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Direct Representative Democracy



What our founding fathers dreamed of, we're now able to accomplish with technology.

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In 7 Chapters

This philosophy is the culmination of five years of listening to hundreds of average people talking about their ideas on Democracy and how we're going to fix Congress. This is just how the pieces seem to fit together. The Tech Party started in Dania Beach.

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Representative: A person or thing that represents another or others. (Dictionary.com)

We should try using this "thing" called technology to help our "person" become a better "Representative".

We believe we can fix Congress with technology. If you really like this book, please share our thoughts with your friends and family. You can download a FREE PDF copy for the people in your circle that think like you.

We know one thing for sure, regardless of whether you agree with us or not, Direct Representative Democracy is coming. One way or another.

We say let's get this party started.



Let's Fix Congress With Technology!





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The Tech Party Philosophy

Forty years ago as kids some of us watched the 6:00 o'clock news every night wondering why the people didn't just fix the government. It seemed obvious that no one was happy. Why didn't they just elect Representatives who would do what the people wanted?

It was one of those things you believed would be solved by the time you grew up. But here we are forty years later and Congress is still limping along unable to self-correct and fix itself. When are we going to realize that technology is the missing piece for all who've ever dreamed of achieving Democracy? Technology, we have it, our forefathers didn't.

When the government sends us a message we listen. That's just the way it's always worked. Now with the Internet, we as a community can easily communicate our collective thoughts right back to our Representatives on any pressing issue.

The Tech Party says when all 435 districts start using technology to directly gauge what their constituents truly want, then that becomes the perfect Representative Democracy that our forefathers wrote into the constitution. The perfect system to achieve maximum accountability is a Direct Representative Democracy.

For the last 240 years, Democracy has walked hand-in-hand with technology. Spoken words become written words that turned into annual writings, monthly printings, weekly papers and then daily news. Technology improved communication, telephones, radio and television. It was the light of technology that shined above the path of Democracy.

We believe our system of Direct Representative Democracy can function the way it is supposed to by using simple modern technology to connect the voters directly to their Representative.

What is the point of electing Representatives to Washington D.C. if on their very first day they dismiss half their constituents from the other side's party as stupid or wrong? Partial Democracy = Partial Equality. Even those who stand close in agreement with the other side are ignored and stamped as being on the wrong side.

Today most people agree that when it comes to liberal or conservative agenda-driven political party candidates, the winners are as useless as the losers.

Why do we always have to choose between two dysfunctional political parties, when the majority of us have grown to understand that the power of compromise is found in the center? That place where the silent majority are. The 7 out of 10 people who pay their taxes, follow the rules and work for a living.

Back in the old days when the community found an issue becoming divisive, two factions would rise up. One small party arguing for yes and the other small party arguing for no. After reasonable debate amongst the greater majority in the middle a decision was made. With the issue resolved the people went back to what they were doing.

This reasonable three-sided debate process inspired the plurality system our forefathers wrote into The Constitution. The plurality system is there for the sole purpose of making yes or no decisions on INDIVIDUAL issues. Not one party claiming moral superiority for two years and making all their judgments with no input from the center or opposing side.

We believe YOUR voice, YOUR opinion, YOUR right to maintain influence over your Representative should not end after Election Day!

No one can predict how a Representative will personally feel about an issue in the future. When they get to Washington they seem to evolve and change their positions.

We the voters hope we're electing people who keep their word, but it's a gamble every time on every issue. If you are like the rest of us, you are tired of betting, hoping and praying they'll do what they promised in order to get your vote.

It seems pretty clear to anyone looking, that these politicians have absolutely no interest in fixing a system that rewards them with power and social influence.

We say we can do better as a community by using technology to achieve a more equal democracy. Let's agree that our Representatives should be taking direction from us and that every constituent should have equal say in our district's house voting decision-making process.

In the 1700's when our forefathers drafted the Constitution, they never envisioned the citizens of a district having the ability to communicate so easily with their Representatives.

Back then they couldn't electronically collect individual votes like we can today. But our forefathers wanted to and so did most who fought in the Revolutionary War. They settled for each district having Representatives because it was the only way that our government would be able to get anything done.

With today's technology, when our Representative tells us about an issue, we can easily reply as a community clearly indicating to them what we want them to do. No more head scratching during the nightly news.

