

New American Spring: The Social Program [Expanded]--

Definition of the Issue: In the following **Social Program, New American Spring** [an aspiring grassroots or bottom-up social movement] attempts to construct a solution to what its founder, Roger Farinha, conceives of as an *underdeveloped and therefore unhealthy democracy in America*.

Definition of this Document: A *White Paper* “is a report or guide that informs readers concisely about a complex issue [American Democracy] and presents the issuing body’s [New American Spring’s] **philosophy** on the matter. It is meant to help readers understand an issue [America’s sick democracy], solve a problem [revitalize said democracy], or make a decision [determine how to proceed]” (Wikipedia).

**The philosophical rationale for all introduced elements of this social program will be printed in blue text for the purposes of *clarity*...

Preamble:

America is the first nation in modern human history which has famously dedicated itself to a rule *Of, By, and For the People*. This foundational principle demanded that the *People* had a main means of exercising their will in government. Hence the *People’s* vote became the bottom line for national direction, and America assumed the essential character of *general democracy*.

Yet because every individual is naturally (because simply logistically) unable to remain on top of all political issues for the exercise of the purest democracy, and because the general mass of humanity still grapples with the momentum of ignorance from our past and are therefore unable to exercise the most enlightened judgement as individuals, America had to become a representative democracy. A Constitution had to be formulated in expression of our national character and potential, reflecting the greatest social and political wisdom of modern history to date. Representatives then had to be established as moderators from among the people, representatives who in virtue of better education and cultivated, social and political professionalism, are able to exercise a more enlightened leadership.

In short, America had to become a representative democracy with a Constitutional backbone—a Constitutional Republic.

Now unfortunately, over time, all leadership of the *People* are subject to degeneration and corruption, if even in virtue of the general law of entropy, but especially if the *People* do not or cannot retain a controlling check on the overall direction of their government. So, while the *People* might feel in a vague way that their government is moving in a direction not according to their wishes or true interests, by very virtue of their reality as *conservatees* of their leaders, they are unable to exercise any significant overall control on said leadership. A representative democracy will therefore inevitably degenerate into some manner of central rule, which, in very virtue of its undemocratic polarity, will grow antagonistic to the general will of the *People*. In other words, the power structure of an under cultivated democracy will inevitably grow *anti-populist*.

This is the reality of America today, as demonstrated by the recent struggles of the *People*, both on the right and on the left, to retake their nation via such populist uprisings as Occupy Wall Street and the Tea Party, and most recently, via the populist president Trump on the right and even the unsuccessful Sanders on the left. And while the popular sentiment of the *People* might not always be the most enlightened, as the left might refer to the imperfect right as “deplorables,” while the right might refer to the imperfect left as “elitists,” a sincere democracy should always respect the sentiment of the general mass.

Now while the inability of the *People* to maintain a close control over their “representatives” and therefore over their “democratic” nation might seem inevitable, our modern world has changed in ways which might return leverage to *We, the People*. Specifically, our new connectivity through social media which enables a more organic consciousness (populism), in the context of an information age which can result in greater enlightenment through dialectical exchange (enlightened populism). Wherefore the two main reasons mentioned above, logistical isolation and inherited ignorance, requiring the *People's* will to be moderated by “representatives,” have amended.

Today, due to the materialization of an *information age*, greater and greater knowledge is available to every individual. With the right forum for voter education and dissemination of information—via the **Citizens Activated** organizational innovation below—this main reason for dependency on “representatives” is being curtailed. Enough to enable *the People* to exercise a closer control on the direction in which their “representatives” are leading them. And while representatives are still needed for their specialized training in the systems of government, and so America must remain a representative democracy; due to the general rise of social knowledge and awareness (again in virtue of the *information and connectivity age*) *the People* (all individuals) are now largely able to scrutinize the initiatives of their “representatives” more closely via abundant, information access.

