

Antipolitism

The New Political System to Save our Republic

What if there was a way to:

1. Eliminate ALL money in politics.
2. Drastically reduce the possibility of corruption forever.
3. Eliminate national party politics entirely.
4. Eliminate all possibilities of political careers entirely.
5. Ensure the best possible representatives and leaders.

If you are telling yourself now, nice ideas, but nonsense, I get it. However, you are wrong. There is such a system and it is called **Antipolitism**. As the name suggests, it eliminates politics as a connotative term that means constant jockeying for power and lying, cheating, and doing whatever is necessary to achieve it.

In the next paragraphs, I am going to lay out how the system works and why it would fix what is wrong with our republic and the one thing I believe that every American can agree upon: *Our country is sliding into irreconcilable division that can lead to nothing but the end of our republic and with it our way of life*. America, as an idea, is the greatest republican idea in history. Let's save it. Read on.

When the Founders established our Constitution, they were fully aware of the dangers of democracy. They were classically educated scholars to a large extent and knew what Socrates said of democracy over a millenia earlier in Athens and held it to be true. In case you are unfamiliar, here are Socrates's key points:

Key Dangers of Democracy According to Socrates

- **Rule of the Ignorant:** Socrates believed voting is a skill that requires specific education and rational thought, and that granting this right to everyone without such qualifications would lead to bad decisions.
- **Demagoguery:** A lack of educated leaders and a system where everyone can vote without wisdom creates an opening for manipulators, or demagogues, who appeal to the masses with popular but misguided ideas.
- **Chaos and Instability:** Democracy's emphasis on individual freedom could, without a counterbalance of law and order, devolve into an unchecked expression of individual desires, leading to social instability and chaos.

- **Inferior Form of Government:** In Plato's Republic, Socrates places democracy as the fourth-worst out of five forms of government, arguing it's a degenerate state where people prioritize their unchecked passions over reason and social responsibility.

In case you may be wondering what **Socrates held was the absolute worst form of government, it was Representative Democracy** which is exactly what we have now. A government of venal sociopaths by and large whose only priority is power. As a result, our representatives carry out ridiculous policies to placate their masses resulting in what we have now: crushing debt, decaying morality, increasing violence. Socrates himself went to his death after being voted by the Athenian masses to be executed for his radical ideas. Sound familiar? Democracy is mob rule.

Note: I don't use the term sociopaths as an offhand pejorative remark. I mean it literally as in this age of social media and personal destruction, who but a sociopath would expose him or herself and families to the onslaught unless their drive for power pushed aside all guilt and shame? A sociopath. With a few notable exceptions today like Rand Paul, Thomas Massie, Cynthia Lummis, Mike Lee, and Joe Manchin, my observation is literal. Of the 535 members of the House and Senate, I would guess about 450 of them look in the mirror and see the President of the United States and would sacrifice their children to achieve it.

The Founders therefore set up a republic with rules and restrictions designed to curb the excesses of the masses. They required property ownership thus ensuring that voters would have something to lose if they voted stupidly. They set up a bicameral legislature and senators were selected by state legislatures, not direct vote. Thus, they tried to ensure that more educated and experienced heads would retard the passions of the masses as reflected in the direct voting for members of the House of Representatives. Though not perfect, it worked as well as anything at the time could have. The enemy of good is perfect. Perfect is unattainable in human affairs or interaction and therefore we had as close to a perfect form of republic as existed at the time and since.

However, the Founders didn't take some factors into consideration because how could they know that lifespan and ambition would be the downfall of the Republic. In 1776, the average lifespan was 35. Today, it is 78. That fact is what monumentally ruined things. It opened up political careers that could last decades as opposed to service in Congress being a part time job performed for a few years before either dying or succumbing to the myriad of infirmities and diseases that they simply had no idea how to cope with then. Heck, microbes weren't discovered until the 20th Century. The very idea of anyone entering politics as a career in an agrarian society was not even on the radar. When 80% of the people have to farm to feed the population (as opposed to 1.3% today), you can imagine most folks not having the time to waste on politics.

