTHORITARIAN FORMS OF GOVERNMENT IN BOTH.

IN AMERICA ONE ASPECT OF THIS REBIRTH WAS THE LITERALLY STUNNING MARRIAGE OF BROADWAY AND HOLLYWOOD WHICH, THROUGHOUT THE ‘30S AND ‘40S, PRODUCED A SUCCESSION OF GLITZY, ELEGANT, SPARKLING, WITTY, LUXURIOUS COMEDIES AND MUSICALS — EVERYTHING THE DEPRESSION YEARS WERE NOT — TO THE MUSIC OF GERSHWIN, KERN, ROGERS; THE LYRICS OF WORD MASTERS SUCH AS IRA GERSHWIN, HART AND HAMMERSTEIN; AND TO THOSE RARE TALENTS SUCH AS PORTER, BERLIN AND CARMICHAEL WHO OFFERED THE MAGIC OF BOTH WORDS AND MUSIC.

THIS IS NOT A SENSELESS DIGRESSION. IT IS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE PATH TO THE DEMOGRAPHIC WE MENTIONED EARLIER. AT A TIME OF NEARLY DESTRUCTIVE STRESS UPON OUR SOCIETY, OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM, OUR LABOR FORCE, OUR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS AND OUR GOVERNMENT, OUR TRADITIONAL SENSE OF UNITY WAS FRAYED AND MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WITHSTAND FURTHER PRESSURE. IN A TRULY GOLDEN AGE BROADWAY AND HOLLYWOOD COMBINED TO OFFER A TANTALIZING VISION OF LIFE AND HOPE THAT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS ACROSS OUR LAND COULD SHARE. IN DOING SO, THEY FORGED A BOND AMONG THEMSELVES STRONG ENOUGH TO RENEW OUR UNITY AND TO ENABLE OUR SURVIVAL. THIS WAS A UNIQUE TIME IN OUR HISTORY WHICH CAN ONLY BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY HAVING EXPERIENCED IT.

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UNITY IS PRIMAL. IT IS THE BASIC STRUCTURAL ELEMENT OF HERDS OF GRAZING ANIMALS, FLIGHTS OF BIRDS AND SCHOOLS OF FISH WHICH MAN ALSO DISPLAYED IN HIS TREKS IN AND OUT OF AFRICA IN SEARCH OF FOOD, WATER AND SHELTER. TIED TO LAND BY HIS ANATOMY AND FOOD SUPPLY, HIS PACE WAS MORE LIKE THAT OF THE IMMENSE GRAZING POPULATIONS WITH WHOM HE SHARED THE AFRICAN VELDT; AND HE COULD ONLY VIEW WITH WONDER THE UNITY OF PURPOSE, DIRECTION AND SPEED WHICH ENABLED BIRDS, FISHES AND WINGED INSECTS TO MOVE TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNISON EVEN WHILE MAKING INSTANTANEOUS CHANGES IN THE PATH AND RATE OF THEIR MOTION.

MAN, HOWEVER, IS NOT GIVEN TO PURITY. IN HIS ASCENT OVER MANY MILLENNIA HIS ENLARGING AND INCREASINGLY IMAGINATIVE BRAIN PRESENTED HIM WITH UNIQUE DEVELOPMENTAL CAPABILITIES NOT AVAILABLE TO OTHER SPECIES — UPRIGHT POSTURE, LOGIC, TOOLS, FIRE AND MANY MORE. THESE, HE COMBINED INTO A BROAD BODY OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH FURTHER DISTANCED HIM FROM THE OTHER SPECIES TO WHICH OUR PLANET PROVIDED LIFE, ENERGY AND FORM.

HE DISCOVERED MATHEMATICS, CHEMISTRY, MEDICINE AND OTHER SCIENCES; HE LEARNED ABOUT MUSIC, ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING; ABOUT LAW, LANGUAGE, RELIGION, POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT; AND, OF COURSE, ALSO ABOUT WEAPONRY AND WEALTH. AND TO ALL OF THESE AND OTHER FRUITS OF HIS LEARNING HE ASCRIBED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPETITION, FOR “MORE”, WHICH IN TIME BECAME INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM HIS ORIGINAL GOAL OF LEARNING. COMPETITION AND UNITY, HOWEVER, ARE POLAR OPPOSITES.

THIS IS HISTORY IN CAPSULE FORM. IN REALITY, ITS PROGRESS ON A SLOWER SCALE — BY MONTH, YEAR OR DECADE — REVEALS THE ANGUISH OF SUDDEN REVERSALS OF TRUTH AND CIRCUMSTANCE, THE SHARP PAIN OF TOO MUCH CONSTRUCTION OR DESTRUCTION AND THE AGONY OF WAR AS A CONSTANT PRESENCE, ALL OF WHICH ARE MODIFIED BY WEALTH, TIME AND TECHNOLOGY. AS IF THESE FORCES WERE NOT SUFFICIENT BY THEMSELVES TO CREATE GENERATIONAL CONFUSION, WE SHOULD CONSIDER THAT FOR FOUR CENTURIES, SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE PILGRIMS, OUR AMERICAN WAY HAS BEEN MOSTLY ONE OF UNITY IN RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES AS VARIED AS INDEPENDENCE, WESTWARD EXPANSION, TWO WWs , THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND OUR PRESENT AGE MARKED BY THE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES THAT GAVE US NUCLEAR POWER/ WEAPONS, THE EXPLORATION OF OUTER SPACE AND THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF OUR 24/7 COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION CAPABILITIES.

TODAY WE FACE AN EXTRAORDINARY NON SEQUITUR IN WHICH THOSE WHO THREATEN OUR CULTURE DENY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR UNITY AND CONSTANTLY PUSH US TO EXCHANGE IT FOR THE DIVERSITY THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE THROUGH POLITICAL CORRECTNESS (PC) AND MULTICULTURALISM (MC). WHILE THEY ARE PERSISTENT IN CITING THE ERRORS OF OUR PAST, THEIR MODELS THAT ARE ON DISPLAY ELSEWHERE INDICATE THAT, WERE WE TO SURRENDER OUR VALUES AND INSTITUTIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEM, OUR POLITICAL EXPERIMENT IN POPULAR GOVERNMENT WOULD END.

THERE ARE, IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY, NUMEROUS PEOPLE WHO HOLD OFFICES OF POWER AND TRUST WHO URGE US TO ACCEPT THIS TRADE WHICH, IF WE DID, WOULD GREATLY EXPAND THE REACH OF THEIR AUTHORITY AND INTERESTS. WE SUSPECT THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE WHO, IF THEY FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR HISTORY’S AND OUR DESTINY’S PRIZES ARE AT STAKE, WOULD REJECT IT AS WOULD HAVE THOSE FROM PREVIOUS GENERATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO FOUGHT OUR WARS AND GAVE THEIR LIVES.

