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Preface

I have talked about change in America for many years. In this work, I talk about **how to make positive change happen**. Many thoughts have been consolidated here. Decades of observation and experiment brings you this result.

For the betterment of humanity, the improvement of society, and the enrichment of our planet, I thank you for reading this book.

Chapter 1

Getting It Done

There will always be debate when it comes to politics.

This minutia is irrelevant when a solution adds immeasurable value to our lives.

It is in that spirit that I encourage all of you to consider the final result instead of focusing on each individual step to get there. **We need to get things done** - not just for us, but for the children growing up now and generations to come.

The world that you leave them is your legacy. How do you want to be remembered?

Chapter 2

Facing Things Head-On

In order to achieve these goals, we must start - and start today. It will take some time to accomplish, but that problem is for a later date. For today, we need to sprint towards our future - knowing full well new problems will occur. It is our duty to subdue these problems by solving them, and by setting aside our differences until more work is done. We must not let this battle be discarded to "sides", for if we do, we will

lose. Those that are against such accomplishments are those that profit the most from the suffering of others (and their misguided sympathizers). **Corruption will remain** as long as power is held by the very few. Do not let propaganda, misinformation, or lies deter you from the final goal: a better humanity.

It is difficult to create works like this, for any that do know scrutiny and contempt are right around the corner. So many details are required to adequately portray these points - which is why my first few chapters serve simply as notice (and to forewarn). I will switch to solutions shortly.

For now, I feel the need to say - to reiterate - that **this struggle is never-ending**. Someone will always wish to prosper from the hard work of others. It is our charge as the populace to reduce this: to fight injustice whenever it may strike. Without this resolve - this unwavering decree - **any system will ultimately fail**.

It is up to you -- both present and future generations -- to keep this work living and healthy. I can only supply the means -- I cannot accomplish this alone.

Do not be afraid of the consequences for doing what is right: instead, be afraid of allowing things that are wrong to continue. For that, I fear, will be the death of us all.

Chapter 3

Solutions

In this book I talk about solutions to some of the largest problems plaguing America today. There are a **lot** of problems. Even so, I'll speak on them one by one. Please bear with me as I run down this list.

At the top of my list is security. Security being the essential freedoms that allow us to live our lives to the best of our abilities: the freedom to be free, the freedom to be safe, the freedom to learn, the freedom to travel, the freedom to stay healthy, the freedom of speech, and the freedom to pursue your own destiny - whatever that may be. Security of freedom is #1.

In order to be free, we must be allowed to be free. This means we **must** have a government that puts people first. This is paramount to survival, as those that prey on others work tirelessly to circumvent this.

We must have a system that assails these predations; one that cannot easily become corrupt. While this is difficult, it is not impossible. So Solution 1 to my plan is this: A Democratic Voting System.

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By democratic, I don't mean anything to do with the Democratic National Party. A democratic voting

system is closer to what is called a 'direct democracy'. People bring up the issues and vote on them. On the surface, it's as simple as that.

Many will argue that a direct democracy is either unobtainable or unsustainable. I think that assertion is wrong. **For years I denounced the idea of a direct democracy** for many reasons - the most important of which being propaganda. Without the ability to alter policy through politicians, the people that wish to corrupt our organizations must do so through alternative means. This, by and large, means propaganda. But as the years progressed I realized **we are surrounded by propaganda every day.** Propaganda, in and of itself, is not a reason to reject direct democracy. If anything, it's a reason to advocate for the removal of propaganda. This is a messy subject, as one person's propaganda is another's free speech, but my point is it should **not** be a strong enough reason to discount the direct involvement of citizenry in directing the policies that in some way shapes their lives. We deserve to be free, even by 'majority rules'.

There are a dozen other things I could say about this, but the point is clear: we need to possess a system where we bring up and vote on the issues. We don't need politicians to 'in good faith' vote on things for us. The very idea in this day and age is asinine.

(This book is more like a pocket-guide of my top 5 solutions. To see how the voting system works, visit WaysToFixAmerica.com)

Solution 2: Improve Healthcare and Medicine

It doesn't take much to realize America's healthcare system is an absolute mess. **We pay more** than other countries, we don't train enough staff, and we don't ensure those that need medicine can get it. This is both morally and financially wrong.

To improve Healthcare and Medicine, I propose several ways to reduce the cost and treat more people. The number 1 way of doing so is **simply train more medical personnel**.

If you want to become a doctor, the state will sponsor your medical school... with a few conditions.

Condition 1 is that you complete it - there is no point in paying for doctors with partial educations.

