

# OUR FIRST RIGHT NOW

How Congress stole our First Right in  
the original Bill of Rights, and how  
regular Americans will reclaim  
The People's House

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# We were **robbed** by our servants.

**This is the story of a crime.**

The only subject that George Washington publicly addressed at the 1787 convention was small districts, to minimize political power. Our original First Right in the Bill of Rights was designed to avoid what we suffer today: millionaires in Congress, controlled by ruthless sociopaths and industry.

Our First Right was hijacked and put on a shelf in 1789 by a mistake of *one word* — yet it was ratified by 11 states. We only need to get 27 more state legislatures to hold their ratification votes, and America will finally have small districts.

**That will require that we bring Congress home.**

For a century, more than 31,000 towns in America have not had a representative in Congress or the Electoral College.

Now we can — and take Congress out of DC forever.

Congress passed it, so Washington DC cannot stop this. It is the most powerful reform in 200 years. We can make history, especially with Donald Trump's help.

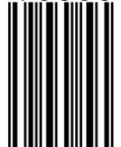
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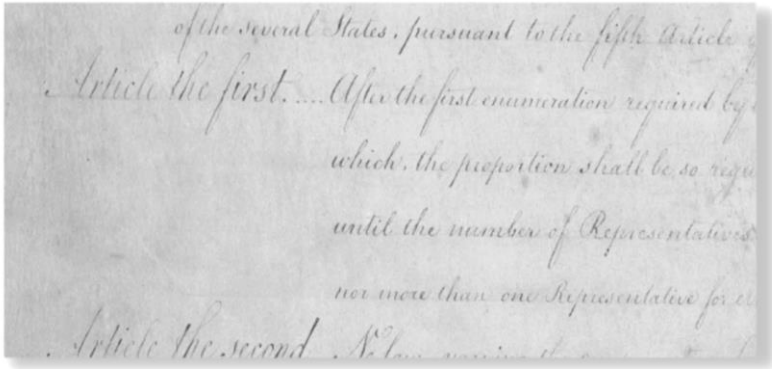
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**T**his is the story of a crime. Of how a tiny mistake 140 years earlier set us up for it, how We the People have always had the power to reverse it, and how we can take Congress forever out of Washington DC, making that corrupt city irrelevant again.

America is hijacked by Washington DC – the most ruthless, powerful, criminal city-state in the history of the world. It became that way when Congress stole our First Right in the original Bill of Rights; the least known mega-crime in history.

DC organized crime: billionaires and multinational corporations funding pork, multibillion-dollar wars and multimillion dollar campaigns as the average House member rules over 700,000 citizens. This all began with a small error of just *one word*.

### **The Founding Fathers' Plan**

On the last day of the five month long Constitutional Convention in 1787, delegate Nathaniel Gorham made a motion to change one word in Article I of the proposed Constitution – “*the number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every forty thousand...*” to read, “for every **thirty** thousand”.

George Washington rose to speak for the first and only time to address the convention. On page 644 of *Records of the Federal Convention*, James Madison describes the scene:

*“When the President rose...he said that although his situation had hitherto restrained him from offering his sentiments...he could not forbear expressing his wish that the alteration proposed might take place... The smallness of the proportion of Representatives had been considered by many members of the Convention an insufficient security for the rights and interests of the People. He acknowledged that it had always appeared to himself among the [disagreeable] parts of the plan...as late as the present moment was for admitting amendments, he thought this of so much consequence that it would give much satisfaction to see it adopted.”* The change was adopted unanimously.

