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You Want a Revolution?

By Daniel Geery

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www.voterocky.org

<http://www.justicepartyusa.net/>

I likewise present this brief summary of the JP goals:

- Transform our government so it works in the interest of the people, including later generations.**
- Elevate awareness of the corrupting influence of money in our government, along with the fact that there is no longer a "lesser of two evils." Democrats and Republicans pander to the same interests, which are not "of or for the people."**
- Demonstrate that grassroots organizing, including social media and other democratized communications, can trump the taint of money in our form of governance.**
- Educate people about issues having the most impact on ourselves and people of the world, later generations included.**
- Obtain governing authority through vigorous election campaigns, rather than watching the elimination of the public interest by those now buying Congress and the White House.**
- Convince others that this can and must be done, for their own sake and to rebuild the foundations of our country.**

As Rocky has noted often, this is a grassroots movement, not his but ours (although he has excellent leadership qualities, including speaking skills, experience and proven track record, charisma; he also consistently speaks the truth and faithfully does his homework on the issues).

So if you want a revolution you can get behind, feel good about, and realistically hope to succeed, I ask your help on behalf of the Justice Party. We need to reach out with JP ideas to as many people as possible in language they understand and can relate to. We need to them to shout, "Right on!" and convince them our goals are both responsible and possible, as we know they are.

Your ideas articulated, multiplied by thousands or tens of thousands of others, makes all the difference in the world. So please let's not sit on our hands and give our future away to the all-too-present forces of darkness.

Contributions from each of us will vary, so picking reasonable personal goals is a recommended place to start. Lighting matches in the dark seems like a good analogy of what we need to do. If we all lend a hand in making The Justice Party and what it stands for appear in as many places as possible, we have a real chance to elevate awareness of this unique possibility before us.

Writing articles and opeds is great, but not for everyone, nor is it necessarily best. Oftentimes, the comment you read at the bottom of a major article will be what you actually remember, or it might redirect you to something as important--in this case, such as what the Justice Party would do once in office.

Looking for articles that involve social, economic, and environmental justice, or lack thereof, is an excellent place to work from. It takes little effort to accomplish this, once you're familiar with the JP platforms or links to JP sites you like, be it videos, articles, blogs, or just the sites mentioned above.

Comments on progressive websites, easily Googled if you don't already frequent a few, may seem like "preaching to the choir." But in fact a huge number of progressives still are not aware of or familiar with the Justice Party. Given that JP platforms are "correct" more than politically motivated, these positions may well draw in folks from other parties, presently disgusted with the status quo. I would also note that folks on progressive sites are often the ones most active in further spreading the word, in actually voting, or even running for local or national offices.

Local and state newspapers are often online and have comment sections that can be extremely valuable in spreading awareness. Ditto college papers, where students are inclined to be thinking about their own long-term future. It is a simple matter to make comments in these sections of online papers, even easier than short letters to the editor, though the latter can be most valuable too. People are starving for "good news" and how they can help.

Reaching out to major papers across the country is a hundredfold easier today than even five years ago. Many folks with different but similar letters in all these places can be extremely powerful. For example, two positive comments on a site such as Alternet.org, advocating JP solutions to issues raised by an article, might turn a good many heads, in spite of two or three hundred other comments. Much like teaching, which I did for twenty years, or as I believe Spinoza said, every movement made spreads ripples through the universe; you never know where they'll go or the impact they may have. Our goal should be to just keep spreading those ripples in whatever ways we can come up with. I encourage you to start your own personal campaign to study up on the Justice Party and start spreading what you learn wherever and whenever you can--keeping your own sanity in check at the same time!

Learning and using Twitter, Facebook, Stumble Upon, Reddit, Digg, and the like can also be automatic echo chambers, accessible with a few mouse clicks, and they are quite easy to learn with a little patience (Disclaimer: I admit to still getting stumped on Facebook, with it's seemingly ever-changing format--but I still use it, knowing those ripples are going somewhere!).

The JP is in tremendous convergence with OWS, and anyone who checks Rocky's Wiki site will see that Rocky was espousing these ideas long ago. Ponder the size of the OWS movement and you have some idea of the number of people ready for real structural change in our government and institutions.