What's more, American society is now able to grow in enlightenment almost exponentially via a new and very intentional approach of mass, grassroots dialogue. One in which knowledge is shared among *the People*, leavening the whole—out of ignorance! This

approach of a broad based, grassroots culture of dialogue must be steeped in the necessary spirit of *Embrace of All Diversity*, culturally critical for the sake of a functional, grassroots solidarity. Such an approach must also be underpinned by an absolute commitment to the sanctity of the ultimate, democratic vote, if America will remain a proud democracy.

This necessary exercise of scrutinizing our representatives, utilizing the abundance of information available to us in our age of connectivity, as well as a new culture of broad-based dialogue for the leavening of democratic society—these approaches are encapsulated in the **Citizens Activated** organizational innovation, to be introduced below.

So how have our American “representatives” degenerated and become corrupt, so much so that our nation is now in a self-evident crisis of moving in a direction that *We, The People* are clearly anxious about? Simply because, over time, our “representatives” became a political class with their own self-interest in preserving their professional positions, and by and by, the wealthy class has corrupted their leadership by moving it away from faithfully representing the interests of the general masses. This is our famed *swamp* in Washington. A faction undergirded by wealth has corrupted our “representatives” through campaign funding and business interest lobbying, over the years, rendering America an essential oligarchy—or rather, a centralized rule via the leverage of wealth.

See the book “Capital in the 21st Century” by Thomas Piketty, or the Bill Moyer’s video on the same at [What the 1% Don't Want You to Know - YouTube](#).

And all to the effect that the great American experiment in democracy, a bottom-line rule *Of, By, and For the People*, is currently under existential threat!

Wherefore the following *social and political, organizational innovation* below—the solution laid out in this **White Paper**—is meant to address this crisis of historical import.

Finally, as a seeming footnote but certainly not least in importance, the necessary spirit of *We, the People*’s awakening and becoming activated for the sake of addressing our presently undeveloped democracy must also be imbued within our youth. Our young people must be taught to become active and effective leaders—self-leaders, and leaders of one another. Hence the second arm of my New American Spring organizational innovation which follows: **Youth Invigorated--**

Overall Organizational Structure:

This Program will consist of three organizational entities: **I.** the **New American Spring** foundation, and its two, sister organizational structures—**II.** the **Citizens Activated** network of adult, civics associations, and **III.** the **Youth Invigorated** youth formations organization. By defining each of these structures, the Social Program will be fully explained. I will then end with

a vision for the kick-off event of this movement: **IV. the New American Spring First Leaders Conference.**

I. The Foundation

The specific purpose of the New American Spring Foundation will be to raise and disperse start-up or developmental funding for its forenamed sister organizational structures, as well as to provide overall leadership within the **Social Program**. [A separate foundation is needed to keep the overall movement true to the Founder's vision and inspiration. The founder's biography includes a Bachelors in the History of Modern Philosophy, a Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies, and a Masters Certificate in Non-profit Leadership. His most pertinent life experience includes a period of traveling throughout the United States, speaking to his fellow Americans about life and meaning, resulting in his book The Socratic Trucker: An American Memoir.](#)

This foundation should ideally have a national and remote board of directors who will meet online, as well as an overall CEO, *preferably the founder*. This individual will travel throughout the United States, further spreading the message, fundraising, and overseeing the initial start-up processes of the sister organizations. He or she will also continue to develop the message and vision of the social curriculum through his or her writing, engagement of community leaders, and through his or her participation in annual leadership conferences with the executive leaders of the sister organizations.

Let's now examine the two executive arms of the New American Spring movement:

II. Citizens Activated Associations

Citizens Activated will be a *loose network of civics associations*. These associations will avoid central leadership, essentially to escape the corrupting influence of a Tyranny of the Majority (popular factions) as well as Party Infiltration (co-option by forces not aligned with the real interests of the American people). [The danger of popular factions that can overpower general rationality is most starkly demonstrated by the Nazi phenomenon of World War II era Germany. Many rational Germans were secretly reluctant to adopt the more extreme elements of the Nazi party but they were overpowered and therefore intimidated by the momentum and manipulation tactics of the party. A party whose existence, nevertheless, was ultimately gained momentum through Hitler's initial, popular appeal as champion of Germany's dignity in light of its World War I mistreatments. Yet if Germany's culture was more healthily democratic and if there was a stronger, grass-roots power structure, general human rationality would have thwarted the inhuman elements of the Nazi Party. Individuals of moral character would have felt more empowered to challenge the evil tactics and dark leadership the Nazi party was leading Germany into.](#)

