

GOLD vs FIAT

The Citizens Access Network and Me; A Case Study



The story of how your civic authority powers
focused, problem solving media

"A bad workman blames his tools."

-Unknown



Human society has never lacked for irrationality or contradictions; nor in troubled times have people ever hesitated to point fingers of blame. However, it's possible that our current situation has us where no man has quite gone before. Fears, many plausible, of just about everything reign supreme.

Amidst a lot of outright weirdness and divisions galore there is also an endless proliferation of media filtering all of the action through the classic polarity of good guys vs. bad.

Faced with circumstances that appear both familiar and uncharted, it seems we are in a time and place that is simultaneously unchanged yet unique.

For example; irrational as ever, we still have many weapons of mass destruction **BUT** they no longer limited to cinder reducing nuclear weapons or population annihilating biological weapons.

No, they now include off-the-shelf genetic engineering kits capable of making us smart or stupid, artificial intelligence capable of serving or enslaving us, trans-humanism that promises to immortalize our souls- *by computerizing them* and the "science" of transgenics; which might soon make us four-legged beasts suitable for entry in the Kentucky Derby.

To the cool observer of this bold new world the obvious contradiction is ***that despite the moment*** - a moment featuring unparalleled media saturation – there is only the sound of crickets where a call for a genuine solution might be expected. A solution that might be capable of steering us clear of the coming abyss and at least putting a dent in that ancient narrative that pits the *bad*, powerful few against the *powerless* - and finger-pointing - many.

A clear demand for a genuine solution could not be expected to come from our mainstream spheres of politics, activism, academia, *or media* whose true allegiances and associated constraints can be easily understood with even a bit of analysis.

What is remarkable though is the deafening - and not so golden - silence coming from the domain of our **alternative media** and from **their audience**; *the awake people of the United States*.

This ever increasing province – mostly of the internet - with a proud mission of truth telling (*you're going to die!*) and truth receiving (*I know!*) does demand some scrutiny.

Mostly this variety of media producer stays hidden in a carefully controlled environment and so sports a resistance to inquiry and criticism that their hated rival, *the mainstream* could only dream of. With praise that frequently comes from its own ranks, its over-hyped promises of truth and change are rarely questioned; and are not tolerated on the infrequent occasions they are.

Notwithstanding their claims of delivering radical truth and change, the feeder system of our media sphere remains fully intact with an unchanged focus on the same distant issues we cannot affect and the same remote people we won't be having a beer with anytime soon.

As usual the people at large are mere spectators with no clear influence and of little account. As usual our rulers and leaders are free play their roles and plot their course with impunity.

This media form indicts our greater political and social culture on charges of conditioning us to be submissive, indifferent creatures but seems to fail its own test given its obsessions with mainstream stories of good vs. evil, political horse races, corrupt politicians, debased celebrities and all the rest.

It states no clear mission beyond “truth” and a self-righteous criticism of the mainstream, while it more and more grotesquely apes its trappings of anchor desks and “cool” graphics!

On the other hand, their supposedly aware audiences of many millions - presumably of like-mind – are **asked only** to like, share, subscribe or donate. Disturbingly, they dutifully obey this order while demanding nothing more from their “new media”, their peers or themselves.

To be sure, these are clear and damning failures but to be fair and seek lessons we must look at flip side of that coin and ask if there is value this “community” has produced.

What useful perspective have they shared? What awareness has been raised? Has any good come from it all?

Well, in recent years many features and factors of society's inner workings have been brought to light that were previously unknown to all but the few researchers and advocates who took them on.

This includes, but is by no means limited to subject matter like:

- The influence banking practices and bankers have on global societies and economies (the subject of this article)
- Polarization; in terms of the dialectical function of partisanship and parties in electoral politics
- The use of “controlled opposition” and other tools of propaganda in public media and debate
- “Problem - reaction - solution” techniques and its use to shape world events

Yes, credit is due!

It is no small accomplishment that these and so many other “hidden” yet decisive influences have been brought to light and explained to millions!

There is also the benefit of seeing many capable people - who might otherwise toil in obscurity – get a platform from which they can examine, educate, and speak their truth to a ready audience.