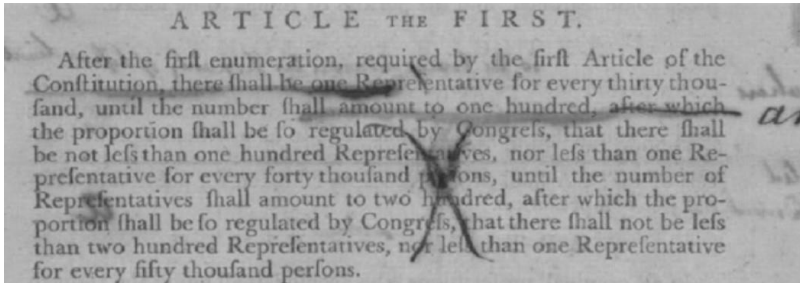
For two years afterwards, the State legislatures deliberated ratifying the new Constitution. To satisfy opponents, Madison promised that Congress would add their changes. June 8, 1789, he introduced 39 amendments; on September 25, Congress finally passed the 12-article original Bill of Rights and submitted it to the States to ratify. Article 1 guaranteed small districts...

*Article the First. – After the First Enumeration required by the First Article of the Constitution, there shall be One Representative for **every Thirty Thousand**, until the Number shall amount to One Hundred; after which the Proportion shall be so regulated by Congress that there shall not be less than One Hundred Representatives, nor less than One Representative for **every Forty Thousand** Persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount to Two Hundred, after which the Proportion shall be so regulated by Congress that there shall not be less than Two Hundred Representatives, nor more than One Representative for **every Fifty Thousand** Persons.*

Some people contend that ‘*not more than*’ in the last sentence means they sought to *restrict* the number of representatives. But that word ‘*more*’ in the last sentence was a transcribing error, as Washington’s speech, the Convention vote, and all three bold clauses above demonstrate.

## A Slip of Mister Otis' Pen

On the day before Congress officially passed the Bill of Rights, they agreed to correct a transcribing error to change the word *less* in “*the last line less one*” and to insert the word *more*. So the last sentence should end, “nor less than...”:



Though confusing, the final phrase fits with the prior sentences. But the scribes making copies for the States received bad instructions from Samuel Otis, who reported that they should replace the word ‘less’ in the last *place* in the article, rather than in ‘*the last line less one*’. So the copies sent to the states contained an error that made the last passage read exactly *opposite* of what the Founding Fathers intended.

The handwritten copies were sent to all 13 states so their state legislatures could ratify as stipulated in Article V.

By 1790, twelve states had ratified: CT, KY, MD, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, VT and VA.

## Our First Right, Hidden in the Basement

In 2011, New Jersey attorney Eugene LaVergne discovered that Connecticut’s vote sat in a basement unrecorded so only eleven votes were counted...all because of Mr. Otis’ pen.

Here’s what happened. The Connecticut House voted for the original First Amendment in October, 1789 and its senate voted for ratification in May, 1790. That made Connecticut the ninth state to vote for ratification out of 12 states at the time; exactly

three-fourths of the states, the number required to ratify an amendment per Article V of the Constitution (now needs 38).

When its senate voted to ratify, the Connecticut House wanted to retract its earlier vote until Otis' error could be corrected. The transcription error was trivial; everyone knew the intention of that article was small districts. Since a ratification vote can't be retracted, Connecticut buried its ratification vote record in its state archives in the basement. It was never recorded.

Although LaVergne sued in 2012, Article V does not give the courts jurisdiction in ratification. The only way forward is State legislatures continuing the ratification process.

Congress already passed it, so we don't need a constitutional convention; just 27 more ratification votes. DC can't keep 27 more State legislatures from restoring our First Right at last. But you may wonder, why did we wait so long?

### **Our 'Greatest President' Was Our Hijacker**

In Lesson 3 of my book *Mission to America* or Chapter 4 of my book *Fear The People* (both available as free eBooks from [www.AmericaAgain.net](http://www.AmericaAgain.net)) you can learn about six books and a website documenting that Lincoln was a friend of Karl Marx and that Lincoln was the original hijacker of our Constitution.

Try to imagine your reaction if this happened today: in four years, 7.5 million Americans kill one another and destroy 50% of all property in America. Adjusted for population growth, that's the shock-and-awe that Lincoln administered for his elite handlers, who have also controlled every subsequent president.

