The United States Government and Future of Mankind

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A journey through politics in the 21st century, our National debt, future of mankind and more.

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I am a very conservative, open minded, non-judgmental person, who believes that for the advancement of mankind we need to listen to all opinions. Insight is often found in the most unusual or least expected people or places. I also believe not to be so open minded that your brain falls out either. There is a need for balance, a symposium with people and the Earth. As a steward of Earth I am very interested in political issues and issues regarding education and the environment. It is my desire to see in my life time, a time when all children born are guaranteed an education to the highest degree they desire. And for that child, now adult to be encouraged to continue his or her education throughout their life span. I have learned from experience that a sharp mind is a mind that is in use at all times, it feels good to think. I also feel that the current President and everyone all the way down to the lowest mayor or town organizer should follow the Constitution of the United States. By joining the Army I swore an oath to protect and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and DOMESTIC. I am duty bound by that oath till the day I die and I feel that as Americans we are all duty bound by our citizenship to fulfill that duty. I would like to see less government waste and involvement in peopleâ s lives. Too many laws exist that hinder are lives and freedom, often when someone says there should be another law about an issue, the reality is there probably shouldnâ t. Too many laws are passed, too quickly in congress. Recently passed was a law that goes beyond the Patriot Act that gives the United States Government power to detain its own citizens without counsel indefinitely. The National Defense Authorization Act is just another way for big government to control people. Political officials write bills that are thousands of pages long, expect senators and government officials to read them within ridiculously short periods of time and vote upon them, itâ s pure madness. Many politicians have even said publicly that they hardly read the bills they vote upon. They also give them fancy names that make them sound like they are actually bills designed to help make America more secure or a better place like the Patriot Act. Who doesnâ t want to be a patriot? The National Defense Authorization Act, who doesnâ t want our government to be able to act in our defense? These bills are deceptive in name and nature and we must unite as Americans and say no more. Let the American People vote on a bill, then let their states representatives cast a vote made by the people and ultimately for the people of that state. The same way we hold Presidential elections. If the election of a government official like the President is important enough for the entire country to unite and vote to make a decision, should we not also vote upon proposed laws that will greatly impact our lives, far more than he presidency itself? That, I believe would be a more fair way to conduct government business, albeit radically different, but change is the new buzz word so letâ s practice what we preach! A great president once said â This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or exercise their revolutionary right to overthrow itâ . That great president, Abraham Lincoln was a visionary who knew a day would come when government would become too large and too controlling and the people of the United States had to unite together in order to exercise their constitutional rights to take control and change a now corrupt system. President Lincoln also said, 'Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable - a most sacred right - a right, which we hope and believe, is to liberate the worldâ . I think this speaks entirely of the plight that Americans are facing today and the fact that we need to unite under our right granted to us by the constitution to form a new government by the people, and for the people. I have always had a great sense of pride with my country, Being an Army veteran, but it has not been until my early thirties that I began to take notice of how corrupt and wasteful our government is. The current statistics put out by the government itself says that over 4 million people are on welfare. That almost 47 million Americans are on food stamps, let me say that again, 47 million Americans are on food stamps. That is roughly 1 in 7 people on food stamps. And for those who believe that it is race based when it comes to their political views and opinions. The percentage of white and black recipients of these programs are 38.8 and 39.9 percent respectively. So this is not an issue of race, itâ s an issue of a lack of jobs, younger generations who are born and taught to use the system so they donâ t have to work, and a

lack of pride in our workers because Americaâ s image has been soiled by years of dirty politics, inflation and big government spending with a debt of over 16 trillion dollars. The average citizen has no idea what 16 trillion dollars is. Just to give you an idea, if you were to stack crisp 100 dollar bills on top of each other, a trillion dollars would make a pile of money 78,914 MILES high. If you take the current debt as of today, January 21, 2013 of 16, 466,005,000,000 and convert that to 100 dollar bills stacked on top of each other the pile would reach 1,299,398 miles high which is almost 3 round trips to the moon. But unbeknownst to most of the public is the amount of unfunded debt we have. Right now the amount of unfunded debt or liabilities is estimated at 122 trillion dollars, which makes our current deficit seem quite small. It used to be that politicians used to throw around the words a billion, now they throw around the words a trillion like it was nothing or insignificant. Currently we borrow 40 cents for every dollar we spend. I would like to see a government that is fiscally responsible and only spends what is received in the way of taxes which currently is approximately 2.4 trillion dollars. We cannot continue to have a budget that exceeds our means in the way of taxes. And raising taxes is not the simple all-encompassing solution. Cutting spending on useless programs and cutting spending on programs that have gotten too large are part of the solution, but the biggest solution is getting Americanâ s back to work. There is no need for the United States to spend nearly 700 billion on defense. I have not heard of any nationâ s airplanes invading our air space, no ships invading upon our waters or coast lines, no declarations of war or signs that a country is going to try to invade the Unite States and take over. The fact that we have thousands of nuclear weapons is enough of a deterrent that no nation would dare invade us, no matter what size our military is or how well they are equipped. Back in World War II, they used to call the largest bombs block busters. Because they could destroy a city block, but now we have hydrogen bombs that just one 5 Megaton bomb, an average sized bomb, has the destructive power of all the bombs dropped during World War II combined. Its complete madness and a waste of trillions of dollars, and we have not only built bombs of mass destruction, but I believe we have built our own gallows which will someday wipe man off the face of the Earth. You would think we would have come to that conclusion by now but no, we continue to hoard and make more nuclear weapons and make them more advanced. Itâ s as if all the nations who have nuclear weapons were standing in a lake of gasoline, all holding a thousand matches. Yes, I do believe we need security and a well-equipped, trained military, but if you examine history, the former Soviet Union spent so much on the building and hoarding of weapons of mass destruction and its huge military that the countryâ s economy collapsed and there once powerful country was no more. You would think that politicians and the President would learn from history that bankrupting your own country only leads to its collapse. And lastly we cannot continue to spend what is now half a trillion dollars on just the interest to the national debt. It is completely mind boggling that nearly 9 percent of our budget goes to just the interest on the national debt. Thatâ s 472 billion dollars that goes for nothing, we get nothing out of that money, itâ s just as if we piled up half a football field with pallets of 100 dollar bills and had the grandest of bonfires. Change must come and I hope to God, no I pray that it comes before the collapse of this great nation.

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