That is big stuff that would seem to present an unprecedented opportunity.

With such awareness raised and stakes defined could we not engineer this knowledge and sharing - *into action capable of breaking the age-old cycle?*

Now that we have all this – **now that we know what we know; WHAT DO WE DO??**

However, the natural question of “**then what?**” has become the Rubicon; *we won't cross.*

Our moment of truth – of ultimate truth – we always fail to meet.

Accepting this failure by continually offering undiscerning support to remote, unaccountable people, in the absence of a discerning demand for more or better – from ourselves and others - should make it clear.

We, “the awake”, have reduced all of this; **the revelations, the dire warnings etc.** to simple entertainment.

- ✓ Regardless of the moment, a movie we watch.
- ✓ Irrespective of the stakes, a game we attend.
- ✓ Just another product and complex of our mass culture; in this case *our entertainment-fear-complaint complex.*

Is it possible that with this careless indulgence of all things broadcast we are being negligent? Is the finger of blame we point at our hated mainstream media, elites, and politicians just an abdication of our own responsibility *to take care of ourselves?*

Are we just like the workman who with a bad result blames his “inadequate tools” instead of reflecting on his talent, the approach to his work, or his resolve to improve?

This conclusion only stands to reason.



"When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity."

-John F. Kennedy

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Danger

Opportunity

Despite some controversy that surrounds this idea it shouldn't be considered an inherently evil thing to consider a crisis an opportunity; it depends on who's doing the *opportuning* and to what end; doesn't it?

It is very understandable that we fear change and resist it but such resistance can feed an inertia that may turn a decline in to a crisis and perhaps a crisis into complete obliteration.

History is replete with such outcomes and their mostly unlearned lessons so any denial of that possibility - or likelihood - must be soundly rejected as ignorant, magical thinking lest it further delude an already too uncritical population; *as we have seen, one subject to a strange urge to convert even proof of its certain demise into entertainment.*

Yet, despite the all irrationality and contradiction, we do witness this growing consciousness and agreement that a crisis may be at hand and that the hour is late. This unusual nexus of **awareness and agreement** *is a revealing signal that a genuine opportunity exists.*

The opportunity clear minded individuals concerned more with action - and less with questions of blame - **are in a unique position to press!**

This, because as awareness and agreement meet, so too do our modern communications and media systems. If they would only be properly used - and fused - they could offer people a path that's only been within the reach of **strongly tied** elites; with their many intersecting interests, institutions, clubs and meetings.

Though these assets have been at our disposal for decades, it could be argued that we previously lacked the awareness, clarity, and agreement about the dangers we faced and hence missed the opportunity those assets offered.

That argument however can no longer be made.



**"A gem is not polished
without rubbing, nor a man
perfected without trials."**

-Unknown



And so, here we sit on the brink; allowing ourselves to get here despite **boasting** the abundance of awareness our abundant tools of learning and communications have brought us.

From their beginning these tools also had social media constructs of sophisticated technology that promised much in the way of (good) political and social change which, unfortunately, has not materialized. *So what happened?*

Well, as things sorted out, power and reach devolved to a few giant platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and the like.

Interestingly, while these leading platforms took their shape and hold, countless new means and methods for public broadcast did still regularly appear and successfully integrate

into that ecosystem.

In addition to these networks and platforms we also have seen a proliferation of many types of “political forums” designed to incite and manage public “dialogue and debate” and take new-media to the *next level*.

Remarkably, we can see this great eruption of activity has produced both dominant entities of historic significance *and* some emergent ones too.

But, paradoxically, all the sound and fury has not only failed to produce the much hyped political-social change we were promised, it has actually become a destabilizing element as power has become more concentrated, our public sphere more fragmented, and the public temper more dangerously inflamed.

So, something is wrong with this picture and it should be clear what it is; nothing from the glut of these “innovations” has ever been built with the **express purpose** of promoting advanced and powerful citizenship for and amongst the people of this country.

- ☞ Not more “truth” separated from action offered by wannabe journalists!
- ☞ Not opportunities to “monetize”!
- ☞ Not encouraging the soft ideals of engagement, voice, dialogue, or **phony empowerment!**
- ☞ Not *leaders* lecturing from their lecterns!