Before I get into the details of how Antipolitism works, I want to briefly discuss **Cause and Correlation**. Simply, every problem has a cause, sometimes several, but many more correlations. For example, coming from a single parent family is a cause of crime, in fact THE major cause. I reach this conclusion based upon myriads of well done studies that reinforce the truth of this assertion. By well done I mean a study that examines not only the facts that agree with the question being examined but also examines the countervailing factors fairly and accurately as opposed to garbage "studies" so often cited by partisans on both sides that are not studies at all. They are propaganda pieces. To be clear, not all children of single parent families grow up to be criminals, however almost all criminals are the product of single parent families. I can tell you that from firsthand experience.

Today, neither major party goes anywhere near addressing the causes because to do so would irritate their masses of ignorant (not stupid, let's be clear) voters. From the right they scream, *lock them up*, from the left, *be more compassionate or blame poverty*. Um, unless we plan to lock up huge numbers of the populations for life, locking them up is a bandaid at best. Already we, the largest democracy in human history, lock up more of our population than Russia, China, North Korea, and Venezuela combined. How's that

working for us? Oh, for a while it seems to work, but then the rising tide of degeneracy soon overwhelms it.

As for compassion, be serious and take it from me who has done prison time and been up to my tush in criminals. They just laugh at silliness like that. Further, poverty doesn't have anything to do with crime evidenced by the simple fact that during the Great Depression when at its nadir unemployment reached 24.8%, crime didn't budge. Why? Families were intact, plain and simple.

It took me more paragraphs just now to explain my point than most politicians would ever devote to trying to educate their voters. Why should they when their goal is reelection above all and it is far easier to inflame and motivate an ignorant mass by pandering than leading? Hence why we need Antipolitism.

Let's take a look at another issue, this one supposedly nonpartisan as both parties pay lip service from time to time about the ridiculous amount of money that it takes to run for office. Today, the average victorious Congressional campaign costs an average of \$3 million, for the Senate it is a whopping \$28.5 million, and for president, \$1.8 billion. BILLION! This is insane. So what do our politicians do? Why, they set up rules like restricting campaigns to small donations of under \$3500. Sounds good? All that does is make it safer for an incumbent because only an incumbent has a party organization behind him or her to raise the small donations necessary to comply. And if they don't, no worries, they simply set up an issue-based Super PAC to raise unlimited dollars. They pander and lie at the same time.

Having to raise all this money also means that the average politician needs to spend 80-90% of his or her time raising money. This is nothing but legalized corruption. In America, we don't need to pay our politicians under the table. They just make corruption legal, make it sound good to the majority who do not understand the underlying issues, and continue to screw things up. Insane.

Then, to sum it all up, the need to spend this much time raising money means the politicians don't have the time to actually read bills, and most importantly, simply do their job. The most important task of Congress each year constitutionally is to pass the budget. The last time they accomplished this on time was 1996. Since then it has been a continuing dereliction of duty passing most of the budget responsibility to the Executive Branch in increasingly complicated and long continuing resolutions that abdicate their duties to the president. How have you lovers of democrats and republicans enjoyed seeing presidents like Obama, Biden (or his staff as he was senile) and Trump pretty much doing as they please without serious oversight?

Antipolitism fixes all of this permanently by converting congressional service from a career to a duty and being president the same. It completely eliminates the possibility of political careers in office. It eliminates all money in elections. All of it and without giving a single dollar to either party from the taxpayers. Not a penny. Plus, it eliminates any possibility of election interference or foreign meddling. Sounds too good to be true? Let's spell it out.

First, Antipolitism is a republic by selection, not election. In place of gerrymandered congressional districts, they are replaced in each state by geographically similar (as close as geography of the state permits) geometric districts made of of the state's general population divided equally. For example, here in Arizona where I live, we have 9 districts but are about to add a 10th due to our growing population. Our total state population is 7.6 million, so we would create 10 districts of approximately 760,000 citizens in each. No adjustments would be allowed for any reasons like party or demographics. Antipolitism is blind to tribe.

Each adult citizen in each district would be sent an email by the state asking the following questions:

1. Are you over 35?
2. Do you work full time (over 40 hours per week)?

3. Do you have a criminal history?
4. What did you make, before taxes, last year?

If you answered yes to questions 1 and 2, no to Number 3, and your income falls into the category of being in the top 33 ⅓% of all income earners last year in your state, you are eligible for selection to the House of Representatives.