...IT IS A BLANK SPOT IN OUR NATIONAL CONSCIENCE AND CHARACTER.

THIS BRINGS US TO THE CRUX OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC THAT WE MENTIONED EARLIER. THE TWO MOST RECENT GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS, NUMBERING MANY MILLIONS AND BEARING

THE LABEL MILLENNIALS HAVE NO MEMORY OR EXPERIENCE OF A TIME WHEN OUR NATION RECEIVED AND REFLECTED UNITY FROM ITS CITIZENS ON A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS. IN TIMES OF CRISIS THIS GENERALLY POSITIVE ATTITUDE SPIKED TO NEAR UNANIMITY. THIS LACK IS MORE THAN A MERE DEMOGRAPHIC. IT IS A BLANK SPOT IN OUR NATIONAL CONSCIENCE AND CHARACTER.

FROM A CULTURAL VIEWPOINT SUCH A LAPSE IS DEADLY. TWO GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS (AS STARTERS WITH MORE TO FOLLOW) WILL SOON HAVE NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF A UNIFIED AMERICA AND, AS TIME PASSES AND THE ORAL TRADITION DISAPPEARS, ONLY PHOTOS, RECORDINGS, DRAWINGS, ETC. MADE AT THE TIME WILL BE AVAILABLE. FORTUNATELY, OUR PRESENT TECHNOLOGY ENABLES US TO PRESERVE RECORDS FAR BEYOND THEIR SHELF LIFE PRIOR TO THIS CENTURY.

THE REAL DAMAGE DONE BY THIS DEMOGRAPHIC IS THAT MANY MILLIONS OF AMERICANS NOT ONLY HAVE NO EXPERIENCE OF A UNIFIED NATION, BUT CANNOT EVEN IMAGINE ONE. FOR THIS GROUP AND ITS DESCENDENTS, THEIR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF OUR CAPACITY FOR UNITY WILL EXTEND UNTIL CORRECTED BY FUTURE EVENTS.

THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE WE KNEW AS MOSTLY COOPERATIVE AND UNIFIED UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION DOES NOT EXIST FOR THEM. THEIR VIEW IS “WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET” AND WHAT THEY SEE IS A SHARPLY DIVIDED NATION WHOSE INSTITUTIONS CAN NO LONGER BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT AND PRODUCE AN EVEN PASSABLE GOVERNMENT FOR ALL. VISION IS NOT EVERYTHING. SPEECH MATTERS TOO. AND, WHEN THEY LISTEN, AS THEY DO, THEY HEAR A POLITICAL DISCOURSE IN WHICH “RACIST” AND “DIVERSE” ARE THE MOST FREQUENTLY INVOKED WORDS.

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THE NATURE OF THE POMO IS THAT BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE, DECENTRALIZATION AND MOBILITY, PLANNED EVENTS DO NOT ALWAYS TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME IN REAL TIME, WHICH CAN PRODUCE A MAGNIFIER EFFECT. BUT THE EYE OPENER FOR THE COUNTRY’S TWO YOUNGEST GENERATIONS WILL BE THE UNITY CREATED BY THE POMO, BOTH IN THE INTERNAL STRENGTH IT CAN DEVELOP AND ITS POWERFUL APPEAL TO OTHERS. THE POMO IS A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, AS IS THE PRESENT GENERATION OF AMERICANS’ UBIQUITOUS CELL PHONES. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT A GODZILLA MEETS WOLF MAN MOMENT IS IN THE OFFING ?

PRINCIPLES

ANYTHING AS EXTENSIVE AND IMPORTANT AS A POMO MUST HAVE A BRIEF AND READILY UNDERSTANDABLE SET OF PRINCIPLES UNDER WHICH ITS VARIOUS LOCAL GROUPS CAN

ORGANIZE, OPERATE AND ESTABLISH UNITY ON KEY MATTERS. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR ANY EFFORT THAT ASPIRES TO NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT. WITHOUT SUCH GUIDANCE THE PATH OF THE POMO MAY BE LIKE THAT OF THE PANICKED BUFFALO HERD THUNDERING EN MASSE OVER THE CLIFF'S EDGE. WITH THE ADVANTAGE OF FIRM AND EFFECTIVE PRINCIPLES ITS WAY CAN BE THAT OF BIRDS IN FLIGHT.

THERE IS ALSO AN EXTERNAL BENEFIT FOR THE POMO IN HAVING AVAILABLE FROM ITS INCEPTION A STATEMENT OF ITS BELIEFS FOR ITS ACTIVE FOLLOWERS AND FOR THOSE WHOM IT HOPES WILL JOIN THEM IN THE FUTURE. FOR, IF IT IS BOTH BRIEF AND CLEAR, IT CAN SERVE AS KIND OF A SHORTHAND INSTRUMENT THAT FOSTERS FAMILIARITY AND IDENTIFICATION WITH THE POMO'S INTENTIONS. IT OFFERS A CLEAR LINE OF SEPARATION, A FIREWALL, BETWEEN OUR DEFENSE OF OUR CULTURE AND THE FORCES THAT ATTACK IT — A NON-NEGOTIABLE, FIRM STATEMENT OF WHO AND WHAT WE ARE AND FROM WHICH OTHERS CAN ANTICIPATE WHAT FORMS AND DEGREE OF OPPOSITION WE MAY OR MAY NOT TOLERATE.

HERE, THEN, ARE THE LINES WE HAVE DRAWN TO IMPOSE SOME HELPFUL LIMITS ON HOW WE PRESENTLY VIEW OUR POMO AND ITS OPERATION. TIME IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY CHANGE, AND TODAY'S COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY IS SO ADVANCED THAT IT CANNOT HELP BUT ACCELERATE AND FACILITATE THE POMO'S ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE EVEN SOME WAYS IN WHICH THE POMO IS UNIQUELY EQUIPPED TO BENEFIT FROM OUR TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

- 1) OUR PURPOSE IS TO RESIST THE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ATTACKS AGAINST WCIV IN OUR COUNTRY BY CREATING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THEM AND THEIR SPONSORS.
- 2) OUR METHODS WILL AT ALL TIMES BE PEACEFUL AND DEFENSIVE. WE WILL SEEK TO DEFEND OUR HISTORIC CULTURE, LAWS AND TRADITIONS — NOT TO ATTACK OTHERS. THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THIS. THE FIRST IS THAT IN THE POMO'S FORMATIVE STAGE ITS OPPONENTS WILL HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF FAR GREATER NUMBERS, AS WELL AS FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES, WHICH WOULD FAVOR THEM IN ANY BLOW-FOR-BLOW, "STREET FIGHT" STRATEGY. AND, SECONDLY, ANY TACTIC THAT WOULD EMPLOY ATTACKS AGAINST OUR OPPOSITION WOULD ALSO INVITE THE ENGAGEMENT OF POLITICAL INTERESTS. SUCH AN INTERVENTION WOULD TRANSFORM THE POMO'S NATURE AND DILUTE ITS MESSAGE IN WAYS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.
- 3) INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF OUR PARTICULAR AMERICAN CULTURE AND ITS DERIVATION FROM ITS NORTHWESTERN EUROPEAN ANTECEDENTS WILL BE AN ONGOING PRIORITY.
- 4) WE ARE NOT A POLITICAL GROUP SEEKING OFFICE OR THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES ALTHOUGH OUR MESSAGE MAY PLACE US IN AGREEMENT WITH, OR OPPOSITION TO,

POLITICALLY ACTIVE INTERESTS.