Once you grasp the existential shock to citizens, you can better understand why Americans did nothing even as DC organized crime went on steroids with Lincoln and grew worse ever since.

Given Americans' fear of their new master, Lincoln and the 37<sup>th</sup> Congress had no trouble hatching a counterfeiting operation. We The People stipulate in the Constitution that only gold and silver

are lawful U.S. money – but the chaos of his war gave Lincoln cover to create worthless paper ‘greenbacks’. During 12 years of so-called ‘Reconstruction’, the U.S. supreme Court appeared to legitimize the high crime of Lincoln and Congress by becoming their co-conspirator, issuing three ‘legal tender’ opinions.

### **Congress’ Hijacking of 1929**

The founders designed the People’s House to keep politicians from amassing power. The number of districts of the House of Representatives was supposed to increase after every census to keep districts small. But the shock-and-awe of Lincoln’s War and ‘Reconstruction’ were a devastating 16-year distraction. Elite puppeteers bought politicians, increasing their power and riches as their ‘constituency’ grew.

Congress reapportioned districts in 1872 with a random formula creating **292** districts, yet our First Right required **765** districts at that point. In 1890, the House changed its calculation to ensure that no state lost a seat due to shifts in population, yet our First Right required **1,844** districts as of the 1910 census, when Congress fixed the U.S. House at a random 435 districts.

Our First Right required **2,120** districts as of the 1920 census, but using convoluted math, Congress passed its Reapportionment Act of 1929, that did not even mention districts. When they used the excuse that the House chamber could not accommodate more than 435, congressman Ralph Lozier said:

*I am unalterably opposed to limiting the membership of the House to the arbitrary number of 435... There is absolutely no reason, philosophy, or common sense in arbitrarily fixing the membership of the House at 435...*

Openly violating the Constitution, Congress arbitrarily fixed the size of the House, knowing that the original First Amendment was still before the States, open for ratification. Career politicians wanted power, and their billionaire handlers wanted it even more. Now we know *precisely* how it was done.

## **It's Our Responsibility**

Isn't it amazing? This hijacking of our lives and liberty all began with a one-word clerical error, followed by a shock-and-awe war and counterfeiting operation by the president that most American schools say was one of our greatest!

Today we have an historic opportunity. The Internet is shaking humanity as the printing press shook the medieval world. We The People can arrest DC and end the hijacking. Reclaiming our First Right and restoring the People's House is up to We The People. We are the top level of government.

This historic action cannot be performed by our billionaire servant in the White House, but The Donald can drastically accelerate our ending the hijacking and removing Congress from Washington DC forever.

Eleven states already ratified. In the other 37 contiguous States, we are recruiting 4-person teams to publicly read a proclamation at the state capitol. Our first action project is called *OUR FIRST RIGHT NOW: Operation Let's Trump DC*. For details, see our website at [AmericaAgain.net](http://AmericaAgain.net) or read Lesson 4 in my free eBook *Mission to America*.

## **Our Recent Precedent**

The original Second Amendment was ratified by one man, after more than two centuries sitting idle in the states.

In 1983, a University of Texas student named Greg Watson began working to get 29 more State legislatures to ratify the amendment, which stipulates that if Congress gives itself a pay raise it does not take effect until an election intervenes. After ten years nagging the state legislatures, in 1992 that one young man got it ratified! It became the 27<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

If one diligent citizen can do this, imagine what we can do, especially if Mr. Trump will join us and push on 27 state legislatures to ratify our First Right, the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment!

## **Testing Mr. Trump**

We still don't know which side Mr. Trump is on, but we still give him the benefit of the doubt. We demand that he push the state legislatures to deliver what George Washington promised.

If he was sincere in his campaign and inaugural address, he will be happy to do this. Restoring our First Right and small districts is supported equally by the Left and Right. If he ignores this, it will expose him as just another Deep State presidential puppet for the elite. It will mean *we were duped*.