Today, alarmingly somewhat similarly, while the American people are convinced to vote for one candidate or other, they are ever more beginning to sense the inadequacy of their options. **Citizens Activated** is therefore designed to return legitimacy to the peoples' representatives by marrying said representatives more closely to the true (or broad based) sentiment of *We, The People*.

The American political landscape has long assumed the character of the Village of Hamelin, where the Pied Piper swayed unwitting children to their doom by playing alluring but sinisterly deceptive tunes. In analogy, the political ad machine of American politics, by selling influence for money, have similarly herded *We, The People* away from our true self-representation and self-direction. Wherefore, our only remedy is to learn to come together and discover our authentic voice through **Citizens Activated**.

Citizen Activated's main purpose is therefore to foster *face-to-face, real community building*. The spirit of its community revival will be based on a *radical embrace of all diversity*, whether gender, race, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation—all the presently recognized points of social differentiation. Yet what is most important of all, **Citizens Activated** will challenge the American masses to respect one another in *genuine, open-minded dialogue across political and even ideological lines*. Because the **New American Spring** Social program has arisen to *most directly remedy the greatest obstacle to social justice* in the division and disempowerment of the people, the specific purpose of **Citizens Activated** will be to re-knit the American people together into one functional mass so that the power and influence of *We, The People* will retake control over the essential nature and direction of our government.

The division of the American people across Liberal vs. Conservative lines, Republican vs. Democratic parties, is not a natural evolution. Over time, as the powers that be sought to solidify their control (powers which developed through the influence of money aforementioned), a means had to be found to divide and therefore keep the people conquered. This great divider was found in the natural leaning of people between liberal vs. conservative. I say this is a natural leaning because it is based in human survivalist instinct. See my blog on this theory [here](#). But succinctly put, a natural division in our human instinct was seized upon by the powers that be to essentially divide and conquer the American people—and so compromise democracy itself!

To be most effective, this community building solution to our divided and conquered democracy must accordingly take place on two levels: **online** through social networking, and in the community through **face-to-face** structures.

Online--

In our formerly less informationally connected history, the general masses had to rely on political representatives to a greater degree if they hoped to sustain a large body politic. This is so because of the natural limitation of human attention to manageable social circles. Today, however,

with the birth of the smartphone and social media, a united consciousness of the *people* is becoming ever more possible. To see a world which truly befits our human race, we ought to do everything we can to foster the development of this organic, one-world consciousness. Yet from the bottom up and not the top down. America must naturally therefore lead in this *unity program* as a nation has boasting, from its inception, a government *of, by, and for* the people as its central identity claim.

To accomplish an effective unification both politically and socially through the use of **on-line** tools, I propose the following elements to begin:

Online-- Municipal Web Pages

Each Citizens Activated branch will maintain a web page. Each city, each county, and each state will have a page, and there must also be one national page. Because the web pages will serve as the informational heart and true representation of each group, each page will be moderated by a democratically elected moderator of its respective municipality.

Within a larger city, for example, **Citizens Activated** groups may form according to neighborhoods or districts for **face-to-face** manageability. The leaders of these groups, within a given city, will elect one of their group members to moderate the city's web page based upon his or her *demonstrated impartiality and commitment to diversity* and, of course, adequate technical skills. Likewise, in every county, several city groups will exist whose leaders will elect their respective county's website moderator, and so on with the states, and so on for the national. This will guarantee that the person put in stewardship of the website is an authentic part of the Social Program.

Further details of this role will be determined during the organizing process.

Online-- Structure of Web Pages

To accomplish the greatest representative function, each **Citizens Activated** web page will adhere to one common structure involving five elements, to begin: a **Citizens Profile**, a **Voter Education Forum**, a **Political Opinion Forum**, a **Populist Action Forum**, and a **Voter Mobilization Tool**.