No! Something built for one purpose only; *to be a publicly owned institution dedicated to the promotion and management of advanced citizenship and power.*

The urgent undertaking of such a project is absolutely necessary because:

- **More** blame of bad elites;
- **More** hope for change brought to you by leaders;
- **More** mindless consumption;
- By **More** people;
- Of **More** of the same media/message;
- Producing **More** of the same waste product;

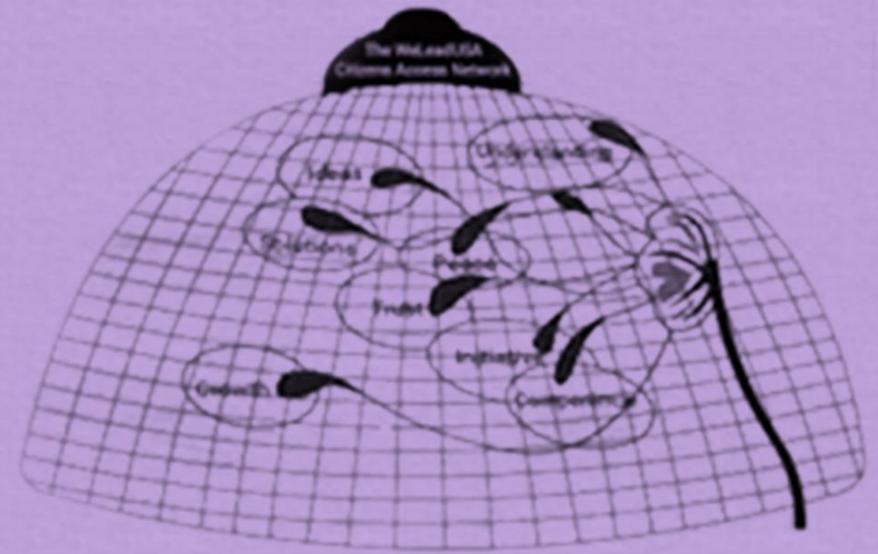
Represents no plan!

We must accept the challenge to find a solution **and accept that it cannot be left to anyone else.**



"The sky's the limit if you have a roof over your head."

-Sol Hurok



Considered another way, a platform of advanced citizenship and power would be *a home*.

Since having shelter from the many storms life presents is a pretty high priority to the survival of any species, not least our own, it might make sense to consider the possibility that our problems stem from a lack of shelter; *a public roof over our civic heads*.

One might argue that the venues previously mentioned constitute a roof. With all its content – cosmic in scope - produced by a population of their peers, our citizens not only have a place to conduct citizenship, they enjoy a vast expanse of “choices” only the internet could offer.

That however would be a tough argument to make and even if one did; *it's proven to be one leaky roof!*

This is because the extreme of options has led to these extremes in fragmentation and this in turn has placed profound limits on our ability to **capture agreement** and organize around it.



However, the elite forces of government and governance are organized as they meet and communicate under many domes:

- From innumerable legislative convening's
- To the endless gatherings of *the experts* and their think-tanks
- To those incessant meetings of *leaders* jet setting across the world making their always highly bureaucratic and difficult to follow "grand bargains".

- Not to mention those many get together – known and unknown – with murky or secretive aims.



The people on the other hand have their cosmic, fragmented, and quite leaky roof; *a proven failure.*

- Our “choices” derive from materials published by distant people and organizations that too often thrive on reaction and speculation
 - ✓ Contrast that with the tight networks, coherent data and effective arrangements of the political elite
- Our environment enables motives to be easily hidden, ‘facts’ easily shaped, and for resources to be spread thin
 - ✓ Contrast that with the clarity the so-called elites have always cultivated and leveraged to amass vast resources

- In our ecosystem even the best work, made with the best intentions depend on the “single author broadcasting” model which has stated no aim to organize or evolve; **EVER!**

- ✓ Contrast this with the media and message control of the established order and it’s easy to see how the few never fail to control the many; no matter how disastrous their results.

The lesson of all this should be clear to a child; an emphasis must be put on channeling existent energies and enterprise into something that will establish a counterweight.