## **State Legislators**

Remember, this is merely a state legislature ratification vote, not legislation; it can be done in a day. No reconciliation bill or governor's signature needed.

AmericaAgain! provides a 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment Fact Sheet to help legislators understand this and a draft Joint Resolution that they use to call for the vote. We provide capitol action teams with printed materials and talking points for media and to *force* your state servants' action.

We will welcome champions in the state legislatures, but we *never* trust a politician. And sovereigns do not suck up to servants as though they are our masters.

This must remain a project of The People, for the People and by The People. AmericaAgain! will raise donations to hire a GIS/TIGER mapping firm to draw the new redistricting map for each State with districts of 50,000 people or less. We will also hire several of the top redistricting attorneys in America to provide state legislatures with testimony and consulting.

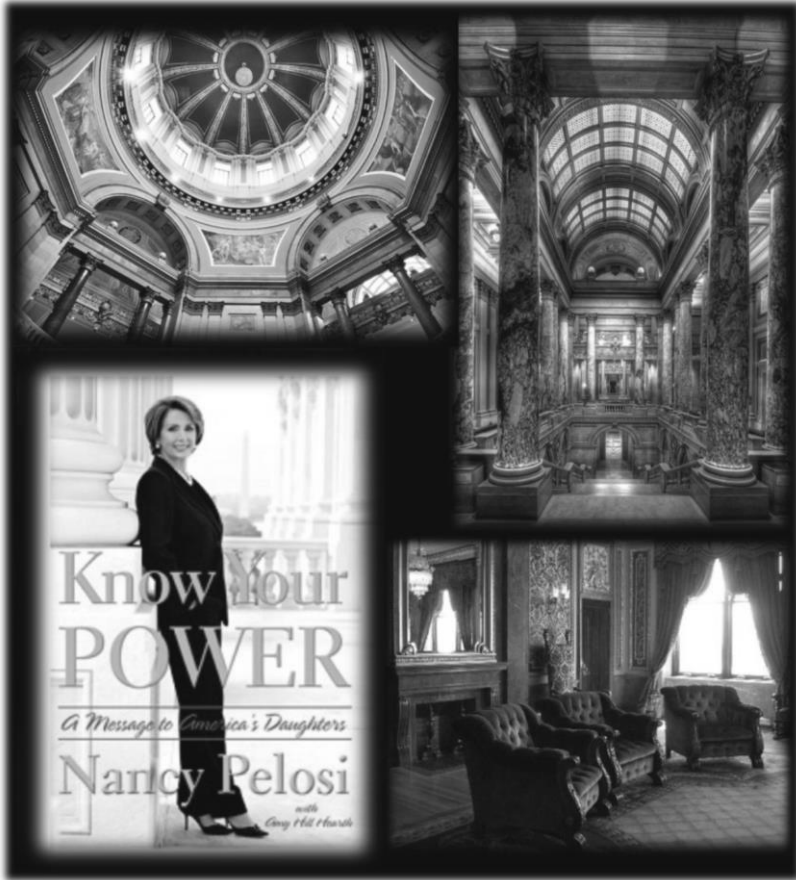
## **Granite Dome Syndrome**

Let me explain why We The People must never trust a legislator as things are now.

As an architectural engineer having designed buildings for almost 30 years, I appreciate the power of architecture on the

human psyche. Ancient Rome used it to make great conquered chieftains and princes cower in awe when they visited Rome – the seat of power of their new masters.

Granite Dome Syndrome hits within a week of taking office...



Since you pay for it, look carefully. Imagine this became your playground for the rest of your life. The instant opulence is like a middle-class person being given a free mansion with staff and amenities. The architecture alone makes the person think himself very special, and staff daily reinforces this self-assessment.

After years of playing retail politics in a state legislature, I assure you: no legislator in a fancy capitol building is ever to be trusted. Not one of them.