No more asking hand-picked community leaders how the rest of us are supposed to act.

What about the citizens who don't always agree with their community leaders? What happens when these community leaders barely win or achieve their contested positions. What happens to the other side's representation in those groups?

Fifty angry faces scream NO and 50 angry faces scream YES. One hundred angry faces show up for the election and after the vote you see 51 happy smiles and 49 depressed frowns. Then over the next two years regardless of the issue, the winning side ignores the other side, imposing their will on them for every future house vote.

For the first time in history we could power up our community microphone and broadcast our decisions straight back to Washington.

Instead of letting our Representatives run wild for two years, let's use technology to collectively, as a community, guide them on how WE WANT them to cast OUR district's house vote.

The People or corporate-funded agenda-driven political parties, who will you choose to control the direction of Congress for the future?

The Big Bus

Imagine all the voters from your Congressional district are traveling together down the highway of life on one big bus. The center of the highway is nicely paved and provides the most comfortable ride. The lanes closer to the edges of the highway are filled with pot holes, rocks and other dangerous debris that can damage and potentially destroy the bus.

When the bus gets closer to either edge, the majority of passengers find the ride too bumpy and unnecessarily risky. They struggle with the situation and point their fingers in the opposite direction to move away from the edge, to self-correct. The majority of riders recognize that the steering wheel needs to be turned away from the edge of the highway; however, those in control of the driver have other plans.

No matter how bumpy the ride gets, and no matter which edge of the highway your bus is on, every driver yells the same thing, "I know this is bad, but it's better than being on the other side." Every bus driver is surrounded by their most influential supporters who whisper instructions into the drivers ear. They'll decide who has access and influence over THEIR driver.

Once again, the majority of law abiding passengers who follow the rules and keep paying to fill the gas tank every payday, quietly endure the remainder of the ride. As time goes by, a frustrated majority grows. They must wait for the next election before they can vote for "change". At last, an election is scheduled and the voters must choose between the current driver or someone new.

This is usually the time the present driver begins to slowly move away from their edge, inching ever so slightly closer towards the center. This sudden change for the better helps to bring back more supporters for the driver.

The current driver yells for everyone to hang in there just a little bit longer, that things are obviously getting better. Then the other candidate who wants the driver's seat jumps up from the back of the bus and points their finger in the direction of the center lanes and yells "That is where we all want to go. Elect me and I'll take you there."

The greater majority loves the idea of steering further away from the dangerous side of the road. The election happens, the voting results are released and the winners cheer as THEIR new driver is sworn into position.

But regardless of who's elected, if the new driver is liberal, they're naturally inclined to steer the bus towards the left edge of the highway. If conservative, they're naturally inclined to steer towards the right edge.

As the newly elected driver takes the seat and turns the wheel away from the edge of the road, the people cheer for the end of the bumpy ride. The winning side pats each other on the back and proclaim to all that their new driver is finally going to solve the problem, that everything's going to be alright.

But this newly elected driver, like the previous driver, doesn't cruise too long in the center lanes. The new driver continues drifting dangerously closer to their agenda-driven edge. Once again making everyone squirm and point back towards the center.

Nationwide there are 435 busses loaded with people on the highway pointing their fingers towards the center. Whether it's our district or another, this is how most people would agreeingly describe our situation

with Congress. We must recognize that neither side's candidate sees the center of the road as the goal.

They overshoot the desires of the passengers who pointed towards the center lanes. The supporters of the new driver use everyone's pointing as evidence that their side of the highway was the truly desired goal.

Over and over every two years we watch it happen again and again. When a liberal gets behind the wheel they steer directly into the left edge, and when a conservative takes over the bus it screeches across the highway and begins grinding into the right edge.

The much larger majority of law abiding passengers who follow the rules and keep pouring tax money into the gas tank every payday, find themselves taking another expensive ride to a place where they never wanted to go.

The Tech Party says, let's start out by agreeing that the bus should settle its movement towards the center of the road. Then as we approach each new twist and turn, we'll let the people decide whether we should speed up, slow down or steer a little to the left or right.

Whenever we reach a new crossroad, the majority of passengers should be able to tell the driver when, where and with whom the bus should stop to do business. The driver might have been elected to steer the wheel and operate the controls, but it's the people who own the bus.