The **Citizen's Profile** is **Citizens Activated's** social-media profile of members. In the beginning, a presently established social media forum can be used, but as our movement develops, an entirely new social network must be constructed for *We, The People*. *This is absolutely necessary* in order to disconnect our citizens' network from commercial interest and manipulation which might be harmful to *We, The People*. The **Citizens Activated** arm of **New American Spring**, if it decides to capitalize on its network by *selectively* making it available to commercial

entities for the sake of advertising revenue, will nevertheless maintain a people's interest control over the process so that any commercial benefit deriving from **Citizens Activated** will never ultimately act against the people's interest.

Next and one of the most important elements of its service, every **Citizens Activated** web page must host a **Voter Education Forum**. This forum will consist of the most succinct and objective definitions of issues relating to its municipality. As one of our national founders, Thomas Jefferson writes: *"I know of no safer depositary of the ultimate powers of the society than the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power."*

This **Education Forum** should be created and moderated by *journalistically trained* individuals (young graduates) who strive to maintain the classical objectivism taught in school. For one of the greatest instruments of America's partisan divide and democratic demise is the degeneration of mainstream media into right versus left ideological factions and the relegation of "journalism" to ideological propaganda. Is it any surprise that *We, The People* find ourselves dysfunctional because divided when our leaders of objectivism have been first compromised? Brian Williams may have signed off as iconic anchor at MSMBC with the lamentation that congressmen are presiding over the "burning down of America," but did he not see how his profession of journalism also plays a role? Or was he incapable of going so far in his last sign-off address if he hoped to have his "editorial managers" allow his speech?

We may never know...

Because the representatives of our *People* today often have self-serving and corrupted motives through the compromising influence of money in politics, and because *We, The People* are naturally overwhelmed by the complexity of government in the face of our need to navigate an ever more bewildering world, a clear, effective, and functional instrument of political education is absolutely critical if we will truly and effectively be able to govern ourselves. The age of those who wish to continue playing our Pied Pipers, of those who despise us in their hearts and seek only to prey upon us, must now and definitively come to an end!

Besides education, the freedom of *We, The People* to express our opinions one to another, to reason and remonstrate with one another, is likewise central, as I have spoken about the *socially critical role of dialogue*. Social dialogue in an open and respectful culture of citizen participation will itself serve the main function of education, since those who are more expert on a given topic will naturally assume authoritative influence within a functional conversation, and so by degrees, the entire social dough will be leavened by the process of open exchange.

This approach to citizen education is also much superior to granting the task of education to any central or even academic source. For **New American Spring** holds that all centralization is harmful to *We, The People* generally, as no matter how "objective" it aims to be, it will always be

subject to some factional point-of-view and will therefore always be out of touch, in some way, with the organic populace. *In other words, only the people broadly can truly know what is in the interest of the people.*

Furthermore, because we cannot logistically be available to personally engage one another to any significant degree and on every convenient occasion, this is where the benefits of the online forum shines brightest. Through **Political Opinion Forums**, we will be able enjoy the very important fruits of dialogue, which, when approached open-mindedly, always serve to edify—indeed unify, *if you will pardon my optimism*. Education and opinion forums will gradually and ultimately enable us to organically unify under the mind of one body politic, so long as we approach our revived republic in the positive spirit of *embracing of all diversity*. This work of inspiration, finally, will be the essential task of the previously discussed **Citizens Activated** leadership.

Next, as important as the need to express one's opinions and know that one is being heard, one also needs the freedom to act on one's social passions. Accordingly, by hosting a **Populist Action Forum, Citizen's Activated** will provide a space for the American citizen to organize his and her countrymen and countrywomen toward social interventions which she or he is personally passionate about. Some may be committed to clean water, others to freer trade. Some may organize around better schools, while others around responsible government spending. But here, in one place, every cause will have the light of day for airing and mobilizing *We, the People*.