- 5) IN REFERRING TO THOSE WHO WORK WITH AND SUPPORT US AS "MEMBERS", WE DO SO IN THE GENERAL SENSE OF "PARTICIPANTS", NOT AS A FORMAL DUES PAYING ENTITY WITH ITS ATTENDANT RECORD KEEPING. WE DO HOWEVER, ANTICIPATE REQUESTING/RECEIVING VOLUNTARY DONATIONS WHICH THE IRS MAY OR MAY NOT CONSIDER TAX DEDUCTIBLE.
- 6) WE WILL DEVELOP A WEBSITE AS OUR PRIMARY SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, AND WILL EMPLOY WHATEVER PARTS OF THE CYBER SPECTRUM ARE AVAILABLE AND APPROPRIATE AT ANY GIVEN TIME TO SPREAD OUR MESSAGE.
- 7) THE ROLE OF THE FOUNDING GROUP WILL BE TO SET POLICY, TO CREATE THE POMO'S MESSAGES; TO ENLIST SUPPORT FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ADVISE LOCAL CHAPTERS ON DEVELOPING THEIR ACTIVITIES; TO REPORT ON PROGRESS AND TO COORDINATE LOCAL GROUPS' EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS ELSEWHERE.

THIS IS A SHORT LIST AND ONE THAT CAN AND WILL BE AMENDED AS NECESSARY. WITHIN ITS GUIDELINES THERE EXISTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRODUCE A REAL TRANSFORMATION IN HOW WE VIEW AND EXPERIENCE OUR AMERICAN CULTURE AND WCIV. SUCH A PROCESS CAN GENERATE MOMENTUM INTERNALLY AS WELL AS EXTERNALLY AND, AS ITS FORCE BUILDS, CAN REACH ITS POINT OF CRITICAL MASS FOLLOWED BY WIDE POPULAR PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS.

METHODS

THERE ARE TWO CRITICAL ELEMENTS IN CONSIDERING THIS POMO'S SUCCESS. THE FIRST IS THE USE OF W/M PROMOTION. IT IS FAST, FREE AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, AND WILL PROBABLY BECOME OUR MOST EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUE FOR CONVEYING OUR MESSAGE. FOR MOST OF HISTORY W/M WAS RESTRICTED IN ITS MEANING TO ACTUAL SPOKEN CONVERSATION BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS — WHETHER SPONTANEOUS OR PURPOSED. TODAY, HOWEVER, OUR CONCEPT OF "CONVERSATION" HAS BEEN EXPANDED EXPONENTIALLY TO INCLUDE EXCHANGES THAT TAKE PLACE IN ALL PARTS OF OUR MAINSTREAM, SOCIAL AND COMMERCIAL MEDIA. THIS INCLUDES PAID ADVERTISING WHICH HAS A CONSIDERABLY SHORTER HISTORY THAN W/M AND HAS SCORED ITS OWN SPECTACULAR SUCCESSES, BUT WHICH IS GENERALLY NOT SUITABLE FOR THE EARLY STAGE DEVELOPMENT OF A POMO .

WE HAVE COMPARED THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A POMO TO THOSE OF A PRAIRIE FIRE — FAST, SILENT, POWERFULLY CHARGED AND HIGHLY MANEUVERABLE — FOR WHICH WE WOULD PROVIDE THE INITIAL IGNITION AND ENERGY AFTER

WHICH ITS GROWTH AND STRENGTH WILL BE LARGELY SELF-GENERATED.

THE SECOND ELEMENT IS OF A DIFFERENT SORT. IT IS A GENDER FACTOR — WOMEN’S PROVEN CAPABILITY AT THE LOCAL, PERSON-TO-PERSON LEVEL TO ATTRACT OTHERS TO JOIN THEM IN ADVANCING PUBLIC INTEREST CAUSES AND PROJECTS. THEY ARE GOOD AT TALKING, CREATING INTEREST AND PERSUADING IN NON-CONFRONTATIONAL WAYS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE AT THEIR BEST WHEN THEY VIEW THE PROJECT IN WHICH THEY ARE INVOLVED AS HAVING AN EMOTIONAL COMPONENT AND/OR SERVING A WORTHY CAUSE. THE DEFENSE OF OUR WEC SCORES HIGH ON BOTH CRITERIA AND OFFERS THE PROSPECT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION BOTH ON A LOCAL SCALE AND FAR MORE WIDELY VIA ELECTRONIC CAPABILITIES.

WE WILL EMPHASIZE BOTH OF THESE STRATEGIES — MAKING USE OF WOMEN’S SPECIAL TALENTS AND W/M MESSAGING — IN OUR PURSUIT OF NATIONAL AWARENESS AND THE DEFENSE OF OUR WCIV CULTURE. WE CANNOT OVERSTRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DEFENSIVE NATURE OF THIS POMO. WE SEE NO BENEFIT AND HAVE NO INTEREST IN CONVERTING OR ATTACKING THOSE OF OTHER CULTURES, OR OF EXTENDING OUR EFFORTS BEYOND OUR NATION. OUR ACTIONS AND PROGRESS WILL BE OPEN FOR OTHERS TO SEE AND USE IF THEY WISH. WE ARE CONCERNED ONLY WITH PRESERVING OUR AMERICAN WEC HERE IN OUR HOMELAND AS IT HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST 400 YEARS. WE WISH TO KEEP IT WITHOUT MODIFICATION OR DILUTION IMPOSED BY POLITICAL ELITES HERE OR ELSEWHERE, AND WE WILL RESIST ANY SUCH EFFORTS TOWARDS ALTERATION.

OUR FOUNDERS UNDERSTOOD THIS. WE DO NOT.

WE WILL RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS GRANTED UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION, BUT WILL NOT ALLOW ALIEN CULTURES TO REWRITE OR REINTERPRET IT TO FURTHER THEIR OWN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS OR SOCIAL GOALS; OR THEIR IDENTITIES. OUR ONLY CONCERN IS WITH PRESERVING OUR OWN AMERICAN CULTURE AND PROTECTING IT FROM BOTH ITS OWN GENEROSITY AND THE PREDATORY AMBITIONS OF OTHERS. THE LATTER, WHICH EMPLOY A VARIETY OF EQUALLY DECEPTIVE NAMES AND METHODS, ARE ENGAGED IN A DETERMINED ATTACK UPON OUR CONSTITUTION, OFTEN WITH THE SUPPORT OF JUDGES AND THE MSM WHO DO NOT RECOGNIZE THAT OUR CONSTITUTION POSSESSES THE FLAW OF A DUAL NATURE — THE SAME LANGUAGE THAT GRANTS A FREEDOM TO ONE PERSON CAN BE USED TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM ANOTHER, IF MISUSED OR MISINTERPRETED. OUR FOUNDERS UNDERSTOOD THIS. WE DO NOT.