What politicians think: *“The people pay all my bills...the fools even come hat-in-hand to my door every day! They pose for pictures with me! They send their children by the bus-load to get a glimpse of me! They call me ‘Honorable’! This is better than being a drug lord; I’m a rock star! And the people are idiots!”*

As their sovereigns, we must put our foot down as our ancestors failed to do. Can you do that? Because that’s what it will take to turn this republic around. We must stop being their chumps; stop expecting criminals to reform themselves. The Internet is not yet being used for government, but citizens are daily more aware of corruption in government, industry and professions.

Responsible role-reversal. AmericaAgain! is a new way of life. Our new booklet *Tactical Civics™* explains it in 40 pages, or read pages 52-58 of the free eBook, *Mission to America*.

The three elements of Tactical Civics™ are the AmericaAgain! Indictment Engine™, restoring the local Militia, and restoring the Grand Jury. But each weapon in its proper time; first we must restore our First Right.

In our action projects we won’t play footsies, even with smiling, glad-handing Christian politicians. Criminals are on probation until further notice. We will stay on offense all the way, with cameras running. The first action project is explained on page 36 of *Mission to America*:

Besides the Proclamation Day event, we need people to serve on 2-person Capitol Action Teams. These teams (as many as we can muster) go to every member of their state legislature to get them on video record answering one question:

*“We sent you a 28th Amendment Fact Sheet and model Joint Resolution. This is a simple issue with no political downside.*

*Will you bring to the floor the ratification vote of the original First Amendment, the First Right in our Bill of Rights?"*

Make them answer yes or no; no excuses or bloviating. Get it on video. Be firm but cordial.

### **TeenPact With the Devil**

As I relate on page 54 of *Fear the People*, our first attempt to find champions for Ratify28 was four homeschooling alumni of a program called TeenPact, who now serve in state legislatures. All four of these young Christian legislators refused to even *consider* championing the ratification. That best-case scenario, homeschooled Christians in office less than three years, illustrated the corrupting power of Granite Dome Syndrome.

### **The Bring Congress Home Act**

Since 6,400 members will definitely not fit in the House chamber, it's time to bring them home. Modeled roughly on the MOBILE Act of 2013 by Swalwell and Pearce, our second historic action will be the Bring Congress Home Act.

The law stipulates:

- No member of Congress can have an office in DC
- Every member gets a modest lease office, in their town
- Congressmen get 50% of their present salary
- Congressmen get staff of two; senators, six
- All members limited to two terms
- All benefits end immediately (retroactive)
- They work via telepresence, mature tech today

In each congressman's office space there will be one extra telepresence workstation for citizen use when testifying before a congressional committee or subcommittee. Why should we have to take time off, fly to them in DC, and pay for travel just to have them look down their noses at us, their sovereigns?

## **A New Chapter in American History**

Once we set the precedent by bringing Congress home to modest lease spaces and small staffs – and transform the U.S. Capitol building into a multi-use commercial development! – Americans in every state capital will get other great ideas.

It will take time to return to normal life in America, not driven by the Deep State and its puppeteers in the banking, war, oil, insurance, tech, media and other industries. But We The People can restore our lawful control. We can stop the Deep State and industries sparking wars, corrupting our money and gang-raping the productive people of the world in our name.

This historic act of Tactical Civics™ has TRUMP written all over it. No one is better suited to take this project viral.

## **What About The Expense?**

Imagine an employer who let employees set their own salaries, benefits, fancy offices, working conditions, staffing levels, and opulent perks. It's a recipe for business failure.

Americans complain about government excess, but still send the kids on DC bus tours to gawk at 535 politicians who *each* spend an average *\$11 million annually* on their operations; who *each* have as many as *eight* offices and staffs; whose Capitol Hill palace is more opulent than those of kings, popes, and emperors: white-glove exclusive dining rooms, gold-plated china, limousines, spas, private jets and more. All paid for by us, their sovereigns; \$2.85 billion annually for Congress' operations.