Your ability to sway your Representative should not end after they've been sworn into office. Regardless of one's wealth, gender or race, The Tech Party believes that all registered voters should have equal access and equal influence over their Representative.

The people must have some kind of control over their Representative's actions. We need an electronic leash. Every issue is different and a big part of the Representative's job is to either vote yes or no according to the wishes of their district's voters.

If the people are going to live under a new law, they must have a say in the passing of that new law. YOUR ability to influence your Representative's actions should not end after Election Day.

The Dividing Line

To control them you've got to keep them separated.

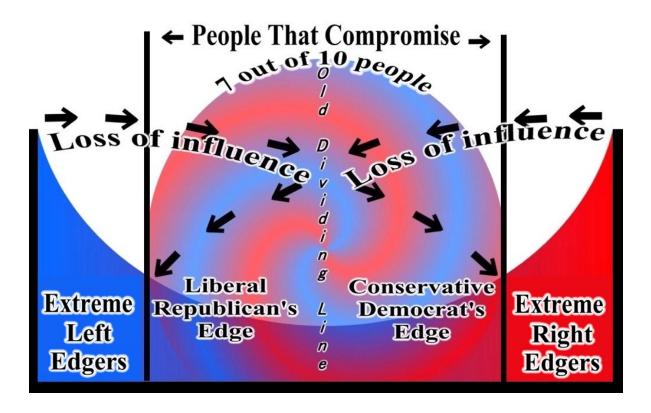
The people who fuel these heated political debates on any given topic, love to create the illusion of a dividing line between the two edges. It's always straight down the center, just like any other competitive television sporting event. We will refer to these people on the edges who never budge on any issue from their political party's platform as "Edgers".

Edgers claim to know what is best for everyone stuck in the middle. But it is where these two opposing edges lose their influence over us that creates an observable third group comprised mostly of reasonable people who are willing to compromise. It is this third group in the middle where the true power of democracy comes from. We can use technology to give the silent majority in the center a voice.

Now exactly how many people land in the center changes from issueto-issue. On some matters, we all might find ourselves temporarily leaning liberal or conservative. There are even going to be some issues where we agree with the Edgers. It's normal to become somewhat emotional about certain things that actually affect your life.

The center swirls with change as individual desires move closer to and away from the center of each individual issue. The Tech Party believes that every political issue has TWO battle lines and not one.

The image on the next page is the best representation we can come up with to show how the Edgers loose their influence over the opposing side's members. Seeing those two points bring the center group into clearer view.



We are not taught to look at issues this way. When you draw a line down the edge of where most liberals would be willing to compromise on an issue, then another line to show how far most conservatives would also lean on that same issue, you can clearly see that the middle group is the largest of the three.

The Edgers are too far away from each other to ever see what they agree on. The old dividing line in the center provides the best view for observing what the Edgers actually agree on. This is why most independent voters get frustrated. They see where the Edgers agree, but since neither edge is willing to budge from their positions, everyone in the middle must struggle.

There will always be more of us in the middle who're willing to compromise, and we out number both edges combined. Why not use technology and start our decision-making process from the center?

This is how the two lines should be drawn on every issue. We should be looking at the two points where one side's influence on the other side stops or drops off dramatically.

Imagine creating new laws by using this concept of starting from the center. The people would be able to pre-qualify each part of every piece of legislation nationwide. Think about this, the people who live in South Florida think differently than those who live in Alaska. The people who live along the Jersey shore think differently then those in the Nevada desert. But when all are able to quickly agree on something, then that's what should be going into the proposed law.

No more filling the bill with pork and then seeing how much they can get away with to achieve a 51% vote. Lets start building laws with the things we agree on and get those things in there first. When a clear majority of citizens are willing to compromise and want to change something, nothing should stand in their way.

It is time to wake up. We are never going to bring agenda-driven political parties together. The current system will always create two edges that work to conceal the hidden center of every issue. We've been conditioned to believe that we must follow our edge Representatives to tag along behind their lead.

The Tech Party believes our Representatives are supposed to be following us NOT us following them. Representatives are supposed to represent our desires and not corporate-funded agenda-driven political parties. We must stop following the followers.

We all realize that no matter who wins, Washington's not going to change unless people vote for change. Your parents said it, your grandparents said it and your grandparent's grandparents said it. Only the people, not the politicians, can fix Washington D.C.