Citizens Activated members will be encouraged to look upon such diversity with approval, appreciating that just as in the state of nature diversity amounts to healthy ecosystems, so in our body politic. As in diversified nature the whole system converges toward health and beauty, so will our new, *Enlightened Populism* knit the people together in *healthy rationality*.

The last element I initially put forward for the **Citizens Activated** web pages is a **Voter Mobilization Tool**. This is a very critical feature since it will enable the voter to match his and her vote to a political candidate who most closely corresponds to his and her *Issues Profile*. As a part of every member's **Citizens Profile** will be a set of identifying issues which he or she, as an autonomous citizen, stands for. These issues will derive from those defined in the **Voter Education Forum**, and it will also enable political candidates to gauge what the people want. This will likewise allow the people to determine how their chosen candidate performs in office. Therefore this tool ultimately tightens the control of *We, The People* over our democratically chosen candidates.

Finally, the **Voter Mobilization Tool** does not suggest a mechanical process for voting so much as offer the busy citizen a quick guideline to his and her best representative in our ever more distracted lives.

Face-to-Face Community--

We come now to the **face-to-face community** structures of our Citizens Activated associations. Let's define the **Organizing Leader** and put forward four aspects of these groups to begin: **Voter Registration Drives**, **Political Soap Box** events, **Political Action Meet-ups**, and **Meet Your Representatives**. As you might see, these features parallel the on-line elements (**Voter Education Forum**, a **Political Opinion Forum**, a **Populist Action Forum**, and a **Voter Mobilization Tool**) outlined above.

The **Organizing Leader** of these face-to-face, localized groups will preferentially be recruited from graduate students at local universities due to its next-generational spirit, although regular or otherwise forward-looking adult, passionate community members may also apply. Young adult recruits should preferably be students or graduates of subjects closely related to politics and society such as political science, sociology, psychology, anthropology, and or other similar concentrations.

Because the whole purpose of **Citizens Activated** is to empower *We, The People* most directly and effectively, its first order of business will be to plug its members into the political power system. This involves ensuring that every individual who participates in his and her local **Citizens Activated** association be registered to vote. After voter registration is complete, the individual will then be invited to build his and her social networking profile or **Citizens Profile**. (The exact structure of such profiles is to be determined during the early organizational process). **Voter Registration Drives** will simply be the face-to-face, organized efforts to get people registered. This will also be the main process for recruiting membership into **Citizens Activated**. By registering to vote through **Citizens Activated** or by updating his or her voter registration through **New American Spring**, the American Citizen will take the first, intentional step toward a true and ultimate revival!

Political Soap Boxes will be community gatherings of the **Citizens Activated** member who wishes not only to express his or her opinions on the web page, but who longs for the fray of face-to-face dialogue and debate, yet in the spirit of citizenship solidarity and tolerance. Here, the skill and contribution of the **Group Leader** or facilitator toward the spirit of *Embrace of Diversity* will be most tested, especially in our present age of partisan dysfunction, a direct result of our underdeveloped democracy. Success in moderating these events will be one of the main criteria for advancement in the associational network. Functional dialogue will be the very thread which will suture the lacerated parts of our American democracy (our right verses left divide, as main example), and the catalyst which will enable the healthy development of this *shining light democracy* to all the world!

Political Action Meetups will naturally parallel the on-line, **Populist Action** forum. Members desiring to gather for mutual support and mobilization toward their cause and other members of the municipality who have developed a curiosity about the causes through perhaps the web page forums can attend. The result of this feature of **Citizens Activated** will be in serving as the catalyst for a vibrant and involved body politic, a civics and American citizenship revival!

Finally, **Citizens Activated** will host **Meet Your Representative** events in parallel to the online **Voter Mobilization Tool**. These events will offer those willing to serve their fellow citizens as political representatives the opportunity to relate their tickets to the issues defined in the **Voter Education Forum**. [The final effect of this feature of Citizens Activated will be to enable the people to engage with their representatives more effectively, finally rendering them our true servants!](#)

Other elements of the face-to-face community can easily be conceived, including some such as **Organizational Villages** which gives non-profit organizations a forum to advocate to and engage the people, **Creative Circles** which offer the people opportunities to share their creative sides in community, and other **Event Gatherings** such as **International Potlucks** to foster intercultural good will, etc.