A genuine network- such that elites have historically enjoyed.



"Science is organized knowledge, wisdom is organized life"

-Immanuel Kant



Kant makes an interesting point.

Whatever the domain, knowledge that is organized offers the possibility for a systematic approach to understanding and decision-making. Grounded in a solid foundation of true comprehension, a careful, even scientific process will make for wise decisions.

However, the public's ability to organize its vast knowledge across a cosmic expanse of subject matter, specialization, personal interest, and professional experience is severely limited because of that "roof problem".

The absence of such a crucial resource does not only **NOT** promote wisdom it explains much about the political, social, and economic decline of the United States.

Once an engine powerful enough to overcome many impediments, harness enough human innovation and ambition to produce some rising tides, times have changed.

Many factors that include big shifts in technology and the erosion of civic society's ability to balance power and stem abuses ensures the ability to achieve at those levels will be elusive.

In fact, these dynamics intend to engineer a playing field that offers less and less to get them with.

All this makes it extremely unrealistic to expect the problem to be solved with any dependence on our prevailing methods, ideas, people, or corporations.

The historic futility of the struggle should demonstrate - unquestionably - that an enduring solution, capable of ending this never-ending cycle, can only come from a **people; at large**.

No person or entity in some position of authority or, in any way entrenched – even modestly benefiting from the status quo - will do this (or could do this alone)! The dearth of pleas, proposals and involvement coming from our multiplex of poetically waxing public advocates attests to this. At the same time we should not want them to; it is only for children that there should be an expectation of being cared for.

As children and adolescents we can't wait to grow up and make our own decisions.

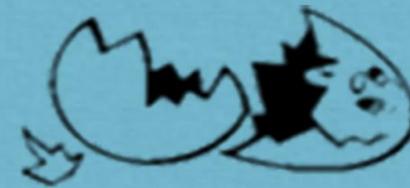
Therefore, it only stands to reason the genuine adult cannot and will not accept a foisting upon them of immense distances from the momentous decisions that will determine their fate.

Nor would they leave to others the work that is necessary to organize their knowledge and produce the wisdom the moment calls for.



"Listening moves us closer, it helps us become more whole, more healthy, more holy. Not listening creates fragmentation, and fragmentation is the root of all suffering.

-Margaret J. Wheatley



An acceptance of this truth requires the genuine adult conclude the following:

- ! The absence of our effective citizenship has been fueled by our state of dependency and fragmentation; this means **we first** are responsible for the unhappy state of affairs that exist.
- ! To even maintain, much less improve our civilization, a gigantic unraveling of the gigantic number of corrosive problems we face will be necessary.
- ! This historic crisis also represents an historic opportunity.
- ! We must do it ourselves and not depend on leaders alone and reject those who only focus on problems or blame.
- ! That it will be indispensable to a future that secures freedom and prosperity that we establish a specifically and specially purposed home and dome under which OUR work will be done.
- ! It must make us powerful so as to ensure a coherent, representative body of the people are the key decision-makers and overseers of our public affairs.
- ! It must process our now infinite bustle into organized knowledge that produces wisdom through public discourse and decision-making.



Roger Stancill 1 day ago

Maybe WE THE PEOPLE need to start more groups of micro-management systems and set up a plan B. We don't have to be victims... We are Americans and we can be innovative and help each other, regardless of 'their' plans. DO IT Peace

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Laniemarie427 1 day ago

I agree & think ppl can come together, but the current state of HOA'S....OMG. Hate them. Hate thy neighbor. Lol

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Jason Nolan 1 day ago

+Roger Stancill beautiful plan man... too bad the majority of your country are stuck in their couches watching FAUX news

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Ma Le 1 day ago

+Jason Nolan agreed. nobody wants to hear about truth. so frustrating.



"The most powerful force ever known on this planet is human cooperation-a force for construction and destruction."

-Jonathan Haidt



We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate. Thomas Jefferson

So what portion of the population is it that will do the cooperating? And as a result, what will be built or destroyed?

By taking one of our most pressing, important, and complex issues we can create a vivid example of how the specifically and specially purposed environment of the Citizens Access Network would work and help us to:

- ❖ Scientifically organize our information
- ❖ Produce wise decisions
- ❖ Be the decisive cooperators and builders in society.

