

An American Consensus ©

In this section of the AmericaII.org website we will be switching gears.

All the other sections in our website have been designed to provide you with information you may not have seen previously, and, in some instances, to invite you to take a look at some information you probably had been exposed to before, but from a perhaps different perspective.

In this final segment of the website we are turning the podium over to **you**.

The table of contents in the book “America II,” shows at a glance, in bullet form, how **eight structural problems** within our government came about over the past hundred years, and how, over that period of time, they have spawned some **twenty seven symptoms of societal decline** that together are harming over 160 million of America’s citizens today.... and every day.

The **American Consensus** segment of our website is the culmination of the **America II** problem solving process.

All American citizens who are eligible to vote in national elections are invited to join together and voice their opinions on what we as a whole society want our politicians to concentrate on, both problems and symptom of problems, to move our country forward, and in the process, make America all it can be.

The APP (the data gathering tool)

The **American Consensus** APP consists of a single interactive survey spreadsheet (see sample) that shows graphically how the twenty seven individual **symptoms of societal decline** are linked to the eight **serious structural problems** that our government has created over the years.

As citizens respond by filling in answers to the twenty seven interactive questions by entering numbers between 0 and 10, they will, in effect, be defining and sharing their personal philosophy as to how we can make America all it **CAN** be. Not what it is now, or was at some distant time in the past; but almost certainly, something much better than either of those. And at the end, users will be able to see at a glance how many other people there are that think as they do now, and also how many people do not think as they do now. The information gathered will allow us to start talking to one another.... and to our government.

Once all the spreadsheets are compiled into a correlated version, An **American Consensus** will present a comprehensive view for our politicians to use when forming their plans for solving the **problems that they created** and have been letting fester for what seems like a very long time.

The APP is designed to draw your attention to the **ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM**. The **problems** listed in the App created the **symptoms** shown in the App. The sum of the costs of treating the **symptoms** when added together, year after year, and decade after decade, equals the level of **Income Inequality** that exists now in America.

When the problems are solved, the **symptoms** disappear, and with them the **Income Inequality** we are wrestling with now.

It really is just that simple.

We have never before in America's history tried to come together as a whole society to give the politicians clear direction as to what we expect them to do to move our country forward. For almost 250 years we have tried elections alone in hopes of getting the job done, and that approach hasn't worked very well — especially over the past 100 years. Too many vulnerable citizens have been left behind in every election held in America in the past hundred years. And the left-behind numbers keep growing with every new election.

If we really expect the politicians to do better in the future, it will be essential that we citizens also do better and give them clearer directions than we have in the past. If we do our part, we have a better than even chance of making America all it **CAN** be.

That is precisely what **The American Consensus** application (APP) has been designed to do.

Hopefully, the politicians will see the **American Consensus** app as a tool to help them move our country forward **along lines favored by a majority of Americans**. If not, we can use the next upcoming election to solve that problem ourselves.

Please help me close out the AmericaII.org website on a positive note.

You can do that by filling in and submitting a copy of your own personal **American Consensus** survey sheet. Your sheet will be combined with all the others and the average for each cell in the survey will be published on the Internet for each federal voting district, each state, and overall for all of America. When you are done, you will be able to compare your personal survey sheet with the averages for your federal voting district, with your state overall, the country overall, or with any other state. The results will be permanently available on-line for everyone in the world to see.

All I'm asking is about a half hour to an hour out of your life. And you can complete the whole survey in any amount of short time segments you prefer, over any overall time period you want. The choice as to when you start and when you finish is entirely up to you. And you can go back and change any part of your survey, at any time, as you think best and submit the amended version. Only the latest version will be kept.

One hour out of an entire lifetime to share with your family, your community, your state, and your country your personal thoughts about where our politicians should be concentrating their time; with the final objective to make our country, **The United States of America**, all it **CAN** be.

And finally, **Thank You** for visiting the **AmericaII.org** website.... and caring enough to share your thoughts about how we can make our country all it can be. ...not just this year or even this decade... but for a long, long time into the future.

Maybe, with a bit of luck, forever.

-Jack