For succinctness in this paper, however, I will allow these very many exciting possibilities to develop in the process of real-world organizing. At the very least, I'm sure the reader can clearly see the wonderful promise for a ***Great American Peoples' Revival!***

III. Youth Invigorated Organization—

As you might suspect, getting Americans to fully embrace each other in our present social climate and show ourselves capable of our citizens' revival will not be an easy task. We have too long become mired in the ideological separation, the partisan dysfunction, and to the divide and conquer influences of the power wielders in society (moneyed interests) who prey upon the masses of our besieged republic. Therefore in order for this movement to make the greatest strides, it must prepare our formable youth to be fully actualized citizens and human beings.

At this point, I should make it [absolutely clear](#) that I am not seeing to introduce political issues to our youth other than the specific, social-political character of **New American Spring** itself, which is essentially non-partisan. We must essentially teach our young people to become servant leaders.

At this point let me change my voice in the rest of this essay to one which addresses our youth personally, instead of continuing in a third person elocution *about* our young people. By offering you, young America, a space and time to develop a balanced character and to learn to become social leaders generally, we will be preparing your generation to assume your responsible role as citizens once you have come of age to vote.

The age old human plague is the temptation of the traditionally conceived "leader" to *lord it over* his and her fellows, to outshine and manipulate others for the sake of personal gain and glory. Yet the most effective leader is the servant of all. While the socially shell-shocked, older generation might hold that [human nature is itself corrupt or otherwise hopeless](#) and will not change, and you will find yourself facing a backlash of this sentiment if you become involved with this

Program, our **New American Spring** is stubbornly optimistic. Therefore through *your* renewing generation, let us finally put to the test whether fundamental change can be learned.

In order to accomplish this great and critical task of forming your generation to become the noble citizens of the future, I propose a youth character and leadership development organization with the following, **Three Pronged Philosophy**, **Leadership Structure**, **Enrichment Features**, and **Light Organizational Footprint**:

Three Pronged Philosophy

It seems to me that we can readily identify three essential aspects of being human which, when conceived together, gives us a sense of wholeness. This triune interpretation of human character, I should confess, comes through inspiration from the Christian concept of the Trinity—not that I am setting forth any specifically Christian organization. Only that I derive inspiration from the essential conceptions of Father, Son and Spirit from my own religious background, and in the idea that human beings are made in this image.

According to the Christian Trinitarian conception, the Father is the creative source of all, the Son is the manifestation of all things, which manifestation can be conceived as the social body of Creation, and the Spirit is the unity of all things in joyful Love.

Accordingly, as images of the Creator, human beings are first and foremost *creative*. We long to express ourselves, to offer newness to life. Human beings are secondly *social*. We need one another both psychology and practically. And healthy human beings are thirdly *joyful*. Life cannot be meaningful to us unless we view it as essentially positive.

Therefore I propose that our **Youth Invigorated** organization espouse a correspondingly three-pronged formational aspect for all of its members: **Young Artists**, **Young Citizens**, and **Young Lifers**. As **Young Artists**, all **Youth Invigorated** members and leaders will cultivate an artistic expression, liberally defined, in fulfillment of their human creative faculty. As **Young Citizens**, all **Youth Invigorated** members and leaders will perform voluntary services to their larger community, in fulfillment of their human social identity. And as **Young Lifers**, all **Youth Invigorated** members and leaders will be called to unite in expressions of celebration, in fulfillment of their human need for Joy of Life.

Leadership Structure

The designative title of **Members** will be the basic level of participation in this organization. These youth will comply with the three-pronged requirement of the organization, and will begin and actively cultivate, over the course of their membership, a **Life Resume** which will chronicle all the steps taken and all the accomplishments made during the adolescent to early

young adult membership of all **Members** and **Leaders**. **Members** will be drawn from middle and high schools, and they will be organized under a **School Leader**.