Condition 2 is that you serve in the public sector - that is, state-owned or publicly-funded institutions - **for a term of no less than 10 years**. There is a way out: you can pay back the cost to school you at a pro-rated price. You are also responsible if you cannot maintain employment due to avoiding responsibilities: if you do not do your job, you lose tax-financed assistance. In this situation, you would have to pay back the remainder of your prorated schooling to the people. **Taxpayers should not have to pay for bad behavior or negligence.**

This system continues at diminished rates for nursing

staff and other medical professionals (a system where the years a person must serve are amended based on the cost to train them). We would soon have enough medical personnel to greatly reduce the cost of healthcare. This would increase the availability of treatment and create a stronger nation. Healthy citizens enjoy a better quality of life.

Though slightly obvious, I feel it should be said that **people taking this route will be paid a good wage.** This isn't servitude, it is simply a contract. If you don't like the terms of admission, don't sign up.

Medicine is trickier - medicine is important, but so is intellectual property. The state, in my opinion, should not simply 'take' a drug (nor any private property). This view changes whenever the state sponsors research that helped develop a drug. In that case, it's quite clear that **the taxpayer should receive at least some of that benefit.**

To that end, if the state sponsored some of that research, value equal to the amount that was sponsored should be repaid. I also don't mean at inflated markups -- at cost. These companies wouldn't have a product to make profit with without the research that created it. If you, as a private sector company, take state money: expect to resend equal money in return.

This doesn't fix everything, but it does make it where companies cannot greedily accept tax-funded

revenues then provide little in return.

If we (The People) are funding it, we deserve to receive something of value in return.

Another issue is monopolies (or pseudo-monopolies) where very few companies control most of the patents for medicine. This is a real issue: it causes extreme markups for patients plus essentially rebrands old formulae to maintain a stranglehold on life-saving drugs in perpetuity. **While companies should have the right to make profits, when this curtails the public good just to continue making more money (with little to no innovation), it is predatory.** It puts profits ahead of people, and that is so wrong.

To resolve this I propose stricter patent laws and a levy on drugmakers. The stricter patent laws prevent companies from maintaining exclusivity on effective compounds that create drugs (dubbed 'active ingredients' in the general case). The levy means that a company can charge whatever it likes (as to not completely prohibit free trade), HOWEVER, the government can add a surtax to that product of an amount it sees fit. When done frequently and with enough companies, this will reduce the price of drugs for patients.

Here is an example of how that might work:

Company A develops a drug. The company decides to sell that drug in the form of a pill for \$100 each. The

state sets a cap on profit to not exceed 100% of its cost to manufacture and distribute, otherwise they are subject to a 50% surtax on anything over that amount. The state determines, based on the cost of equipment, staff, and ingredients that make this possible, the actual cost to the company is \$15 per pill.

The company would then be required to pay the state \$35 for each pill sold at \$100 (an amount determined by subtracting 2x the cost to produce and distribute from the sales price, or in this case: $\$15 \times 2 = \30 ; $\$100 - \$30 = \$70$; $\$70 / 2 = \35). This brings the cost to \$135 per pill if the company decides to pass that directly to consumers (which also increases the money they pay in taxes). While this may seem like a bad idea, consider that other companies will be competing as well. Company B can manufacture the pill for the same cost, charge \$60 per pill, and only have to pay \$15 to the government ($\$60 - \$30 = \30; $\$30 / 2 = \15).

Both companies can make a profit of \$15 per pill with no added taxes (or in other words, twice their investment to produce and distribute). If Company A wants to charge \$135, they'll theoretically make \$120 per pill - HOWEVER - they'll have to pay \$52.50 of that to the state in taxes (recouping their cost to produce & distribute while keeping \$67.50 as profit). Their net profit will still be 450%; That's a pretty good deal for the company, and a great deal for the consumer.

Here's why:

Company A could charge \$100 per pill with taxes included to stay more competitive with Company B. At \$15 to produce and distribute, they still profit 333% (or make over 3 times their per-pill cost). The state receives \$35 for every \$15 pill sold at \$100, which means the state receives about one-third of that markup. This can then be used to make the medicine more affordable for consumers by covering some of the cost (i.e., Medicaid). It can also help sponsor companies C, D, E to make the same or similar drugs (reducing costs once more for consumers). Since Company B is already selling the drug for \$60, the government can buy medicines via state programs from the cheaper vendor. The taxes from pills sold by Company A can subsidize over 50% of the cost to purchase the same pill from Company B - PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$15 tax per pill from Company B returns 25% of the Company B pill price to the program.

I'm sure it needs work, but that's the general idea.

Finally, everyone can receive basic medical training at no cost through traditional school (K-12). This is an elective, completely optional, and provides more opportunity for people to know the basics of medicine and helping their fellow humans.

