



## Seven strategies to fix the “Ideal of America”

	<b>STRATEGY #1 Fight! for RED values</b>	<b>STRATEGY #2 Fight! for BLUE values</b>	<b>STRATEGY #3 Deliberative Democracy</b>	<b>STRATEGY #4 Be the change</b>	<b>STRATEGY #5 Education</b>	<b>STRATEGY #6 Consciousness</b>	<b>STRATEGY #7 “We the People”</b>
<b>What is the strategy?</b>	Get involved. Join the partisan battle. Vote to elect the right people, influence your representatives, demonstrate, etc.		Improve the public conversation thru dialog and deliberation	Create local working models & be ready for the crisis	Raise good kids. Teach critical thinking, civics, listening, etc.	Become more conscious thru spiritual practices that resonate	As a nation we need to stop and self-reflect regularly
<b>What’s the problem?</b>	<b>The ideal of “America” is breaking down Loss of democratic principles, the people are polarized, money dominates politics, etc.</b>						
<b>What’s the cause?</b>	We’re not holding onto traditional values, especially freedom of action	There is deep inequity in society ... the “moneyed” elite are in charge	Our public conversation has deteriorated into a battle	We are in the down side of a natural cycle of death/rebirth.	Many people don’t understand our history or how to relate	Our ego-centric ways separate us from nature, others & our true selves	Our system is breaking down
<b>What’s the overarching solution?</b>	Elect a strong leader to reduce gov’t and promote self-responsibility	The government must act to assure equal opportunity & protect diversity	Build relationships and trust so there can be rational conversation	“Scale up” models of what works to the national level	Develop people until there is “tipping point” for the culture	Many people adopting the “right” belief system	Use the “Wisdom Council Process” (WC) to spark “We the People”
<b>What actions can you take?</b>	Excel in the marketplace. This benefits all	Contribute to the “public interest”	Reach across the partisan divide to build relationships	Start modeling locally what is needed in society	Educate people to science, holistic thinking etc.	Be the change you wish to see. Act local/think global.	Help convene WC’s at all levels of society
<b>What’s the assumption?</b>	Our system, based in competition and self-interest, will naturally improve the public interest	The people can be responsible & influence policy to help all	Public decision-making can be improved enough by helping people to be more rational	Everything is unfolding now. The coming crises will be tolerable	Increased individual intelligence will lead to collective intelligence	Increased individual consciousness will lead to increased collective consciousness	We can use the WC process to facilitate all to work together & solve impossible issues
<b>Will this strategy work?</b>	<b>No.</b> All these strategies are indicators of needed change but they can’t work because they seek to improve our system from within our system. Our system is based on a competition of special interests. We have a situation where special interests predominate over the public interest. No longer can we just assume that the public interest will take care of itself. For our system to fit our times we all need to stop and think periodically about what’s happening so we can choose what’s best for all.						<b>Yes!</b> This is how to make all other strategies work— WiseDemocracy.org

The Wisdom Council (WC) process is a social invention capable of facilitating “all the people” to come together as “We the People.” In this way “We” can face impossible-seeming problems, hear all different voices and approaches, and restructure the institutions of our society. For more information see the Center for Wise Democracy ... [www.WiseDemocracy.org](http://www.WiseDemocracy.org).



## What's your Strategy for fixing America?

	<b>My Strategy</b>
<b>What is the core PROBLEM?</b>	
<b>What is the underlying CAUSE?</b>	
<b>What is the overarching SOLUTION?</b>	
<b>What ACTIONS can you take?</b>	
<b>What ASSUMPTION do you make?</b>	
<b>Can this really work?</b>	

See seven other solution strategies on the reverse side  
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