School Leaders will oversee that **Members** meet the three-pronged development requirements and they will serve under **Area Leaders**, who will be college students drawn from colleges most central to their local cluster of schools. The freshman year of college will be a hiatus for all **Youth Leaders** involved in this organization in order for them to acclimate themselves to their new, higher educational environment. Therefore **Area leaders** will be recruited from the sophomore through the senior years of college.

Area Leaders will oversee and guide the service of **School Leaders**, and they will serve under **Area Directors**, who will be full-time, professional, young adult college graduates.

Area Directors will serve under various **Regional Directors** (to be constituted in response to organizational size) who together will be answerable to the **Executive Director** who oversees the leadership structure of the entire organization. He or she will be responsible for the overall mission of the organization and will be a nonprofit professional answerable to the **Board of Directors**.

The **Board of Directors**, lastly, will set the vision and mission of the organization as a whole, and will be responsible for continual development.

Unlike the loose, associational nature of **Citizens Activated**, the centralized or hierarchical structure of **Youth Invigorated**, it should be noted, is not an issue of concern for national corruptibility. For there isn't much temptation to corrupt the youth for political reasons when their generational age within this organizational body does not qualify for voting.

Enrichment Features

I would not want to give your generation the message that you should completely split from your forbearers, however. Therefore in order to benefit from the human wealth available in the adult population, I propose, to begin, two mentoring features:

Professional Mentors will volunteer with up to three **Youth Invigorated Members** who express a desire to enter into their career path. This will enable young people to enjoy the critically important benefit of seeing, in concrete, the reality of their ambition. **This benefit is absolutely invaluable for the ultimate success of our youth.**

Senior Mentors will likewise volunteer with up to three **Youth Invigorated Members**. All **Youth Invigorated Members** will be encouraged to respect and appreciate the wisdom available to them, socially, in their seniors. **These seasoned human beings often have invaluable wisdom and experience which can be personally imparted to the wise because respectful young person.**

Light Organizational Footprint

An essential character of the **Youth Invigorated** organization will be its *light organizational footprint*. This means that **Youth Invigorated** will, in every possible occasion, seek to work with other youth organizations and or school programs in fulfilling its formations mission.

In other words, it may use Big Brothers, Big Sisters to oversee the screening of **Professional and Senior Mentors**. It may use the YMCA and other community facilities for its artistic cultivation activities. It may partner with City, State, and local officials to arrange youth pride parades for its **Joy of Life** activities, etc. Even the school **Members** of the organization will meet in their respective schools, after classes, as a **School Club**.

The ultimate idea is that, as an organization, **Youth Invigorated** need not grow facilities heavy or seek to reproduce resources. So many resources are already available to youth in our communities that **Youth Invigorated** should consider itself free to do only the most important task at hand, that of *forming the character* of our young people, most efficiently and effectively.

Tell Your Teachers:

There is one final topic I would like to address with you, actually a request. If you are a student, I ask that you bring this book to your teachers and challenge them to read it. Then ask that they do whatever they can to help facilitate **Youth Invigorated** coming to your school. This is the plan of metastasis, that through the institutional array of schools in the United States, this youth movement might catch fire.

If you happen to be a graduate student in Government Administration or Political Science or are otherwise inspired by our **New American Spring** vision, I likewise invite you to tell your professors and college and university administrators about it and encourage them to invite me, the **Founder of New American Spring**, to talk at your institution. In this way, Citizens Activated can likewise ignite.

IV. First Leaders Convention

Let me end by proclaiming that I have a dream! I have a dream that from East to West to North to South, the first fruits of America's brightest youth will gather in one, special place. I dream of holding a kick-off convention for the beginning of the **New American Spring Social Program**. Its first leaders will have read this book and have been inspired to take up the task of renewing our country and world.

I hope that this book will be successful and that advanced-looking philanthropists will be moved to fund the **New American Spring Foundation** which will fund and hire the first Knights of this grand revival. Young, idealistic, dauntless, bright minded and hearted youth, the first renewing warriors of our next generation!

May *you* be one of these...