We The People abdicated our sovereign roles. We allowed our corrupt servants to control every aspect of our lives, steal us blind, and tighten the chains more with each generation. We allowed them to rack up more than \$19 trillion in debt and \$180 trillion in unfunded liabilities.

Mr. Trump is cutting here and there, but offsetting the cuts with war industry pork. Sooner or later he'll face the fact that DC is

criminal; captive to the Deep State. Only We The People can stop the hijacking, but Trump can lead this historic change.

“But a larger Congress will cost so much more!” does not take into account that a decentralized local Congress will cut hundreds of times more federal expenditures than the additional operating cost of breaking them up to keep them home with us.

Let’s assume we have to spend another \$2.85 billion annually to maintain the larger U.S. House operation with every member of Congress working via telepresence from a single modest office in his or her own town. Compared to the \$2.9 *trillion* annual budget, our new People’s House would only have to cut federal spending by *one-tenth of one percent* to offset the additional cost of operations for 6,400 congressmen. With non-millionaire Americans now able to run for the U.S. House, we’ll cut much more than that.

Melancton Smith could not have foreseen telepresence technology, but on June 21, 1788 in the New York ratification debate he said:

*“The man who would seriously object to this expense to secure his liberties, does not deserve to enjoy them. By increasing the number of representatives, we open a door for...the substantial yeomanry of our country, who, being possessed of the habits of economy, will be cautious of...expenditures...a greater saving will be made of public money than [needed] to support them.”*

### **The Best Time in American History**

There is much more to come from AmericaAgain!. Visit the site to see 21 other reform laws and how the Indictment Engine™ will force our servants in legislatures to obey the law.

<b>Fact: without our First Right, the citizens in over 70% of the land area of the USA have never had a representative in the U.S. House or an elector in the U.S. Electoral College.</b>
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Had enough? Join us. It’s time to take responsibility.

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Shocked at the government fraud of 9/11, beginning in 2006 he spent 14 months in monastic seclusion, prayer and study of 110 key books. He wrote the first draft of the AmericaAgain! Declaration and refined the document with the help of many Americans including constitutionalist radio show host Mike Church and constitutional scholar and author Edwin Vieira Jr.

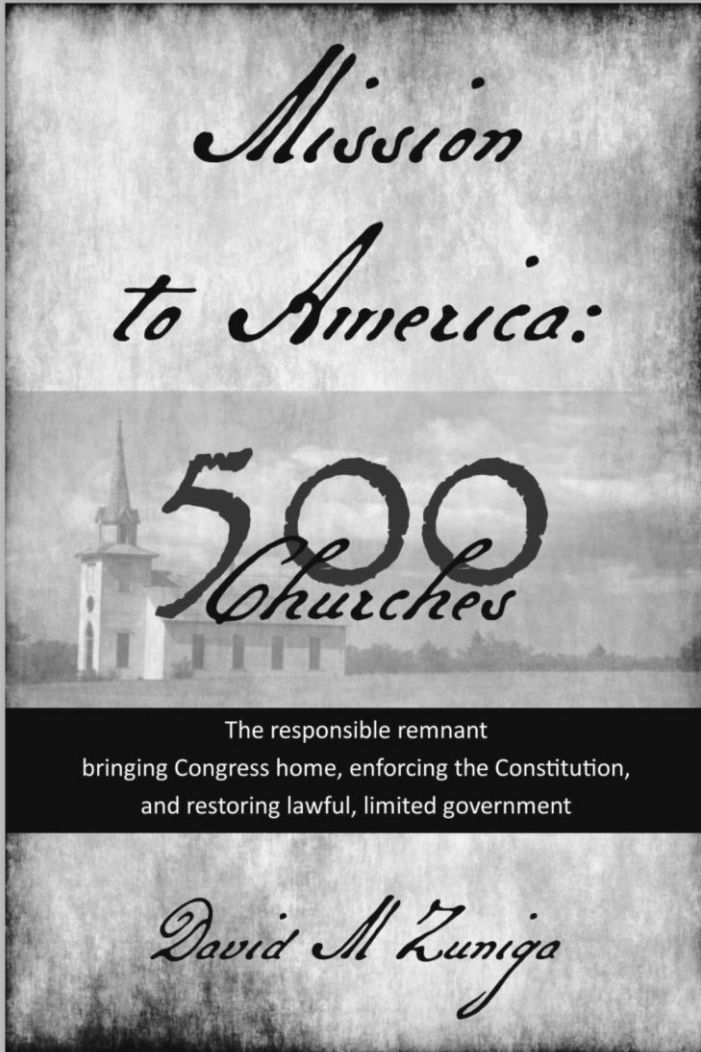
Establishing AmericaAgain! Trust with his brother in 2009, David wrote his first book *This Bloodless Liberty* in 2010 to convey his vision. In 2015 he published *Fear The People*, now in its fourth edition; a full-spectrum action plan to restore popular sovereignty and rule of law.

