



The Altruist Party

I. Introduction

- Everyone deserves an acknowledged voice.
- Public perspective is a GIFT.
 - Educated Disagreement – Natural & Necessary
 - “Diverse Backgrounds and Personalities Can Strengthen Groups” (*Stanford, 2006*) (http://www.gsb.stanford.edu/news/research/hr_neale_groupdiversity.shtml)
 - “Genes Predispose Some People to Focus On the Negative” (*Univ. of B.C., 2013*) (<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/10/131010105039.htm>)
 - A lot of “bitching-and-moaning”...but how to know if legislators are listening?
 - Petitions, protests... maximizing effectiveness?
 - What about elderly, disabled who wish to voice their opinion?
 - What about those who have to work and can’t risk their job(s)?
 - Tangible, Bilateral Communication
 - National Neurology – Measurable & Directional Data
- Importance of Dialect
 - “Me vs. You” = Shutdown?
 - Political Hypnosis
 - “Why trust me? Why trust you?”
 - Recent Headlines: Sensational? Attention-Seeking? Insulting?
 - “So We Sit Here Until They Figure Out They Fucking Lost...”
- *Rep. Jim McDermott (D-Wash.)* <http://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/4049873/>
 - “Use debt ceiling debate for leverage...”
- *Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)* <http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2013/10/06/cruz-use-debt-ceiling-debate-for-leverage/>
 - 800,000 furloughed Federal employees, over 400,000 without pay for going on two months now...and *not one* legislative platform for public opinion?

II. 2012 U.S. Presidential Campaign

- Why No/Low Cost?
- No donations.
- 9-5 & Volunteerism

III. Right to Virtual Vote

- Democracy & Mobile Technology
 - Local, State, National elections
 - Domestic Issues & Resolutions; Foreign Policy?
 - “One System” platform vs. State-by-State employment
 - “All-or-None” vs. “Trial-and-Error”
 - (At least) Elderly, disabled.
- Evolution of Voting
 - Bridging the “Digital Divide”
 - “Modern” Voting Machines vs. Evolution of Mobile Technology
 - Paper vs. Virtual: Delivery, Validation, Auditing, Security
- Educated Dialogue (i.e. Illinois Ballot Integrity Project)

IV. Right to Public Opinion & Resolution

- Legislatively Acknowledged
 - Publicly read; counter-rationale required
- Upgrading the Republic Toward Adaptability
 - It’s in American DNA to *lead*. Just think...
 - Women’s Rights
 - Civil Rights
 - Child Labor Rights
 - Worker’s Rights
 - VOTING Rights
- Current manipulation of Public Opinion
 - A lot of “noise” out there...what to believe? How to filter it all?
 - Affordable Care Act
 - Public vote?
 - Unemployment & Under-employment
 - Revised calculations
 - Employment gaps; forecasting and finding locally needed skills
 - Jobs for the elderly, disabled.
 - What do you believe would help create jobs?
 - Veteran Employment & Healthcare
 - Deployment Reform
 - Military Child Initiative
 - Affordable Child Care & Paid Family Leave
 - Tax & Pension Reform
 - Effect on Education Grants, Student Debt
 - Disability Reform
 - Of course there is fraud...but what percentage?
 - What if unemployed?
 - Public Education
 - CPS closings - Did parents, teachers get to TRULY voice their opinion?
 - Energy efficient schools, bundled trust
 - No Child is Invisible Act
 - Chicago Safety Net & ChildServ
 - Technology For Every Child
 - Gun control, “Road Rage” control
 - Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
 - “Real-time” Legislative Rankings
 - “Americans’ approval of their own representative averages 44%.” (Gallup)
- Rotating, small-business 3rd Party oversight; State-by-State w/ or w/o Federal?
- What other issues do you think are important?

V. Right to Information (Citizen Connectivity)

- Objective information :
 - *Health* - FDA recalls, allergies, autism, SIDS, CDC risk (i.e. Diabetes, obesity)
 - *Financial* - Credit Score, Personal Budgeting, personal insurance or loan calculators
 - *Education* - Local opportunities (free or pay; .org events...such as CoC), available grants, trending in higher education vs. available job market (local, national)
 - *Professional* – Local opportunities, private opportunities, concept of “Secondary Skills” toward personal profit

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- *Infrastructure* – Tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, etc.; local health hazards (i.e., Salmonella outbreak.)
- What other customized options would be helpful to you?

VI. Right to Personal Business

- Primary & Secondary Skills
 - “Virtual” (Webcam-based) positions for elderly, disabled.
 - Virtual Debt Counselors, Veterans Reintegration
 - Elderly have TONS of wisdom!
 - As we all get older, bridging multiple generational gaps... which increases *innovative* thinking!
- Immigrant Entrepreneurs
 - Interstate & Intercontinental Migration
 - Wage Gap
 - Loss of Skilled Workers (by both State and Country)
- Micro-Business-to-Business Interactions

VII. Right to Innovation

- Current USPTO methodology
 - Patent Backlog
 - “One” template approach vs. Customized per industry
 - Who would have thought of “Apps”?
- History of American Innovation
 - UPCOMING NEED for healthcare, “green” jobs (i.e., solar, wind, biochar, etc.), growing cybersecurity monitoring/creativity, Personal Image Protection.
 - Why not have multiple revenue streams, like any business would?
- More leisure time = More innovative?
- What would the Romans have done with our technology? Greeks? Egyptians?
- Creativity as a Human Right.

VIII. Municipal (\$7B) - “Building a New Chicago”

- (*Current Administration’s Priorities*):
 - Renovation, repair, or rebuilding of more than 100 CTA stations
 - The creation of the first 16 miles of Bus Rapid Transit Route on Jeffrey Boulevard.
 - \$1.4 billion investment in O’Hare airport over the next three years.
 - \$290 million capital plan for the City’s parks that will include the acquisition of 180 new acres of parklands, and the building of 20 new playgrounds and 12 new parks.
 - The 2014 completion of the Bloomingdale trail.
 - The completion of two new boathouses this year on the Chicago River, with two new boathouses next year.
 - The replacement of 900 miles of century-old water pipe, the repair of 750 miles of sewer line, and the reconstruction of 160,000 catch-basins.
 - The reform of the Aldermanic Menu, and tax increment financing..
 - A \$660 million investment in Chicago Public Schools, and a \$479 million investment in the City Colleges of Chicago, to create modern educational environments that will propel our students into the jobs of tomorrow. (Also, Energy-efficient schools; bundled trust.)

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- Governors of Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana "met" recently in Chicago to discuss common future.
 - "Eventual goal...a single, high-powered, 21-county regional economy stretching from Milwaukee south through Chicago into northwestern Indiana." (Crain's, October 2013)
- What do you believe Chicago's infrastructure priorities should be?
- How can the AP help further your effort(s)? Illinois web page; survey suggestions?

IX. "Questioning is the piety of thought."

X. If ever in self-doubt...

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. – Mark Twain

It was a high counsel that I once heard given to a young person, "Always do, what you are afraid to do."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

The more difficulties one has to encounter, within and without, the more significant and higher in inspiration their Life will be. – Horace Bushnell

Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage.

– Maya Angelou

Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome. – Samuel Johnson

Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true. – Leon J. Suenes

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them. – Henry David Thoreau

No great person ever complains of a want of opportunity. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. – Albert Einstein

Every Artist was at first an Amateur. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Anxiety is the hand maiden of creativity. – T.S. Eliot

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The best way out is always through. – Robert Frost

The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges, or churches, or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors, but always most in the common people. – Walt Whitman