The multi-headed hydra of our debt, currency, monetary, and central/fractional reserve banking system has produced more panics, bubbles, busts, and misery than any other.

In large part these cycles of great disruption are made possible by the great expertise of a few and the great ignorance of the many.

To end the imbalances that feed these cycles - in all their forms - requires a shift in power that will enable "the gigantic unraveling".

And so, least of all, can we entrust what is perhaps our most dangerous, most integral make-or-break system to our traditional methods and power centers.

Against this backdrop there is a global sovereign debt crisis with everyone well aware that the United States is hopelessly liable for some \$20 trillion; *officially*

That does not however include many unofficial trillions more in unfunded obligations in the form of pension fund, social security, healthcare and other untold and sometimes hidden guarantees.

However, the growing awareness amongst the public regarding the dangers of excessive debt has brought with it a great deal more controversy about the history of and necessity for central banks; particularly private central banks that control our money supply and systems of international banking and finance.

In parallel, there has also been growing dispute surrounding the methods of commercial banking; especially those which allow money to be created and loaned on the basis of fractional reserves.

The importance of these matters and the volatility of the sector have produced consistent calls to control these dynamics and of course, laws have been passed; lengthy complex laws.

Laws of this kind are often instituted in times of crisis while at other, more quiet moments, they have been blithely ignored or repealed.

However, in recent decades one persistently looming remedy demands we replace what is considered our “fiat” currency - money that is simply printed (invented) by the banks – and back it with something of supposed intrinsic value; typically precious metals like gold or silver.

So now as the cycle once again threatens to bite, a real possibility for sweeping change lurks. Should it come, it will no doubt be incited by the ‘opportunity’ of crisis that is now a clear and present danger.

Perhaps even commanded by international decree, this change of massive importance to everyone on the planet will surely be **imposed** like all the others; and established in impenetrable multi-thousand page laws with more multi-thousand pages of regulations waiting to come.

It is also certain those same authorities and institutions responsible for the crisis in the first place - *however reformed they may claim to be* - will be the ones to determine the aims of these measures; **and carry them out.**

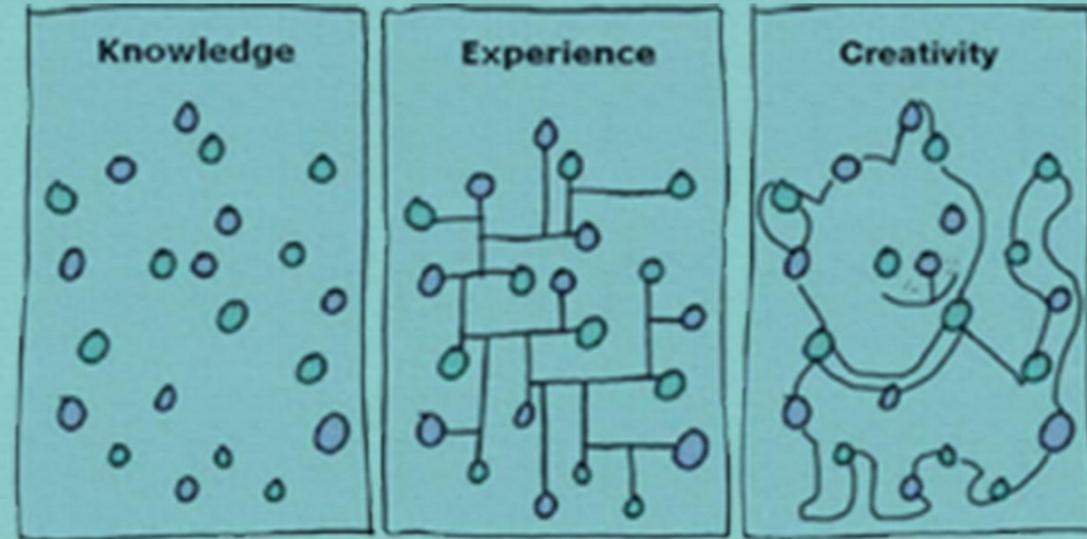
Under these circumstances do we need to ask whose benefit will be served?