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THE PRESENT DIVIDED STATE OF OUR COUNTRY WHICH IS NOURISHED BY A CONSTANT STREAM OF LITIGATION, INVESTIGATIONS, ACCUSATIONS, ARGUMENT, LIES, STATEMENTS, POSTURING AND INACCURATE OR BIASED PRESS COVERAGE HAS MOVED OUR DREAM OF OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT BEYOND OUR REACH AND SOON, PERHAPS, BEYOND OUR LIVING MEMORY. THIS MEAN-SPIRITED DIVISION IS AS ANTITHETICAL TO OUR INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS AS IT IS TO THOSE OF OUR NATION. WE SHOULD AVOID ANY CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO PROMOTE IT AND WHO MAY VIEW OUR POMO AS A WAY TO GAIN ADVANTAGE FOR THEMSELVES.

THIS IS IMPORTANT. OUR PRESENT DIVISIONS ENCOURAGE THE APPEARANCE OF NEW POLITICAL IDENTITIES WHICH CAN EITHER SUCCEED, FAIL OR SPLINTER AND JOIN ANOTHER ENTITY. UNTIL THEY ATTAIN SELF- SUSTAINABILITY THEY ARE AT RISK OF BEING HIJACKED BY THEIR COMPETITORS AND, CURIOUSLY, THERE IS ALSO A KIND OF REVERSE MECHANISM AVAILABLE BY WHICH THE LARGER PARTY HITCHHIKES ALL OR PARTS OF ITS MESSAGE FOR DISTRIBUTION WITH THAT OF THE SMALLER.

WE SHOULD KEEP THE PRAIRIE FIRE IMAGE IN MIND.

IN SOME WAYS THE NEW POMO IS IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. IT HAS GREATER PURE SPEED AND MORE AGILITY THAN ESTABLISHED PARTIES THAT MUST ACHIEVE AT LEAST A WORKING CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE INTERESTS THAT SHARE THEIR LABEL. AND, IN ITS EARLY STAGES, THE POMO CAN OPERATE LOCALLY AND UNDER THE RADAR WITHOUT INTERFERENCE, OR EVEN NOTICE, FROM MAJOR PARTIES. THIS MAKES POSSIBLE ECONOMIES IN ITS OPERATIONS AND BUDGETING. OUR POLITICAL PROCESS IS CHAOTIC IN NORMAL TIMES AND MORE SO DURING ELECTIONS. AS DISASTERS AND OPPORTUNITIES CAN APPEAR OR VANISH WITHOUT WARNING, SUCCESSFUL POMOs MUST OFTEN BE BOTH FAST AND FLEXIBLE IN THEIR RESPONSE. WE SHOULD KEEP THE PRAIRIE FIRE IMAGE IN MIND.

FOR MOST OF OUR REPUBLIC’S 200+ YEARS IT FUNCTIONED POLITICALLY WITH TWO MAJOR PARTIES WHOSE CANDIDATES WON ELECTIONS: AND A SERIES OF MINOR ONES WHO NEVER WERE ELECTED, BUT SECURED FOR THEMSELVES OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE WHAT WERE MOSTLY SEEN AS INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES FROM WHICH SOME PRESS COVERAGE COULD BE TEASED. THERE WAS A PREDICTABLE UNITY AND RHYTHM TO THIS PATTERN WHICH LULLED US INTO NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO WARNING SIGNALS WHEN THEY APPEARED: WHICH THEY DID — SPORADICALLY AT FIRST, AND THEN WITH INCREASING FORCE AND FREQUENCY.

THE FIRST BLOW STRUCK WAS THAT OF MC WHICH EMERGED WITH THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) AND GAINED GROUND DURING THE COLD WAR WHEN SMALL NATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INCLUDING MANY WHO HAD BEEN

COLONIES OF THE EUROPEAN MONARCHIES, WERE COURTED AND CELEBRATED BY THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES AND THE COMMUNIST BLOC. THESE NEW NATIONS, AS THEY JOINED THE UN AND THEN ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH OTHERS, GREATLY INCREASED BOTH THE NUMBER OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS AND THEIR VOTING POPULATIONS. ERGO: MORE STATES WITH MORE VOTERS, AND ALL THE OLD LINES AND LIMITS WERE GONE. THE RESULT: NO GROUP IS TOO SMALL TO COUNT AND EVERY VIEW SHOULD BE EXPRESSED AND HEARD. ENTER MC, STAGE LEFT. AND, IN THE EVENT THERE WAS ANY RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT AND ENCOURAGE THE NEW NUMBERS AND WAYS, PC WAS ON HAND TO ENFORCE THEM.

THE SECOND FORCE THAT MAGNIFIED THESE POLITICAL CHANGES WAS THE SPECTACULAR ADVANCES OVER ROUGHLY THE LAST GENERATION IN OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. HAVING BEEN GRANTED THE RIGHT TO BE POLITICALLY COUNTED AND HEARD, THE NEWLY CREATED NUMBERS OF VOTERS WERE RECAST BY SCIENCE INTO A COHORT THAT COULD INSTANTLY COMMUNICATE 24/7 VIA SPEECH, TEXT, TV, COMPUTER, PHONE, SATELLITE, ETC. TECHNOLOGY'S EDGE CUT THE WORLD'S POPULATIONS INTO EVER SMALLER AND MORE NUMEROUS PIECES THAT RAISED THE IMAGE OF MASS THOUGHT IN ECONOMIC, SOCIOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS TO THE REALITY LEVEL FOR THE GLOBAL POWER ELITES.

CAN YOU IMAGINE ANY GOAL MORE IMPORTANT FOR THEM THAN THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR WEC AND THEN BEING ABLE TO FILL THE VACUUM IT WOULD LEAVE WITH MODELS OF THE FAILED COMMUNITIES AND PAINED LIVES NOW WIDELY FOUND IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE ? THERE IS NONE. THIS IS NOT IMAGINATION. THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) INSERTED AN ALMOST IMPENETRABLE LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND, WHILE MANY OF ITS CHANGES WERE WELCOME AND MOST EUROPEANS DESIRED THE UNITY THEY THOUGHT IT COULD PROVIDE, AS WITH MOST BUREAUCRACIES, ITS GROWTH SOON OVERTOOK AND OUTDISTANCED ITS BENEFITS.

...LARGER LESSONS OF CULTURE AND HISTORY TAKE TIME, AND USUALLY PAIN, TO REALIZE.

