

# How we can use the national Wisdom Council Process to spark "We the People" (Part 2/2)

We can facilitate all the people to come together as 'We the People'

- Here's a fast, safe way to make breakthrough progress on practically any issue we face as a nation
- We can start a whole-system transformation strategy for America ... affecting issues, people, laws, our System of Thinking, etc.
- This paper shares eight accessible steps

Who can do this? ... start the National Wisdom Council Process?

- Government leaders? ... They aren't best
- Actually ... A small bi-partisan group of conveners that
  - Recognizes the need for systems change
  - Understands the transformation process ... Choice-creating, Dynamic Facilitation, etc.
  - Has a few million dollars to spend
  - Can generate national media co-sponsors

## *Step 1) Choose the issue*

While each Wisdom Council ultimately determines its own framing of the issue, it starts out with an issue determined by the conveners, sponsors, national leaders, or a contest, or a survey of citizens. The issue should be something people are worried about ... something conflicted, ill-defined, and impossible-seeming like ... guns, poverty, racism, immigration, health care, education, etc.

## *Step 2) Randomly select citizens for the Wisdom Council*

We only need 12-24 people from throughout the nation. But as much as possible they should be mathematically random. The task of gathering these people can be turned over to an internationally respected polling firm. And of course, we support each selected person to attend through a stipend, travel expenses, baby sitter, etc.

## *Step 3) Provide what's needed to the Wisdom Council*

Each Wisdom Council can gather in a different location. The Council may need to hear short presentations by experts or stakeholders on the issue first. And they should hear about progress from previous Wisdom Councils. They will also need the help of someone skilled in Dynamic Facilitation. This is how the Wisdom Council generates the heartfelt creativity needed to reach unity in a short time, like two or three days.

## *Step 4) Assure a live face-to-face "community meeting"*

As the Wisdom Council finishes, there is a live media event, where they present their unity and the story of how this unity was achieved to a live audience, on TV and through the internet. After the presentation the Wisdom Council disbands. Then audience members talk in small groups and report their level of resonance. Usually, most everyone shares one perspective. This accurately reflects the "Public Interest" instead of the usual competing "Special Interests"

### **Step 5) Provide for remote gatherings**

We also support community organizers, NGO's and governments to convene local events where people gather, see a video of the Wisdom Council presentation, visit in face-to-face conversations, and register their level of unity. They also begin taking these ideas forward in the local area.

### **Step 6) Provide for an ongoing whole-system conversation**

Between Wisdom Council presentations each person can continue talking with others about the issue, increasingly in the spirit of choice-creating. Also, using social media and web-based technology we set up safe, anonymous small group gatherings where people think over these issues with diverse people who are widely distributed geographically.

### **Step 7) Provide for Responder Meetings**

Between Wisdom Council meetings we encourage representatives of governmental agencies, NGO's, stakeholders and experts working in this area to talk together and coordinate their responses. Because the "Will of the People" is clear, they often discover new ways to cooperate in serving the public.

### **Step 8) Support the chartering of the Wisdom Council Process**

Wisdom Councils often make an additional point in their presentation ... "this process should continue." As this symbolic voice of *We the People* grows to become an actual voice of *We the People*, the U.S. Constitution can be amended to assure that the process continues.

### **Notes about this National Wisdom Council Process**

- There is no identifiable risk ... (i.e. Periodically, random citizens make a speech and then disband)
- Each step offers benefits by itself
- The process builds understanding of issues, citizen engagement, empowerment, community and trust
- This 8-step strategy promises to transform how we think about democracy ... To where "We the People" are providing responsible leadership to government, corporations, the media and the culture
- This process facilitates a new thinking process into our many systems of education, justice, parenting, etc. ... "choice-creating," in addition to "decision-making"

### **Center for Wise Democracy**

- 1) Investigate & share the immense benefits of this new approach • [www.WiseDemocracy.org](http://www.WiseDemocracy.org)  
• Read *Society's Breakthrough! Releasing Essential Wisdom and Virtue in All the People* by Jim Rough
- 2) Come to a seminar on "Dynamic Facilitation and the Wisdom Council"
- 3) Start a Wisdom Council in your locality
- 4) Help raise money for national and global Wisdom Councils ... Donate if you can  
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