Why over 35? Because good decisions come from experience, but experience comes from bad decisions. We all need time to really make some serious mistakes in our lives and to realize that we made them to create wisdom as opposed to the raw knowledge of youth. When I was in my 20s I thought I was brilliant. It took life and time to point out the idiocy of that belief on my part. I would bet you agree in your own life, and if you don't, you are suffering from a disturbing lack of self-awareness! LOL. Seriously, we all need a few gray hairs to gain wisdom. It goes without saying unless you are a 20-something with purple, pink, and green streaked hair and a nose ring or an overenthusiastic Young Republican on campus envisioning him or herself saving America through conservatism. Both kids need some time to pull their heads from their asses.

Why working full time? Because neither Trust Fund babies nor retirees nor welfare recipients are in a position to understand what it is like to work in the current environment. We want people representing us who spend our money carefully and nothing drives that home like working every day. Note that there is no age limit on the high side. If old guys like me want to work until they die with their boots on so to speak as I do, they are always eligible. The Free Market of employment will take care of eliminating the senile so we won't have to worry about a future Joe Biden. He would have been retired mandatorily 20 years ago by a private employer.

Why no felony record even if rehabilitated officially? Because why take a chance on that when there are so many who managed to keep their noses clean? This requirement

eliminates me personally from consideration and though I know that I am an honest man today, why take a chance? I and those like me are not irreplaceable. Nobody is.

Finally, an income in the top third of earners guarantees that the eligible person has climbed the ladder to a reasonable but reachable level of success and life balance to best represent us and our shared values. Regardless of which race or creed or gender you belong to, climbing your way to success means that you know how the system works and how to best participate. You know the struggles and have faced them and succeeded. There is little chance you are stupid. In other words, you are the kind of representative that we want and need.

Note that I make no educational requirement. Often the smartest and best have never seen the inside of a college classroom. I also want to make clear that the answer provided by potential representatives will NOT be fact checked but for the single person ultimately selected. There is no need to do otherwise. The bottom line here that I want you to take away is that we are creating an elite of the successful, and the elite is reachable by any American making the effort.

From these answers, each eligible potential selectee will be assigned a number from, using again my own state as an example, 000001 to 760000 (or more likely, about a quarter to half that who are actually eligible). Then on Selection Day, in a ping pong ball lottery machine, a number will be drawn and whomever holds that number will be the new Congressperson for the next 4 years. Yes, terms will be 4 years instead of 2, but each term is 1 and done. No possibility of reselection to any federal office ever again and no inclusion in future selections. Each new 4 year term will start 6 months before the predecessor's term ends in order for the new congressperson to gain some on the job experience alongside the person they will replace. If a person is selected and chooses for their own reasons not to serve, they may decline and a new drawing held. We will use ping pong ball machines because they cannot be hacked. Sometimes old tech is better than new.

The resulting Congress will be far more diverse than ours is now because of the blind selection. It will be racially mixed, about half of all representatives will be women, and most importantly, a very broad range of careers and experienced people will serve unlike today when nearly 60% of our representatives are lawyers as opposed to the .3% of the population they represent. That is nuts especially given that what is an attorney but an intellectual prostitute trained to represent and advocate for a client regardless of the client being either in the right (civil law) or innocent (criminal law)? In other words, we have a congress of people trained to ignore right and wrong representing their voters. Not good by any measure. Oh, there will be a few lawyers in the mix to advise on the law to be sure, and God knows if there aren't, Congress can hire them.

What we will have are lots of entrepreneurs, accountants, engineers, doctors, nurses, and generally every career you can imagine giving us a broad diversity of points of view all supported by real world experience. Oh, we will get some true morons too. Just like now. However, at worst they will be gone in 4 years, not 40.

Also at what should be the very top of all of our concerns is that we are fast approaching what may be a hinge moment in human history, a hinge moment being when the basic understandings of all human society are forced to change. That moment is inevitable and is being caused by AI. Now, ask yourself this question: Who would you rather have regulating and adapting government to the New AI Reality, a bunch of technology-challenged, often elderly, career powerseekers and mostly lawyers at that, or a body of working, current, diverse in career and outlook, group of successful businesspeople and professionals? I know that you recognize the answer.

As for the Senate, we must repeal the 17th Amendment and return selection to the state legislatures. However, the terms for each senator will also be 4 years, 1 and done, never eligible for selection again. By doing this, we will open the door to men and women of greater governmental experience and well-respected in their states to leaven future hotheads that may appear in the House by chance. The Senate will serve as the brakes for our worst ideas as the Constitution intended.