Now the difference between Tech Party candidates and all other liberal and conservative candidates is that once elected, we wouldn't be taking our instructions from political party operatives, lobbyists or donors with big campaign checks.

When elected we'll only answer to the people of our district and it doesn't matter what your past political party affiliation was. The job of your Tech Party Representative is to find a better way to directly connect your community to the decision-making processes.

To us it's not about being liberal or conservative, it is about being an American. Constituents who're willing to compromise want to concentrate on finding common ground for each of the individual issues and then respond collectively as a community. The necessary technology needed to accomplish our Direct Representative Democracy system is available to us right now.

Henry Ford once put it something like this: if he just took care of all the things he could make happen right there and then, by the time he arrived at the river's edge which was supposed to separate him from his destination, he found the water had all dried up.

By doing everything that was possible, the other hurdles disappeared. There was no longer anything stopping the spirit of the mission from moving forward. If you really want to fix Congress, you first have to vote for someone who believes it should be fixed, can be fixed and is willing to go and work towards fixing it.

Einstein said that: "Insanity was doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". Stop voting over and over again for agenda-driven politicians and expecting different results in Washington.

We say that by just moving our desires into this direction, that alone will become the driving force to help make everything else happen for building a better future. There are five simple elements to our philosophy.

- 1 We don't want to be locked into liberal or conservative representation. There is no way to predict the next big future social crisis, and the solution should not be decided automatically by a controlling party's corporate-sponsored platform.
- 2 We believe that citizens should be able to guide their Representatives on how they want them to cast their district's vote on every issue. To let the will of the people become the action of their Representative.

We believe lobbyists, corporate donors and special interest groups should create videos that present their arguments directly to the people. Let their message sway the passengers and not the driver. We want to see and hear what these corporations and special interest groups have to say and then we'll decide.

- 3 We believe Representatives should serve a maximum of three terms in the House and two terms in the Senate. Let's keep new faces and fresh blood flowing through the halls of Congress. Our forefathers believed that having new people moving through the house was the best way of keeping tabs on America's pulse. Our forefathers never intended for people to have a lifetime career of a Congressional Representative.
- 4 The only path to a true Representative Democracy is by using technology to create a Direct Representative Democracy. A Direct Democracy for each of the 435 districts nationwide creates a true Representative Democracy.

5 – After the election every voter in our district will have an equal voice in the decision-making process. All constituents will have the same power and influence. One person, one vote. When we win everybody wins!

The other political parties do not do these five things and that's why Congress is failing us. They're failing the greater majority, the 7 out of 10 Americans who feel they have no one listening to them in Congress.

Even those who voted for the winners find themselves a short time later watching their candidates evolve into someone they no longer agree with. Yet the people continue to vote for the same agenda-driven candidates because of party loyalty and lack of any other worthy choice. The Tech Party says, Be True To Yourself!

So when you hear newscasters start using the term "*Edgers*" you'll know right then and there that The Tech Party is on the right track and everybody else is starting to jump on board.

Let's fix Congress with technology and give the power of control back to the people. Let the people rule the people.

The minds that created the problems are not the minds we want in charge of doing the fixing.

The Mechanics This is how it's going to work.

Okay, so now the question becomes how do we start? How do we move from where we are now, where we have 0% say in our Representative's house-voting decision, to transitioning over to having 100% say in our district's house-voting, decision-making process.

It's important to find the best way to make the transition easiest for the constituents and the D.C. staff. Every voter in our district has some basic information that is part of their voter information, i.e. name, address, phone number, party affiliation and so on.

When you sign up for your Tech Party account, you just need to use the same address and phone number that matches your voter registration information. Then you can choose to either verify by instant cell phone text or postcard validation through the mail.

Our staff will assist you in updating your voter registration information and your Tech Party registration. During the first three months we will be developing the full web site. Then we will be able to freely share our system with other districts nationwide. We feel that after three months we'll have a strong enough representation and opportunity for everyone in the community who wants to participate to get registered.

So when the web site officially opens and your account is set up and you log in to decide which way to vote on an issue, you'll notice that all the HR Bills listed will indicate the Independent view. The Independent view will be determined by our own scientific formula and any other reasonable means adapted by The Tech Party staff members for the first three months.

