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WHAT'S THE AMERICAN WAY?

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MODERATION OR EXTREMISM

There are two basic approaches in politics that seem to be at battle over control of our political system; moderation and extremism.

Moderation holds the premise that a real understanding of the concerns of all involved parties will lead to addressing the concerns of most people most of the time. The tools used by moderates are compromise and rational and critical thought that is based on input from all sides. The moderate approach usually involves having to give up part of an idea, goal or strategy in order to set general priorities for the benefit of the People.

Moderation creates and manages the balance between the extremes, supplies the information from every part, and focuses on the entire body (picture your body with all its information and tools, prioritizing and managing your needs as a whole, including your extremities and other parts).

Extremism holds the premise that the elite few have the right answers and all other ideas and actions are incorrect, immoral and unacceptable. Extremism imposes specific thoughts or behaviors on all people for their own good and for the ideals of extremists. The tools used by extremists are fear, anger, hatred and dread, and these often lead to violent verbal and physical attacks. Examples of this abound in religions and governments around the world. The word extremism comes from the word extremity. An extremity is an appendage that has a final boundary. It is limited to its boundaries, with small, specific and exclusive purposes that do not take into account the whole (picture your fingertips trying to manage your heart and lungs).

POLITICIANS OR STATESMEN - WHO DO YOU WANT?

The goal and job of a politician is to get elected and stay elected. The goal and job of a statesman is to serve the people through an elected position.

Many **Politicians** use divisiveness, anger and superiority as a ploy to get us to vote for their agenda. They use extremism to instill fear in us, which in turn creates an instinctive desire on our part to protect ourselves from the dangers they project. However, the fear they generate is often based on incomplete and inaccurate information. This tactic proves highly effective time after time. Creating anxiety and anger, triggers us to vote for the lesser of two evils, rather than choosing the best person for the job. This maneuver also implies a sense of “emergency”, causing people to unconsciously react quickly and assume lesser authority and lesser responsibility. When we buy into the “urgency” presented, they manipulate us to vote their way. Too often too many politicians say what they think their constituents want to hear, which is not necessarily accurate or truthful. They have a tendency to: 1) Make promises they know they can't keep. 2) Mislead the public through omissions of information. 3) Out and out lie to get out of trouble or to claim they have the solutions that resolve their constituent concerns. The divisiveness this creates is used to motivate us to take one side or the other. We are manipulated into focusing on urgent extreme issues. This in turn makes us side with the party, politician or situation that is less threatening to us.

We all know this. We've all witnessed this, and were all disgusted by a system that allows this type of behavior. It makes us feel powerless and lose trust and hope in our government. We think our political system is too big, controlled by rich and powerful people that cannot relate to us and that we don't know and we don't trust.

THE SOLUTION

The solution is to elect **Statesmen**; officials that are middle-of-the-road policy makers who are committed to moderation and working with the opposing parties. Their actions and speeches should prove to us that they are statesmen rather than politicians. We don't need to fight the manipulation of those who are not acting and speaking like statesmen. All we have to do is vote for statesmen...those who wish to serve the American People; and we will know them by their intent to address the needs of the People.

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THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE

The needs of People of this great country are clearly stated and promised in our beloved Constitution:

We, the People of the United States of America, want to form, maintain and improve a more perfect national union.

We want our government to:

- Establish justice and a balanced law abiding system
- Insure domestic tranquility to guarantee that we can walk around any part of this country in peace
- Provide for the common defense to be prepared to protect our domestic tranquility
- Promote the general welfare by addressing concerns for the general good of the People
- Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity for now and for future generations.

We want a government to protect us and guarantee our constitutional rights to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, freedom of speech and religious freedom.

We want a safe country, where we insist on a grave respect for our rights and our freedoms so that we can pursue our happiness. We want a government that serves the People, not its own agenda, nor the political agendas of the parties.

We hire (elect) and pay (through our hard earned tax dollars) our representatives to do the work of statesmen because we don't have the time, money, education or energy to do their job. We are counting on them to do the right thing. Our lives depend on it.

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BILLS OF INTEREST

SENATE BILLS

LAW SB 63 ([Jackson](#)) Unlawful employment practice: parental leave.

This bill would prohibit an employer from refusing to allow an employee to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement. Employees must have more than 12 months of service and at least 1,250 hours in the previous 12 months. The bill would also prohibit an employer from refusing to maintain and pay for coverage under a group health plan for an employee who takes this leave. **LAW**

SB 562 ([Lara](#)) The Healthy California Act.

This bill, the Healthy California Act, would create the Healthy California program to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.

SB 772 ([Leyva](#)) Occupational safety and health: regulations.

Current law requires agencies to prepare a standardized regulatory impact analysis in the manner prescribed by the Department of Finance. This bill would exempt any occupational safety and health standard and order from the standardized regulatory impact analysis requirement.

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ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 5 ([Gonzalez Fletcher](#)) Employers: Opportunity to Work Act.

This bill would require an employer with 10 or more employees to offer additional hours of work to an existing nonexempt employee before hiring an additional employee or subcontractor, except as specified, would require an employer to post a notice of employee rights, as specified, and would require the employer to maintain certain documentation. The bill would authorize an employee to file a complaint for violations and to bring a civil action for remedies under the act. **DEAD**

AB 767 ([Quirk-Silva](#)) Master Business License Act.

This bill would create within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development a business license center to develop and administer a computerized master business license system to simplify the process of engaging in business in this state.

ACA 4, SCA 6 Increase in Property Taxes and Create New Taxes

Both of these bills would allow local governments to create and increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners (including property taxes) and lowers the voter requirement to increase taxes from a 2/3 majority to a 55% majority vote.

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