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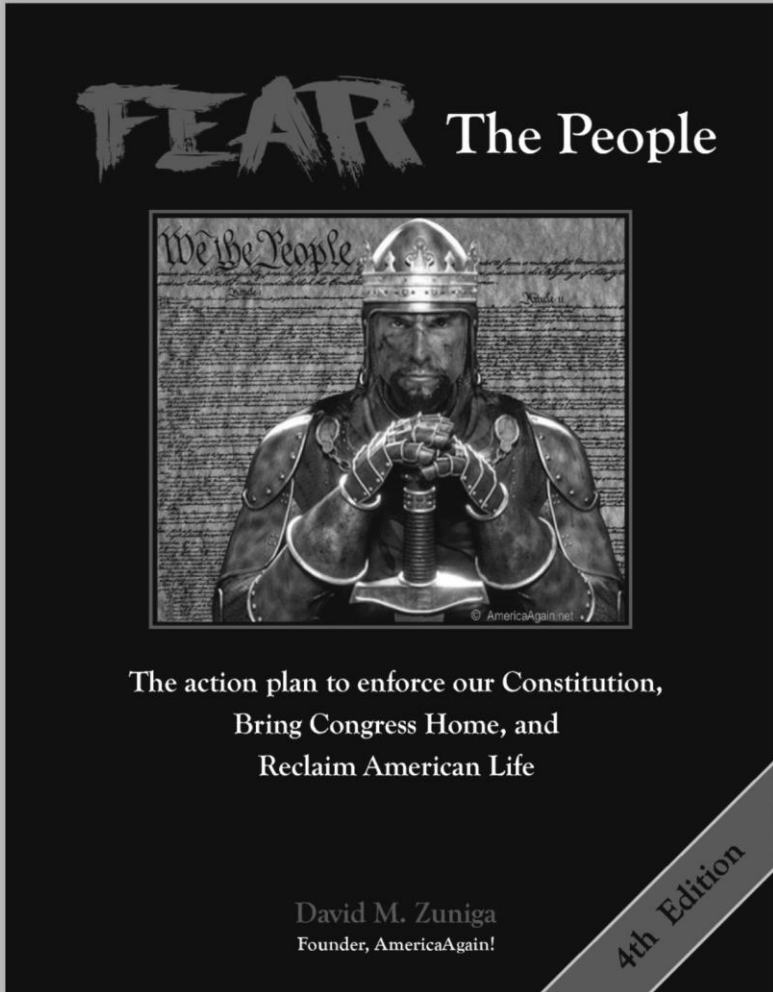
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Supporting the Rule of Law*

*We the People*  
*insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence*  
*and our Posterity, We ordain and establish this Constitution*  
*Article I*



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*For it is written: As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.*

(Romans 14:11)

*For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?*

...

*Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frames mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the LORD is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yes, the LORD our God shall cut them off.*

(Psalm 94:14-23, excerpts)