DESPITE THEIR CENTURIES OF SHARED HISTORY AND CULTURE, EUROPE AND THE U.S. HAVE TAKEN VERY DIFFERENT PATHS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY. OUR WAY WAS MADE EASIER BY OUR WEALTH AND UNITY WHICH WERE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN OUR RESISTANCE TO COMMUNISM AND OUR EVENTUAL SUCCESS IN THE COLD WAR. EUROPE, LACKING SUCH UNITY, HOPED THE EU COULD BE THE STARTING POINT FROM WHICH IT MIGHT EMERGE AND GROW TO SIGNIFICANCE. NOW, A QUARTER OF A CENTURY SINCE ITS FOUNDING, THE EU'S IMPACT HAS BEEN FELT MOST POSITIVELY IN THE AREAS OF TRADE, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY WHEREAS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL

ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE PROVED MORE DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE ENORMOUS INCREASE IN MIGRANT ADMISSIONS OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS. IT IS CLEAR TODAY THAT EVERY ASPECT OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EUROPEAN LIFE HAS ALREADY BEEN CHANGED BY THIS INVASION AND THAT THE EU MEMBER STATES ARE NOWHERE NEAR A SOLUTION. WE ARE LEFT TO SPECULATE AS TO THE OUTCOME, KNOWING ONLY THE CONSEQUENCES IT HAS ALREADY IMPOSED — AND THAT LARGER LESSONS OF CULTURE AND HISTORY TAKE TIME, AND USUALLY PAIN, TO REALIZE.

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ITS REWARD FOR ONE AMERICAN WILL BE NO GREATER, NOR LESS, THAN FOR ANY OTHER...

THE TWO MAJOR METHOD COMMITMENTS THAT WE CITED EARLIER (TO W/M PROMOTION AND TO THE USE OF WOMEN'S SPECIAL TALENTS) ARE BROAD IN THEIR NATURE AND THEIR COVERAGE, AND WE THINK WILL PROVE USEFUL IN BOTH THE EARLY AND LATER STAGES OF OUR EFFORTS, AND IN ALL PLACES WHERE WE ARE ABLE TO DELIVER OUR MESSAGE. IN A COUNTRY AS LARGE AS OURS IN BOTH TERRITORY AND POPULATION, WE ARE SURE TO FACE LONG HELD DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDES REGARDING OUR CULTURE IN GENERAL AND/OR ITS MANY COMPONENTS; AND TO AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO A HOST OF INDIVIDUAL ARGUMENTS WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO MAINTAIN OUR FOCUS ON THE POMO AS A NATIONAL PROJECT WITH A NATIONAL BENEFIT FOR ALL. ITS REWARD FOR ONE AMERICAN WILL BE NO GREATER, NOR LESS, THAN FOR ANY OTHER; AND, IN A STRIKINGLY AMERICAN WAY, DEFENDING OUR NATION'S CULTURE WILL ALSO PROTECT OUR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

...OUR GRAND DESIGN IS ONE OF IDENTITY — TO REMIND AMERICANS OF THE HISTORY AND VALUE OF THEIR CULTURE.

OUR PRIMARY GOAL THROUGHOUT OUR EARLY STAGES WILL BE TO ACHIEVE RECOGNITION WHICH, BY ITSELF, DOES NOT ALWAYS ASSURE GROWTH, BUT MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE NATIONAL EXPANSION BECOMES POSSIBLE. AT A CRITICAL POINT, OFTEN EVIDENT ONLY THROUGH HINDSIGHT DUE TO THE POMO'S SPEED, THE MOMENTUM OF RECOGNITION CAN REACH A LEVEL AT WHICH IT INCLUDES AND THEN ACTS IN TANDEM WITH GROWTH. THIS MAY CAUSE SOME VARIATIONS IN HOW OUR MESSAGES AND METHODS ARE APPLIED IN AREAS WHERE THE PROGRESS FOR ONE MAY DIFFER FROM THE OTHER, BUT OUR GRAND DESIGN IS ONE OF IDENTITY — TO REMIND

AMERICANS OF THE HISTORY AND VALUE OF THEIR CULTURE. IN THIS PURSUIT, RECOGNITION AND GROWTH WILL PLAY IMPORTANT AND COMPLEMENTARY, BUT NOT IDENTICAL, ROLES.

TOOLS

OF ALL THE PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS AND SUCCESS AVAILABLE TO OUR POMO NONE WILL BE AS IMPORTANT OR DECISIVE IN ITS OUTCOME AS THE ONGOING CHOICE AND USE OF OUR NEWS MEDIA. WE DO NOT REFER HERE TO OUR MAINSTREAM NATIONAL MEDIA, BOTH PRINT AND ELECTRONIC, THAT CONTROLS AND DIRECTS THE FLOW OF NEWS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IT IS ABLE TO DO THIS BY MEANS OF ITS ENORMOUS POWER AND WEALTH WHICH PROVIDE IT WITH THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE EDITORIAL CONTENT AS WELL AS TO DISTRIBUTE IT.

OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY, IN WHICH OUR NEWS AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTORS MERGED, OUR MSM MOVED NOTABLY TO THE LEFT IN ITS COVERAGE AND PRESENTATION OF THE MANY EVENTS THAT COMPRISE THE DAILY NEWS SCHEDULE — REPORTING, COMMENTARY, INTERVIEWS, ETC. — WHETHER BY ITS OWN STAFF OR GUEST SOURCES. FOR A PROJECT SUCH AS THIS POMO, THE MSM WAS NOT AN OPTION.

THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MANY FORMS OF LOCAL OR NICHE MEDIA WHICH ENJOY STRONG SUPPORT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND CAN OFFER A POMO THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN LOCAL CHAPTERS AND THEN THROUGH COMBINATION REACH THE SCALE OF ATTRACTING AND SERVING NATIONAL INTEREST.

OVER THE COURSE OF MOST OF OUR HISTORY THE PRIME EXAMPLE OF SUCH NICHE MEDIA WAS THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER WHICH PRIOR TO THE ADVENT OF COMMERCIAL RADIO FOLLOWING WW I WAS THE ONLY REGULARLY DELIVERED SOURCE OF NEWS FOR THE THOUSANDS OF SMALL TOWNS IN AMERICA THAT COULD NOT SUPPORT A DAILY. IT WAS A GEM. IT STAYED IN THE HOME FOR A WEEK AND PRODUCED A STRONG BOND BETWEEN ITS COMMERCIAL/EDITORIAL FUNCTIONS AND ITS READERS.

SOMETHING LOCAL THAT IS EXCEPTIONAL
AND HAS PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE COVERAGE
IS SEEN AS TREASURE!