Solution 3: Improve Transportation

I'm putting transportation 3rd because it is so important to commerce and the basics of .. well, everything! People and goods must travel through

some form or another. Even in this digital age, the bulk of non-information travels by conventional means. Because of this it is crucial to have robust networks and means of travel to bring forth the best society. This means roads, railways, group transport, and better ways to fly. We could even have pipelines to transport small items across vast distances at incredible speeds. There are so many ways we can improve transportation, yet so few have been done. It's a matter of priorities, and this regular expense we pay for anyway could be drastically improved with the right development and contractors.

The largest project on this list of improvements is likely to be a U.S. auto manufacturer. This doesn't mean private companies cannot compete; no ones rights are being lost or removed. It is simply a line of quality vehicles made in the U.S.A. - with American parts, by American labor.

The reason for this is to create reliable, economical vehicles as an alternative to private market options. They wouldn't have all of the special features that most modern luxury cars have, yet they would get great fuel economy, be very safe, and most importantly - be extremely affordable. We can do so by subsidizing some purchases (like we do with corn and basically every other vital resource - like the 20 billion dollars in direct subsidies given to the fossil fuel industry each year). This way more people are able to travel, plus we have a U.S. made line of trucks for work and hauling things. All of it made by

U.S. workers, in U.S. factories - which is great for the nation's economy and the communities of towns in which factories are located. It's a sensible solution that mostly pays for itself (the cars aren't free - you have to buy them). Since it's a service, not for profit, the vehicles are delivered nearly at-cost: a huge savings for both those that can and can't afford it.

In addition to an automaker, I propose vast improvements in current roads. Specifically, I encourage implementation of truck-only lanes to be used by freight haulers (18-wheelers and the like). The reason for this is freight haulers are responsible for two things: transporting over 70% of our nation's cargo, making them essential to our way of life - and - contributing to much of the damage and danger on public roadways. With truck-only lanes we can maintain safer, high-quality roads for the public at a lower cost. Freight haulers can, in turn, use stronger roads made specifically for them (including truck-only interstates and highways entirely if it makes sense economically). This could make a huge difference in our network of roadways as roads would not have to be serviced nearly as often. This means fewer traffic jams, faster transport times (for both groups), and a much smoother ride due to better, less damaged roadways. Win-win.

Finally, I propose funds for research into new technologies that both improve existing transport and develop something new. There is much involved here, but we essentially help foster private innovation that

can eventually create advances in public property. We would need to be careful, but it's something to be done none the less.

Solution 4: Improvements in Education

A nation of educated individuals encourages a vastly superior society. Our education falls short in so many ways that, quite frankly, it's an embarrassment. We now have the tools to make education free - much better than before - yet do little to nothing to make this happen. Instead, schools are essentially daycares with lackluster lesson plans that inadequately prepare students for life in the real world (let alone the workforce).

Priority number one for improving education is creating a standardized set of curricula that actually TEACHES kids how to flourish in the world around them. For too long have only schools in wealthy areas and those fortunate with devoted teachers received anything close to a 'good education'. An overwhelming number of Americans cannot even do math beyond basic levels. This makes it harder for adults to understand complex topics such as the economy and taxes - though that may be by design.

Alive today are some of the best minds in our millennium, yet their knowledge is consolidated and confined to smaller regions. It is my opinion that we should create a unified curriculum using these experts: we create videos, interactive coursework, and

develop the best form of education on the planet. It's expensive up-front, yes, but costs less in the long run. The investment into future generations cuts waste, improves productivity, and creates adults that are well-trained and well-informed. It also reduces or eliminates the cost for things like books, paper, and undersized classrooms. Schools could be smaller, less centralized, and easier to adapt for change. One educator could manage several classrooms as the lesson plans are now virtual. Administrative tasks like testing and grading are automated. Special resource positions like principles and counselors can operate over the internet, traveling to actual school buildings only when needed. This reduces staff, overhead, and government expenses while providing the same or better education than students have today.

In addition to this virtual system, I encourage choosing career paths early (in 5th Grade, or Year 6 to be precise). By doing so students can be better prepared and enter the workforce more quickly (if so choosing). The resources are there for them to learn: they can elect special courses instead of enduring years of dreg and repetitive assignments. They can decide what they want (or at least lean toward what they like) and we can assist them in accomplishing their mission.

Finally, I think it's important that we teach people how to be an American citizen: we teach them about taxes, about paperwork, and how to navigate laws and bureaucracy. It isn't fair that we expect them to learn

this on their own. This is exactly how so many people in power can exploit the lower/working class. We must know our rights, what is expected of us, and be able to make sound choices. Being blindsided later in life does us no good - only a privileged few benefit from it, and few avoid it. It isn't right. It is not fair.

Solution 5: End the Prison-Industrial Complex

Prisons for profit is one of the most heinous things a civilized world can have in its possession. It is no better than forced labor camps; it encourages additional laws; it makes too many of us 'criminals'. The prison-industrial complex must end.