Let us operate from the highest possible place to the greatest extent possible. How refreshing if we avoid mud-slinging and the circus of clowns who have already cast their hat in the presidential ring. Let us firmly state our positions, and not spend too much time responding to criticism, other than what seems legitimate, and then just briefly, professionally, and with a sense of humor when possible.

You want a revolution? Then please join us in getting JP ideas out and moving, wherever and whenever possible. Give them legs and wings, bikes and rollerblades too, with words that even third graders can relate to.

Connections to fresh news that can be tied to our principles is a great way to stay motivated, and be on the lookout for places to advance those principles. Countless articles appear daily that can often be responded immediately after reading. If you're serious about that revolution, Do it!

Also keep an open mind to groups we might reach out to; the worst they can say is no. A five minute phone call can have amazing results, even knowing they are all "stabs in the dark" I've talked with Friends of the Earth in San Francisco, ACLU in Salt Lake, the LA Progressive. No results. But Rob Kall at Opednews had actually been trying to get hold of Rocky for some time and promptly did an hour long interview, that is now an article and a podcast. My one minute call to Sheri Quinn, a radio person here in SLC, got her to a meeting that led to an interview with Rocky and most likely other contacts. We have far more power at our fingertips than we usually tend to think about.

My handful of online articles led to contacts from people who want to help, from Washington to New Jersey . Expect the same. Always encourage other people to join us, and feel free to use this article or your own modified version if you prefer. We are the future we have been dreaming about. Let's make it happen!

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Submitters Website: <http://www.hyperblimp.com>

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First and foremost, I encourage you to learn about this fellow as your potential future president, and skip my bio if that's what it takes: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rocky_Anderson My family and I lived off the grid in an earth-sheltered, solar powered underground house, for 15 years, starting in the early '80s, proving, at least to myself, the feasibility of solar power. Such a feat should be much easier with off-the-shelf materials available now. I wrote a book on earth-sheltered solar greenhouses that has many good ideas, but should be condensed from 400 down to 50 pages, with new info from living off the grid. It's on my "to do" list. I am 63 with a 21 year old heart--literally, as it was transplanted in 2005 (a virus, they think). This is why I strongly encourage you and everyone else to be an organ donor. I may be the only tenured teacher you'll meet who got fired with a perfect teaching record. I spent seven years in court fighting that, only to find out that little guys always lose (<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Letter-to-NEA-Leadership--by-Daniel-Geery-101027-833.html>; recommended reading if you happen to be a parent, teacher, or concerned citizen). I managed to get another teaching job, working in a multi-cultural elementary school for ten years (we had well over 20 native tongues when I left, proving to me that we don't need war to get along--no one even got killed there!). I spent a few thousand hours working on upward-gliding airships, after reading *The Deltoid Pumpkin Seed* by John McPhee. But I did my modelling in the water, so it took only two years and 5,000 models to get a shape that worked. You can Google "aquaglider" to learn more about these. As far as I know, this invention represents the first alteration of Archimedes' principle, spelled out 2,500 years ago. "Airside," the water toys evolved into more of a cigar shape, as this was easier to engineer. Also, solar panels now come as thin as half a manila folder, making it possible for airships to be solar powered. You can see one of the four I made in action by Googling "hyperblimp"(along with many related, advanced versions). Along with others, I was recently honored to receive a Charles Lindbergh Foundation Award, to use these airships to study right whales off Argentina. Now we just have to make it happen! More on that in a podcast, should you be so inclined: <http://stream.publicbroadcasting.net/production/mp3/upr/local-upr-936106.mp3> (followed by Rosalie Winard, bird photographer and friend of Terry Tempest Williams, and a bit on why you should be an organ donor). I recently married a beautiful woman who is an excellent writer and editor, in addition to being a gourmet cook, gardener, kind, gentle, warm, funny, spiritual, and extremely loving. We met via "Plenty-of-Fish" and a number of seemingly cosmic connections. I get blitzed reading the news damn near every day, and wonder why I do it, especially when it's the same old shit recycled, just more of it. In spite of Barbara Ehrenreich and reality, I'm a sucker for positive thinking; I recently finished reading *Positivity*, by Barbara Fredrickson, and recommend it, in the interest of your own sanity. I like OpEd and think Rob Kall has done some wonderful things, but if someone could help out with the graphics and kinks in the system here, I'd really appreciate it.

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