RADIO/TV HAVE COMPLETELY ALTERED THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE IN AMERICA'S SMALL TOWNS. SOME HAVE GROWN LARGER; OTHERS HAVE WITHERED AWAY AND DISAPPEARED, OFTEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ECONOMIC OR ENVIRONMENTAL DISLOCATION. BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT HAS ENDURED THROUGHOUT THE PAST CENTURY OF EXTRAORDINARY CHANGE. IT IS THE CONTINUING NEED FOR INTERESTING MATERIAL TO FILL THE HOURS OF BROADCAST TIME AND THE BLANK PAGES OF PRINT MEDIA. EDITORS ARE PLEASED TO HAVE EVEN RUN-OF-THE-MILL STUFF. SOMETHING LOCAL THAT IS EXCEPTIONAL AND

HAS PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE COVERAGE IS SEEN AS TREASURE!

BENEFITS ARE POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, FOR ALL INVOLVED. THE MEDIA EDITORS/OWNERS OFTEN COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER RE THE JOURNALISTIC STANDARDS OF THEIR CRAFT AND OTHER MATTERS THEY CONSIDER WORTHY OF COMMENT; AND EVEN THOUGH THEIR NAMES ARE NOT NATIONALLY WELL KNOWN, THEY ARE SKILLFUL FRAMERS OF OPINION IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND COULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR PURSUIT OF RECOGNITION AND ACCEPTANCE.

THERE ARE OTHER MEDIA DIRECTIONS OF REAL OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO US. DAYTIME RADIO COMMANDS LARGE AUDIENCES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BUT ESPECIALLY IN OUR WESTERN STATES WHERE DISTANCES ARE LARGE AND WHERE MANY WORKERS IN RANCHING, AGRICULTURE, TOURISM, REAL ESTATE, FISHERIES, ETC. SPEND LONG HOURS IN LAND OR WATER VEHICLES WITH RADIOS THAT REPORT REGULARLY ON NATIONAL/LOCAL NEWS, WEATHER AND COMMODITY/CROP PRICES. MANY OF THE HOSTS FOR THESE PROGRAMS ARE LOCAL OR REGIONAL CELEBRITIES WHOSE AUDIENCES MEASURE IN THE MILLIONS. AS THEY FREQUENTLY OFFER SHOWS THAT INTERVIEW A FAMOUS GUEST SPEAKER, THEY ARE ABLE TO BUILD AUDIENCE LOYALTY BASED ON THE DUAL APPEAL OF THE HOST AND THE GUEST.

WHEN WE CONSIDER THE BROAD OUTLINE OF OUR POMO'S PURPOSE — TO INFORM AMERICANS ABOUT THEIR CULTURE AND TO DEFEND IT AGAINST ATTACK — IT IS CLEAR THAT IT IS WELL SUITED TO SERVE AS A TOPIC OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION. SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR UNIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT BODIES, CHARITIES AND CIVIC GROUPS ALL WELCOME NEW TOPICS PRESENTED BY DEDICATED SPEAKERS AS A WORKABLE WAY TO BRING TOGETHER AND STIMULATE THEIR MEMBERS. OUR URGENT MESSAGE OF CULTURAL DEFENSE, UNDERLAID WITH NON-VIOLENT PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM, WOULD HAVE A POWERFUL IMPACT ON THOSE WHO HEAR IT.

CURRENTLY, ALMOST ANY TOPIC FOR A PUBLIC ADDRESS CAN BE EXPECTED TO DRAW HECKLERS OR OBJECTORS WHO WANT TO SHUT DOWN THE EVENT AND DISMISS THE SPEAKER. WHILE OUR PURPOSE IS NOT TO QUALIFY OUR CULTURE AS SUPERIOR TO OTHERS, IT WILL PROBABLY BE VIEWED BY SOME IN THE AUDIENCE AS STAKING SUCH A CLAIM AND MAY ATTRACT WHAT HAVE BECOME THE NOW FREQUENT CHARGES OF "RACIST" OR "WHITE SUPREMACIST" TO BE DIRECTED AT THE SPEAKER. WE ARE NOT CONCERNED THAT ANY SUCH ATTACKS WOULD COME FROM MEMBERS OF THE GROUPS MENTIONED IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE, BUT SOME SPEECHES, ESPECIALLY IN ACADEMIA, SEEM TO HAVE A READY SUPPLY OF DEMONSTRATORS IN PLACE.

OUR REACTION TO THIS AND OTHER CRITICISM SHOULD BE TO NOT RESPOND IN KIND, BUT TO POINT OUT THAT WE ARE ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE DEFENSE AND PRESERVATION OF OUR UNIQUE AMERICAN CULTURE. GIVEN ALL THAT THE LABEL "AMERICAN CULTURE" CAN EMBRACE, ITS ATTACKERS WILL NARROW THEIR FOCUS TO TARGET SPECIFIC INCIDENTS OR

ATTITUDES THAT APPEAR INVITING TO THEM .

THIS “SLICING AND DICING” YIELDS TWO BENEFITS . THE FIRST IS THAT THEY CAN SELECT INCIDENTS WHICH THEY CONSIDER BEST SUITED TO PROVE THE VALIDITY OF THEIR LONG LIST OF CULTURAL GRIEVANCES, AND CAN APPLY THEIR SOCIAL/ POLITICAL PRESSURES ALONG A WIDE FRONT.

...A BODY FORMED TO PREFER OR BENEFIT ONE GROUP, MUST EXCLUDE OTHERS.

THE SECOND IS THAT INCIDENTS CAN BE CHOSEN FOR THEIR MEDIA PROMOTION CAPABILITY. OUR MSM HAS BEEN DELIVERING TO THEIR ADVERTISERS EVER SMALLER AND LESS VARIED POPULATION PROFILES FOR MANY YEARS WITH THE RESULT THAT TODAY BOTH EDITORIAL AND ADVERTISING CONTENT CAN BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT REGIONAL OR LOCAL PREFERENCES. THE SLICING PROCESS HAS BEEN MC’S PRIMARY WEAPON SINCE ITS EARLIEST DAYS. IT, HOWEVER, IS A TWO-EDGED BLADE THAT CAN BE USED TO EITHER INCLUDE OR EXCLUDE; AS A BODY FORMED TO PREFER OR BENEFIT ONE GROUP, MUST EXCLUDE OTHERS.

THIS ENORMOUS EXPANSION IN OUR ABILITY TO DIVIDE MATTER, RESEARCH, ATTENTION, PRODUCTION, GOVERNMENT AND MORE INTO SMALLER AND MORE DISTINCTIVE STATES IS A PRODUCT OF OUR TIME AND TECHNOLOGY, AND IS MADE TO ORDER FOR THE GROWING NUMBER OF INTERESTS JOINED BY ENVY AND HATE THAT NOW FORCE THEIR DISSATISFACTION UPON THE HISTORIC, CONTINUING BENEFITS BESTOWED BY WEC.

IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THE NATURE AND EMOTIONS OF THESE FORCES WILL BRING POLITICS INTO THE MIX. FOR MANY INVOLVED, THE POLITICAL ARENA IS THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE. IT IS WHERE THEY FUNCTION BEST; IT IS ALL THEY KNOW. IT IS SURVIVAL OR FAILURE, LIFE OR DEATH; AND NO HOLDS ARE BARRED.

...TWO OF OUR BASIC PRINCIPLES — OUR FUNCTION IS PURELY DEFENSIVE AND NO POLITICS.

THE GROUND RULES FOR POLITICAL CONFLICT PUT ANYONE OTHER THAN THE MOST DEEPLY GROUNDED OR SUPPORTED POLITICIAN AT EXTREME DISADVANTAGE AND WE SHOULD AVOID BOTH AT ALL COSTS. WE CAN EXPECT TO BE CHALLENGED, DERIDED AND FALSELY ACCUSED TO WHICH OUR REPLY SHOULD ONLY BE EITHER “NO COMMENT” OR “WE ARE DEFENDERS OF AMERICAN CULTURE”. WE SHOULD NEVER ALLOW OURSELVES

TO BE LURED AWAY FROM TWO OF OUR BASIC PRINCIPLES — OUR FUNCTION IS PURELY DEFENSIVE AND NO POLITICS.

OUR TIME , OUR COUNTRY, OUR CHOICE

THE TASK WE FACE PRESENTS ENORMOUS CHALLENGES. TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE; IT IS NOW IN SHORT SUPPLY; WE HAVE WASTED TOO MUCH OF IT, AND WE MUST MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE USE OF WHAT REMAINS AVAILABLE TO US. THIS WILL CREATE A DISCIPLINE WHICH, ALTHOUGH UNFAMILIAR TO TODAY’S AMERICANS, CAN PROVIDE BENEFITS OF NATIONAL URGENCY, IDENTITY AND UNITY. SUCH A RESULT WOULD BE PRICELESS AND, WERE WE TO SUCCEED, COULD SERVE TO RESTORE SOME EARLIER IMAGES AND OPINIONS OF AMERICA.

IN OUR PAST TIMES OF CRISIS, WHETHER IN WAR OR PEACE, WE COULD USUALLY SUMMON A COLLECTIVE DISCIPLINE WHICH ADDED FOCUS AND STRENGTH TO OUR UNITY. THAT DISCIPLINE IS NOT EVIDENT IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY — NOT IN OUR GOVERNMENT; NOR IN THE ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OR OUR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

THIS IS NOT HEALTHY. IT IS TRUE THAT DEMOCRACY GRANTS MANY FREEDOMS, AND OURS MORE THAN MOST, BUT UNLESS THERE IS A STRONG MEASURE OF AGREEMENT AMONG A NATION’S CITIZENS AS TO ITS CHARACTER AND GOALS, MANY OF ITS FREEDOMS WILL BECOME POINTS OF DISSENSION OVER MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE AND POWER. WE ARE NOW IN THAT STAGE. IF PROOF IS REQUIRED, TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE WORKINGS OF OUR EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES; AND FOR A LONGER TIMELINE FOCUS ON THE COMING YEAR PRIOR TO THE 2020 ELECTIONS.

WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT SO FAR THIS VERY VISIBLE POLITICAL VAUDEVILLE HAS NOT SPREAD TO OUR THIRD BRANCH, BUT IT IS A TARGET VERY MUCH “IN PLAY”, TO USE WALL STREET’S JARGON, IN THE MINDS OF THOSE INTENT UPON RECASTING AMERICA INTO A DIFFERENT FORM AND IMAGE OF GOVERNMENT. FOR MOST OF OUR HISTORY THE SUPREME COURT WAS SEEN TO BE APOLITICAL, ABOVE THE FRAY, BUT THAT IS NO LONGER TRUE, AS THE CONFIRMATION PROCEEDINGS FOR RECENT APPOINTEES HAS SHOWN. IT IS THE ULTIMATE POLITICAL PRIZE — ONLY NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED FOR LIFE, NOT ELECTED, WHOSE DECISIONS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL. IT IS ALSO A VERY READABLE GAUGE OF HOW OUR DEMOCRACY IS FARING. AND IT IS SUCH A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE THAT EVEN MINOR PROPOSED CHANGES CAN BE VIEWED AS PRECURSORS FOR MUCH LARGER ONES THAT, IF ENACTED, WOULD END THE COURT, AND PROBABLY OUR DEMOCRACY, AS WE HAVE KNOWN THEM.

AT THIS TIME IN OUR HISTORY WE ARE AT REAL RISK OF ALLOWING OURSELVES TO BE SEPARATED FROM IT. IT IS TRUE

THAT AMERICA NEEDS A “REDO”, BUT ONE MANAGED BY THOSE WHO WANT TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE, NOT DESTROY, HER. IN DEMOCRACIES, POWER IS PASSED UP FROM THE PEOPLE TO THEIR GOVERNMENT, WHEREAS IN AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES THE PROCESS IS REVERSED. THIS MEANS THAT THE DEMOCRATIC MODEL INSTILLS AND NURTURES A STRONG AND CONTINUING BOND BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THOSE WHOM IT GOVERNS.

OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY THIS CONNECTION HAS BEEN PERSISTENTLY AND PURPOSEFULLY ATTACKED WITH THE RESULT THAT IT IS SO COMPROMISED THAT IT CAN NO LONGER FUNCTION IN MANY OF THE WAYS PRESCRIBED BY OUR CONSTITUTION. THIS IS STRONG, BUT VALID, CRITICISM. LOOK AT DC, THE NATION’S CAPITAL, WHERE OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES DEFINE THEMSELVES BY CREATING CHILDISH AND PERSONALLY DEMEANING NICKNAMES, BY ACCUSATION OF REAL OR IMAGINED WRONG DOING, BY QUIBBLING, BY EXAGGERATION, BY FAILING TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION (NOTABLY THOSE OF OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR OWN LAWS), BY LYING AND PREVARICATION, BY MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY/POWER INCLUDING PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS, BY VIOLATION OF CONGRESS’ CODES OF BEHAVIOR REGARDING ETHICAL, SEXUAL, COMPENSATION AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE LIST IS LONG AND SEEMS NEVER TO END. THE DAMAGE TO OUR GOVERNMENT IS CUMULATIVE, REAL AND GROWING. THE PROCESS OF REPAIR WILL BE DIFFICULT, AND SOMETIMES PAINFUL, AT THOSE TIMES WHEN CIRCUMSTANCE AND/OR OUR CONSTITUTION’S ENEMIES QUESTION OUR COMMITMENT. THIS IS WHERE WE ARE, WHERE OUR GOVERNMENT IS. THE CONTRACT SPELLED OUT BY OUR CONSTITUTION BETWEEN CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SO WEAKENED AND MISINTERPRETED THAT ITS ABILITY TO PROTECT US AND TO FUNCTION IN THE WAYS ORIGINALLY INTENDED ARE BOTH GREATLY DIMINISHED.