To combat this, all prisons and detainment systems must be state-owned. Laws must be re-visited. Guidelines for sentencing reconsidered. We must focus on rehabilitation instead of detainment and storage; on improving lives instead of increasing profits; on treating citizens fairly and ending the forced labor force; on teaching skills for jobs that can be performed inside and out of captivity - but are not required for a person to serve their sentence.

We must make courtrooms fairer, as they discriminate against the individual under the guise of democracy and freedom. Liberties are taken away immediately - not because a crime has been committed - but because a statement implying guilt has been filed. We are told we are innocent until proven guilty, that we have a right to fair and competent counsel, and that

justice is blind. The system we were promised does not exist. It's a lie.

Instead of herding citizens through courtrooms like cattle, people must be given the fair right to defend themselves (and in a timely manner). This right has been taken away, even though the constitution is the very instrument that granted it. In today's modern age we can do better, and let the voices of those accused be heard. If you have never been through America's legal system, I pray you never do (though if I did, it would be so you can learn how indignant and vile it really is). We need a better way of proving innocence and proving guilt. And it needs to not cost so much for an individual to simply be 'given due process' - because the only things due from this process are involuntary debt and a monumental need of reform.

Chapter 4

Getting a Second

I've said a lot in this book - far more than I'd like to given my preference towards privacy. I've opened up about many thoughts that have weaved through my head for decades. But now, I need a second.

In parliamentary procedure, a second is what is required for a motion to move forward. I need your help: seconds, thirds, and fourths.

I need you to agree, if not in all, in part, that this country needs meaningful changes. I need you to concur that some of the ideas in this book are positive. That you want us moving in this direction. That you at least agree that you disagree, but let me know what parts and why. I want to help this country we share to be the best place it can to live in -- to restore freedoms, improve transparency, and transcend to a better future. Resistance is fine, but lack of progress is not. I need your help furthering this cause, be it through alliance or civil defiance. Let your voice be heard! Talk to me. Assist me if you believe in this cause. **I need you, The People, to help me do this!** I need you to share this, discuss it, and perhaps let me know your thoughts.

Seriously - this is important. We must move in a positive direction: one that encourages bringing us together as a nation instead of dividing us further apart. The ability to vote, to be healthy, to move freely, to learn easily, and to not be assaulted by a system of cons is beyond even a right: it's a requirement. We must protect ourselves and our future, for ourselves and those to come, lest they be subject to the same indignations we have suffered for entirely too long.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey Dwayne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Casey Dwayne Hodge

Please contact me or visit my website if you want to talk or help. I'm counting on you, America. Let the world and those that seek to smother us know that **we will not let injustices continue**. We will fight for what is right, come hell or high water.

Chapter 5

In Closing

I made this book short because it is long enough. It conveys the points and the message I hoped to lay across. I simply hope that it has an impact - or at least shapes social policy to stir the cauldron of change. We need relief. The continued pressure will drown us all.

Please read my other books - maybe watch a few videos - and donate time or money if you can. We need all the help we can get to move this mission forward.

Afterword

This publication was originally written in September of 2020. Minimal revision has been made.

I waited to release this book until more of these ideas were fleshed out, culminating in a myriad of works that are available online for free.

I kept this book small because I wanted people to read it. I want others to have access to it. I would like to see it distributed and thus keep printing costs low.

I know this doesn't solve every plight in America. I do not intent to, and in truth, conflict requires us to demand more of ourselves and our kind. Humans are finicky creatures: I wouldn't dare try pleasing all.

Instead, I focus on these 5 key issues. Issues we **can** do something about. Problems that if not resolved, will continue dragging us into the darkness that is detrimental to that which is good.

So **I ask you** to research this mission online, view the supplemental materials, and if possible give to help further these causes.

Visit **WaysToFixAmerica.com** today.

Thank You.

Solutions is a small book that contains a powerful message: **America has to do better.**

The state of politics in this country has become so contentious that many believe it is beyond repair. I do not share in this belief. **I believe it is the politician, not the system, that has failed us.** This government will continue bringing us harm until we devise a way to stop it. My Solution #1 accomplishes that. Solution #2 helps slow down the country's growing debt problem by stemming a root cause of this burden. Solution #3 improves our way of life by improving our economy - with the added bonus of reducing pollution. Solution #4 brings in new generations of workers ready to meet our needs in society. Solution #5 protects an individual's freedom from a heavy-handed state.

While it may be hard to believe all of this can be accomplished in so few pages, open the book to see for yourself!

This publication is available for free at WaysToFixAmerica.com.

I ask that you still purchase the book or make a donation as it helps me continue fighting for freedom, prosperity, and equality in our nation.