OR...



"Information's pretty thin stuff unless mixed with experience."

- Clarence Day



We can keep this – *and all the other* - momentous decisions out of the hands of those elites and in our own. To do so **we must have the power** and infrastructure the Citizen's Access Network will afford us in order to systemize our knowledge into the wise decision making that is so necessary.

To illustrate how the people and framework of this network would respond to **this** question, we presume the network exists; with the understanding that even at its earliest stages

– **the statewide tallies** - the actions described here can be effectively carried out as the most **powerful audience ever assembled** mobilizes.

The reality of that mobilization, **and what it signals**, ensures the calls to action *described here* will be answered and that the participants *represented - for illustrative purposes - here* will show up; - **just as Roger Stancill's comment above suggests.**

WeLeadUSA Media Producers – From our member/partner base, those capable of creating and coordinating the particular production this scenario demands and that is described below.

Council Of Distinguished Guests - Certain noted authorities in this field who hold the necessary and differing perspectives; **For example**, it might look something like this:

Expandable Money Supply Team



Gold Standard Team



Martin Armstrong - President of Princeton economics; a globally distinguished thinker, market trader, technologist and advisor to many governments, institutions and the general public.

Ellen Brown- President of the Public Banking Institute, a nonpartisan think tank devoted to the creation of publicly run banks

Felix Martin- Felix Martin is a macroeconomist and fund manager and also an associate of the institute for New Economic Thinking in New York. He is author of the renowned book "Money: The Unauthorized Biography"

Richard Werner- Werner's book "Princes of the Yen" was a number one general bestseller in Japan in 2001. The book covers the monetary policy of the Bank of Japan specifically, and central bank informal guidance of bank credit in general. Richard Werner is a monetary and development economist.

Steve Forbes- is renowned American publishing executive and advocate for gold backed currency, who was twice a candidate for the nomination of the Republican Party for president.

Peter Schiff- is a prominent American stockbroker, author, and one-time Senate candidate and a vocal critic of the existing fiat system.

Ron Paul- is a leading critic of the Federal Reserve System and a fiat based dollar. He is an author, physician, and former politician who served as the U.S Representative for Texas' 14th and 22nd congressional districts.

The Ludwig von Mises Institute- Advocates for currency as a store of value and for it to be backed by something of intrinsic value. They claim to be a center of classical liberalism, libertarian political theory, and the "Austrian School of Economics " with many work by Mises, Rothbard, Hayek, and others reprinted.

Distinguished specialists, recognized by the public for their work would be a crucial component to such efforts and as established public figures they will certainly aspire to have their voices heard in so decisive a forum; but it cannot be left to them/that alone. Therefore we will also establish:

The Citizens Access Network Committee of Experts - An integral part of the knowledge and media creating process will be to impanel those WeLeadUSA member-users with the requisite expertise and interest in the subject matter at hand to participate in the proceedings.

In this case, with background in areas such as trading, banking, accounting-finance, academia/research etc., The Committee of Experts will bring their experience to bear and make key contributions by examining, questioning and reconciling as the production moves forward.



Regarding Subject Matter The Media Production Team Would:

- * Amass general background; study and formulate the direction of the production
- * Choose from our public sphere the people appropriate to the role of “distinguished guest”
- * Work to understand the positions of their arguments, pro and con
- * Apply “**actionable intelligence**” to conduct important fact checking, language smoothing and background on those positions and claims
- * Formulate the specific questions, exemplars and paradigms the production should cover
- * Then produce a design of inquiry suitable to guide the proceeding. **It might look something like this;**