Finally, let's talk about who will be president and vice president. After 2 years, each Congress will meet in open session, livecast, to select from their body who the president and veep will be, not unlike Catholic Cardinals selecting a new Pope but publicly. The thinking behind this goes back to my Navy days when I served on vessels with over a hundred and often lots more sailors and officers. It didn't take long before I and my shipmates knew who the smart and stupid, lazy and motivated, put together and chaotic were. After 2 years of working together, our new Congress will know and pick the best persons from among them to serve for 4 years, again 1 and done.

All other Constitutional provisions remain the same including impeachment should they be a mistake.

All congresspeople will be paid per diem exactly what they made the year before. Per diem because congress will become a part time job only meeting in Washington to pass a budget and for national emergencies. Otherwise, they can go home as the Founders did and do whatever it is that they do day to day. Almost all now federal programs would be devolved to the states as they should have been in the first place.

Note here that our 50 states are basically small countries with open trading, travel, and borders. Each has its own culture. I don't want to belabor this, but Alabama is not the same as California and imposing one size fits all programs on all states is simply insane. Plus, smaller always means more efficient and better run as it is closer to the voter/customer of services. Since states cannot print money, a lot less will be borrowed and wasted. The net result will be better services for less money. Be prepared for the various special interests to bitch and moan as this will mean having to lobby 50 states with limited resources as opposed to an unending pot of money in one easy place. Tough shit.

So, say for example, a high school principal is selected who makes on average nationally \$109,000 per year. This would put him or her in the top 33 ⅓%. We would pay this person \$298 per day while serving, pay their airfare commercially to and from DC,

and pay for their hotel room while they were there. For security purposes, I would think that the federal government could convert a federal building into lovely apartments with state of the art security for that purpose.

Since they won't need to raise money at all, after doing their duty, they would return home, and imagine in the case of the aforementioned principal what a teaching opportunity this would be for the student body they lead! Think of the culture of service and duty this will create when every single student knows that one day, if they keep their noses clean and succeed in life, they too may be called upon to serve and possibly become president.

Please notice that in this piece I did not discuss a single issue or program because due to Antipolitism, I don't have to. Successful people have one thing in common: sense. They will be smart and do what is more often than not the right thing because why won't need to pander or bend to stupidity for money or power. To succeed in more cases than not, they will be married, with children, homeowners, and hard workers who know what is smart and what is ridiculous. They will be compassionate because Americans are compassionate. They simply won't be fools or sociopaths.

The argument against Antipolitism boils down to this: What about all the experience we will lose when seasoned legislators all lose their jobs? My answer is twofold:

1. The cemeteries are full of men and women who couldn't be replaced.
2. Look at their track record, and we won't by any objective measure be losing anything but pandering idiocy.

Also gone will be lobbyists making donations. Gone will be pollsters influencing every decision. Gone will be campaign managers and political hangers on. Not perfect of course, but way better than what we have now. Again, the enemy of good is perfect. Antipolitism is very good. What we have now will lead to our end. Plain and simple.

Finally a mention of state politics is in order. Antipolitism at the state level will be up to the state. There can still be party politics at the state level, should the voters of that state choose. Simply, as a state cannot print money like the federal government does now, it cannot pull the entire country into its stupidity should it make awful mistakes unlike the federal government which never ends a mistake and only grows it and its accompanying bureaucracy. Plus, as all 50 states will be natural laboratories of programs and policies, others can copy what works and ditch what doesn't.

As for me, I have filed my Letter of Intent to run for Congress in Arizona's 4th Congressional District next year as a Libertarian. To campaign today, I will need money. If you feel motivated by Antipolitism and what it can do for America, please reach out and contact me for ways to contribute or volunteer or both.

Yes, I know that I am fighting an uphill battle against not being taken seriously. I don't care as I know from history that great movements all start with one man and an idea. You know mine. I ask for your help.

God bless you and God bless America!

Interested people can buy a copy of my book, "*A Radical Reset*" by Herby Kay, on Amazon in paperback, hardcover, or Kindle.

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It is the manifesto of Antipolitism and in it I not only lay out the plan in greater detail but I also suggest policies that are governed by common sense and experience for all to consider on how to solve or mitigate crime, inflation, immigration, prison reform, homelessness, drug addiction, foreign policy and war, and most importantly to my mind, how to restore the Traditional Nuclear Family, the bedrock of our country and culture.