THIS SITUATION, HOWEVER, IS NOT OF OUR DOING ALONE. QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, AS FROM ITS INCEPTION IT HAS BEEN AIDED BY THE APPLICATION OF EXTERNAL FORCES AND INTERESTS ANTITHETICAL TO THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT. WE WILL IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE THESE IN FUTURE CHAPTERS. EVEN SO, WE ARE WHO WE ARE. AS, FOR OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN MASTERS OF OUR FATE AND FREQUENTLY ALSO FOR THAT OF OTHERS, OUR RECENT FAILURES TO DEFEND OUR WEC ARE TROUBLING AND WILL BE EXPLORED IN LATER ISSUES.

THE LAST MAN STANDING

WITHIN THE SPAN OF APPROXIMATELY THE LAST 60 YEARS WE HAVE WITNESSED AN EXTRAORDINARY CHANGE IN AMERICA’S STATUS . WHETHER AS A RESPONSE TO THE ACTS OF OTHERS OR OUR OWN INTIATIVES, WE HAVE FAILED TO TAKE NOTICE OF POLICIES AND ATTITUDES THAT WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH

OUR HISTORICAL CULTURE AND IDENTITY, BOTH OF WHICH ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN THE DEFENSE WE MUST NOW MOUNT ON THEIR BEHALF. OF THE TWO, NOW, IDENTITY IS PROBABLY MOST IN NEED OF ATTENTION BECAUSE OUR COUNTRY PRESENTLY HARBORS TWO VERY DIFFERENT IMAGES OF ITSELF — THE TRADITIONAL ONE AND ITS RECENTLY ARRIVED COMPETITOR. THESE MUST BE RESOLVED BECAUSE, IF WE FAIL TO CLARIFY OUR IDENTITY FOR OTHERS AND FOR OURSELVES, OUR FUTURE WILL BE UNCERTAIN AT BEST, AND THE TWIN GOALS OF RESTORING NATIONAL PURPOSE TO OUR GOVERNMENT AND CREDIBILITY TO OUR DEMOCRACY WILL TURN OUT TO BE BEYOND OUR REACH.

HERE, IN OUR NATION AND TIME,
THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE.

THERE IS ARGUABLY NO MORE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN A NATION’S DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS THAN HAVING AND PROJECTING A SENSE OF SHARED IDENTITY. IT COLORS OUR INSTITUTIONS, INFLUENCES HOW WE WORK, PRAY AND INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER AND IT CREATES A FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANY ESSENTIAL ASPECTS OF LIFE THAT BENEFIT BOTH THE STATE AND THE INDIVIDUAL. NATIONAL OR CULTURAL IDENTITY IS A WORK OF MANY PARTS. IT BORROWS FROM HISTORY, CONFLICT, FAITH, TERRITORY, ETHNICITY AND MANY OTHER MARKERS ON THE PATH OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. HERE, IN OUR NATION AND TIME, THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE.

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AMERICA HAS BEEN SEEN AT THE END OF BOTH OF EUROPE’S 20TH CENTURY WWS AS THE LAST WARRIOR TO SURVIVE AFTER ALL OTHERS LIE DEAD OR DYING ON THE BATTLEFIELD, AND THIS IMAGE HAS BECOME EXTENDED BY METAPHOR TO INCLUDE ANY CIRCUMSTANCE OF SIMILAR FINALITY. ON A CULTURAL SCALE, WHICH IS FAR LARGER THAN THAT OF THE BATTLEFIELD, AMERICA IS AGAIN SEEN BY MANY AS “THE LAST MAN STANDING”, AS THE SOLE EFFECTIVE DEFENDER OF WEC — A WELCOME SOURCE OF SALVATION TO SOME AND A TARGET FOR DESTRUCTION TO OTHERS.

AMERICA FACES A COMPLEX WEB OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS MANY OF WHICH ARE SIMILAR, IF NOT IDENTICAL, TO THOSE THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED EUROPE’S POLITICS AND POPULATIONS UNDER THE EU BUREAUCRACY. FORTUNATELY, THE FAILURES OF THE EU MODEL ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE AND CAN SERVE AS A WARNING OF WHAT MAY LIE AHEAD UNLESS WE UNDERTAKE THE DEMANDING WORK OF REDEFINING FOR OUR FRIENDS AND ENEMIES WHO AND WHAT WE ARE NOW AND PLAN TO CONTINUE TO BE IN THE FUTURE.

THIS WILL NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED QUICKLY OR EASILY. AMERICA'S CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO BE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE THE PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS IN OUR NATION'S FUTURE AND THAT EACH OF US IS "THE LAST MAN STANDING". WE USED TO BE ABLE TO ASSUME THAT OUR FREEDOMS AND PROTECTIONS COULD BE PASSED INTACT FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT. NO MORE! THE ACCUMULATING AND ACCELERATING ANTAGONISMS OF OUR TIME SERVE NOTICE THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN A STATE OF ALERT TO DEFEND OUR CULTURE AND A WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT TO ITS PRESERVATION. ANYTHING LESS WILL ASSURE FAILURE AND INVITE DISASTER.

THIS CHOICE OF ACTION IS BOTH A DUTY AND AN OPPORTUNITY. THE EASY RESPONSE IS TO CONTINUE TO DO NOTHING, IN WHICH CASE WE WILL HAVE FAILED TO BE WORTHY OF THE INHERITANCE LEFT TO US BY THE NATION'S FOUNDERS. BUT THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO BE. THERE IS ANOTHER COURSE READY AND WAITING — TO REASSERT OUR COMMITMENT TO WEC AND ITS VALUES, TO GOVERNMENT OVER POLITICS, TO THE GUIDANCE THAT OUR FOUNDERS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND TO THE LATTER'S IMPORTANCE IN ESTABLISHING OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER AND DIRECTION.

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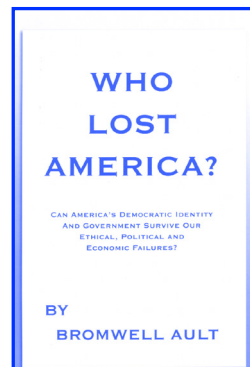
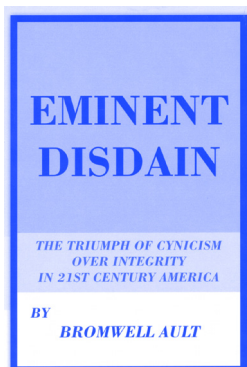
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ABBREVIATIONS

EU	EUROPEAN UNION
MSM	MAINSTREAM MEDIA
MC	MULTICULTURALISM
PC	POLITICAL CORRECTNESS
POMO	POPULAR MOVEMENT
UN	UNITED NATIONS
WCIV	WESTERN CIVILIZATION
WEC	WESTERN EUROPEAN CULTURE
W/M	WORD OF MOUTH
WW	WORLD WAR(S)

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