A PRODUCTIVE PRODUCTION



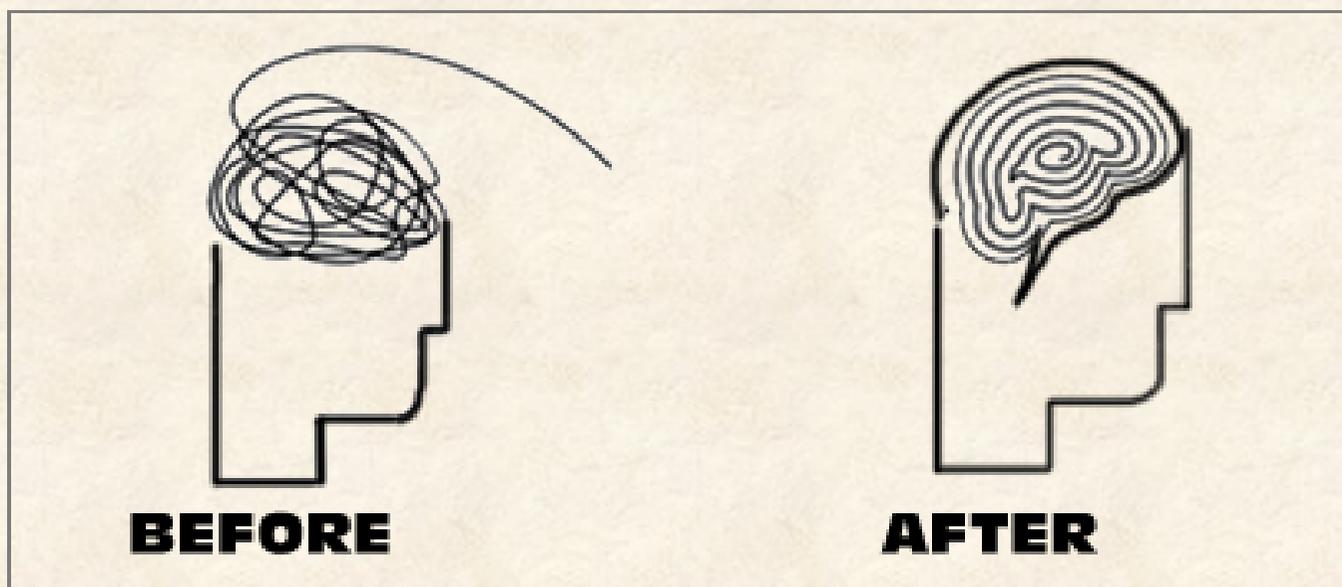
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Regarding The Production, The Team Would Be Responsible For:

- * **Outreach** – assist in coordinating the participation of and the logistics for the **personnel** necessary to the production
- * **Format** - managing the decision making process regarding the **production format** best suited to the subject matter at hand
- * **Development and execution** - design, writing, development, **post production**, videography and other associated tasks

When ready, all the players would be called upon and the production recorded; this however this will be *media of a very different sort:*





Before - This would not be limited to the usual treatment where “media authorities” hand-pick their so-called experts – perhaps with conflicting interests – who offer their various opinions in an environment meant for nothing more *than to have everybody go home and forget about it.*

After - Material would be produced transparently, by readily accessible peers, and offered to an enduring, motivated audience. In a disciplined environment built to document knowledge and experience in an evolving decision-making process; *there will be traction!*

Before - Results of the work are not left to rot; “solutions” offered that never see the light of day because they carry with them no vetting, processing, or influence born of genuine support.

After - **The power of the nominator** backs this assembly of the people *and that is no fiat*; it would be the strongest currency imaginable.

It will ensure all the players come, participate honorably, and the decisions reached will be the principal source of “advise and consent” in our public sphere.

Before - The discussion would **NOT** be limited by time or commercial imperatives.

After - It could continue over some days - in various places if necessary - by keeping a remote conversation going as long as it takes to cover the necessary ground.

Before - Questions that come up, doubts that linger are not left unanswered.

After - As the network community absorbs the material and learns, it also interacts within and through its framework; follow up questions or contradictions would be identified, pursued and eventually answered; *on an ongoing basis.*

Before - An imposed “good vs. bad” dialectic that encourages emotion, and sentiment that obscures and obfuscates is sidelined.

After - The deliberative infrastructure that both creates and processes this knowledge ensures the means, methods, and mood to pursue genuine problem solving will persist and prevail while *the forces of inertia and entrenchment are weakened and vanquished.*

Before - The next headline, stone-walling by power centers, or the clever use of politics and media to confuse, distract, and discourage will no longer work.