We will vote the Independent view for the first three months. Then after three months of processing everyone through, we'll open up and put the Independent voting formula to a community vote for future use.

Our government already has current procedures for detecting fraud. We think by using technology we can do a much better job of reducing potential schemes. We see it, we know it's there, and we believe with technology we'll be able to spot any cheaters or trouble makers very quickly! Quite frankly, we think if someone has control over your cell phone and daily mail delivery, setting up a Tech Party account is the least of your worries.

The process we create now will grow to serve all future generations to come. But it's not going to be easy. Together we will work, learn and figure the development through to establish a working connection between the voters and Washington D.C.

So after you've made your decisions on the voting page, and you've clicked the submit button, you won't be able to change your vote.

But if you feel like you've made a mistake after a couple of days, you will be able to view your votes on your personal account page, and there you will find the vote cancellation button for each issue you voted on.

You can click the cancel button on that issue's vote and your vote will be nullified. Once you vote on an issue, you cannot vote twice. All canceled votes will receive an instant text message that needs to be code verified. This is to prevent special-interest groups from corrupting the video rankings and changing their votes at the last minute.

Congress schedules its calendar to alert Representatives about their upcoming votes. Every week or month we'll send out a Tech Party e-mail to all our registered voters/members within our district alerting them to what house issues are coming to the floor for a vote.

Our e-mail will contain a link to the web site where you can view the bills being voted on and decide which way you want your Representative to vote. It's normal to see many different bills being voted on during a given month and our plan accommodates that. We believe there should be three choices available for our constituent voting system.

- 1 -You can log on and then find the sole individual issue you are interested in and cast your vote on that one single issue by pressing the submit button.
- 2 You can vote on multiple issues you are interested in and then press the submit button.
- 3 After choosing option one or two, you can click the Independent formula button and let the D.C. staff vote on the rest of the issues.

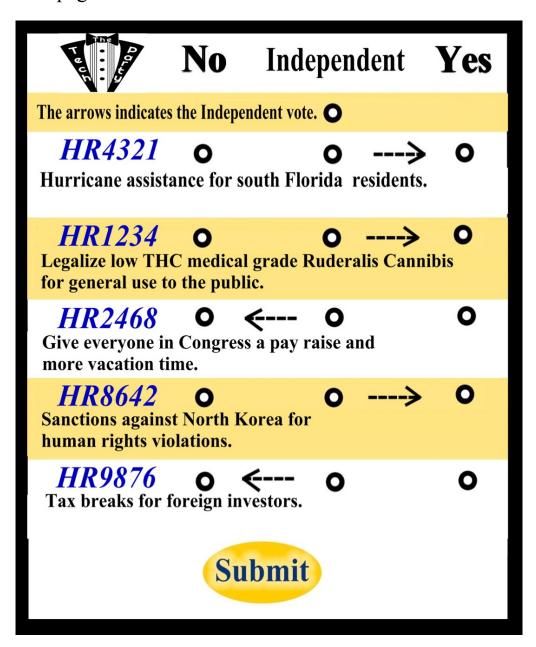
Older people now use the internet and smart phones. Middle-aged people want to try it because they do everything else online and the younger generation wonders why we haven't been doing it all along.

So weeks before it's time to walk onto the voting floor of the house and cast our district's vote, you will receive an e-mail from The Tech Party.

If you click on the link, you will land on the voting page to find the bills that are coming up for a vote and it will look something like this.

The arrows show which way The Tech Party D.C. staff research finds as the Independent view. If you like the way our team works towards finding the independent view during the first three months, you may wish to support fellow Independents on other issues in the future.

If you want more information on the bill, the blue HR numbers on the main voting page are linked to take you directly to your issue's video information page.



The D.C. staff will organize video information for both sides of the argument. So how do we determine the popularity of a video on the video information page? We think after you've submitted your vote/s and shown which side of the issue you agree with, then you should be able to go back to the video section and pick a video that best supports or describes how you feel.

So AFTER you have completed voting on the bill and have pressed submit, THEN you can go back to choose a video for the side of the issue you supported. If you voted yes on the issue, you get to pick a yes video, and the same goes for no. That's how we'll determine video popularity.

You do not need to watch the videos in order to submit your vote on the issue. The videos are only there for those who would like to learn more about both sides of the issue.