After - Throughout this process elected officials – and with them the government beyond - will be enmeshed in the proceedings of this network as will potential political and intellectual rivals with direct access to the constituency.

The result will be a transparent and effective public sphere where those holding responsible public positions - elected or appointed - will participate and come to know the clear will of their constituencies – that are now organized and powerful so results and decisions will be abided!



"If you want something you've never had you've got to do something you've never done."

-Unknown



As to these particular questions of currency and finance, *history* has recorded times that saw both:

- Progress and regress
- Peace and belligerence
- Abundance and scarcity
- Rises and falls

Regardless of how money was understood or banking executed!

Further, these times, whether stable or troubled or ancient or modern operated with financial and economic systems based on at least some of the approaches discussed here and it cannot be reasonably argued they have performed well, *or well enough.*

This leads to two crucial questions:

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1) Is any system of a society - economic or otherwise - apt to serve its highest purpose if it's subject to constant neglect, power imbalances, and predatory interventions?

2) Do we suffer a crucial loss of focus and influence due to our vulnerability to the explosive conflict potential that underlies most any issue or method; ***at the expense of what really matters: power, transparency, details, intent and the like?***

The immense and interrelated nature of economics, currency, banking, government *and freedom* are illustrated here in order to reveal just some of these many vital questions and the contrasts they raise.

However, if the Citizens Access Network were to be built, these principles would apply just the same to any of the multitude of issues we'd face in the unraveling.

This, because as specific group's form - with their various **goals – issues – expertise** - within the broader network community, the framework and its processes will work to ensure stable and powerful results; *on matters as diverse as stop signs and schools to those of war and peace!*

But, first, the **actual** public – un entrenched and dependent on no proxy - will have to take the simple, yet unprecedented step of building an institution of its own making.

By doing so it will:

- ❖ Make the people's influence decisive by enabling its collective expertise to be applied to any issue; *great or small.*
- ❖ End the historic pattern of public absence and non-organization that enable elite decision-making to answer such questions for us; often in crises of murky origins that permit sweeping transformation of fateful consequence.
- ❖ Create an enduring presence that will control the perpetual pestilence of neglect and abuse and finally defeat this great enemy of freedom.

Clearly, the resolve to take such actions starts first in the mind; *and the heart.*



"Loyalty to a petrified opinion never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul.."

- Mark Twain



The example offered here - of a *momentous question* and a framework for its proper consideration- readily demonstrates the degree to which such matters are resistant to a simplistic conclusion of **this GOOOD** and **that BAAAD**.

But that doesn't make it so complicated either!!

What is simple is to first vehemently reject any process based on sweeping changes, wrought by crisis, executed by elite institutions and people making opaque arguments and simplistic appeals to bias or emotion.

What isn't complicated is for one to resist and reject such trespasses regardless of their **beliefs** as to how things *should work*; **that is the ancient trap that must be avoided!**

Things too important to leave to elite bodies and people are also too important to leave to preconceived notions or hope; they need to be understood and worked out through a careful and transparent process.

A process that:

- Is directly within our power to create; with no obstructions
- Can strip out the unnecessary complexities, controls and deceptions we face in tackling such questions
- Will enable us to examine long-held beliefs and contain the unhelpful, reflexive responses such matters often drive

Free of charge, it would also help us shift our perspective *just a little* and see things VERY differently!

For example we could:

❖ See useful, principled differences; **instead of disagreement**

❖ See the opportunity for coalition; **instead of faction**

❖ See teachers and genuine leadership; **instead of winners and losers**

With those simple acts of autonomy we succeed in freeing ourselves from the many petrified bonds and chains that imprison us.

We are then ready to establish:

A foundation for rigorous study and dialogue

A framework specifically designed for honest inquiry, fact finding and policy making

A process that not only respects data but also our historic experience and individual creative energies

A simple eternal vigilance

Our control of public decision-making in all matters we prioritize; be they of a momentous or more modest nature.

So, the most profound change we can make is a ***very simple*** one.

Simple because it has been demonstrated without question that, if **wisely organized and purposed**, even a tiny percentage of our vast - yet futile output - would make us present and powerful *in a way no people before us have ever been*.

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