We will also create Tech Party 15-minute daily audio updates to keep you aware of what's coming to the floor for a vote. Just plug us in for the drive home. These will be composed of the audio portions from our bill overviews by the D.C. staff and we will also include audio clips of the top-ranked videos in favor of or against each issue.

So The Tech Party gives an overview of the bill. The people, lobbyists and special-interest groups make their case to the larger majority by video, then you decide as an individual which way the bus should steer. Then if you want, go back to support what video message you liked.

The individual issue voting page will function something like this.



We show the first three and also include the up and coming videos if you're really interested in watching what other people are saying.

You can also read the actual bill. We will create video bills where each page appears for 10 seconds and you can pause to read each page at your leisure. You will also be able to leave your comments for other voters to read in the comments section.

Instead of asking what party-line politicians and their hand-picked community leaders think, why not go straight to the voters for guidance? Let's get our ideas from the people of our district. It's an untapped resource that will help our community make better decisions.

So one hour before its time to cast our house vote for that particular bill, the on-line constituent voting system will close and the results will be displayed. No mystery on how your Representative is going to vote, no government shut down and no drama for the TV cameras. Just a Representative doing the job they were elected to do.

But The Tech Party needs your help! You must be willing to do your part, and in exchange, we'll do the best we can to make it as easy as possible.

The End Of The World Or...



Use your imagination and look way into the future. Imagine that technology is everywhere with free WiFi for everyone. Your city is a smart city and the government is controlled by the collective will of the people. All citizens are treated equally regardless of wealth, gender or race.

We believe that's how most of us envision society in a hundred years. So what event do you think happened that enabled society to finally fix the government? What decision did we vote on now that created this future system where all people are treated and judged equally under the law?

If the goal is to build a better America in the future for everyone, which choice do you think will be the driving force that makes it happen?

Will it be the corporate-controlled Democratic Party, the corporate-controlled Republican Party or The Tech Party that's controlled by the people? Which of those three choices do you believe has the best chance for creating equality in the future?

Your future great grand kids and anyone else around in one hundred years will wake up to live with the Election Day decisions you've made over your lifetime.

And in a hundred years when we've all crossed over to the other side of the great divide, we can look back knowing we did what we could to change this broken system and also see who was really with us.

What thoughts will everyone have about Direct Representative Democracy then?

So we ask the question again, who will you choose to control the direction of Congress for the future? The people or corporate-funded agenda-driven political parties.

About Me Your Candidate

This is the section where each candidate gets to talk about themselves. Every candidate for each individual district may be different, but our goal is the same.

This political philosophy message is paid for and approved by "Candidate's Name". A non-partisan candidate for District ?? U.S. House of Representatives.

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Becoming a Tech Party Candidate

If you have always wanted to stand up and make a difference in your community but hate politics, The Tech Party platform is your answer. You must be a U.S. citizen who is eligible to vote in your district. You must be self-funded or ready to get signatures in lieu of the state filing fee charges.

As an elected Tech Party Representative you must be willing to put your personal feelings and opinions aside and vote the way you are instructed, to follow the collective wishes of your constituents.

E-mail us at info@TheTechParty.com and tell us the state and district you are interested in. We will only list one Tech Party candidate from each district on the web site. You do not have to disclose yourself as a Tech Party Candidate, we will make known our candidates in October.

It costs about \$10-\$15K on average to run as a candidate for most districts. Filing fees, t-shirts, books and stickers, that's everything you'll need for your campaign. You can cut that figure in half if you're able to complete a successful signature drive.

You will have to check with your state elections division, they will be able to tell you what is needed for you to get onto the ballot. Currently elected Representatives to the US House of Congress are allowed to hire up to 18 staffers for their district.

Our message and plan is simple, talk with like-minded people, and ask them to pass along The Tech Party message. Add your bio to the "About Me" section of this book. Then you can print 1,000 copies, number and sign them, hand out 500 to your neighbors, send a hundred to local media and save the other 400 for special people you meet in your travels during the election cycle.

We will help you get set up with a printer for your books and art work for your t-shirts. All technological discoveries will be openly shared with elected Tech Party Representatives.

The people and their government living in harmony through the use of technology is the future!

Our goal is to have every seat filled with average reasonable people from all walks of life just as our forefathers intended. America is the place and now is the time. Let's fix Congress with technology!!!



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