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Friends,

Germany came out of World War II, emulating the American voting system. The West-Germans copied our system exactly how we are holding elections, but they did not consider it sufficient enough. They made one change in their voting system.

- They vote in districts, each with a single winner, just like us.
- They organized themselves in a Federation of various States, just like us.

Yet what they did extra:

- They looked at all votes cast and wanted all votes represented, not just the winning majority in a district.

Obviously, they were real tired of fascism and did not want fascism to come back. They did not want a single winner to come out on top, and take over, ever again.

Yet they also could not stay with Thomas Jefferson voting system that had led to Adolf Hitler getting his mandate. During the interbellum with Thomas Jefferson's voting system in place, there were simply too many parties with seats. Particularly the parties in the center were not powerful enough to govern with force while economic trouble was occurring. Both the Communist Party and the Fascist Party were equally large and strong.

Hitler's Nazi Party never got the majority of votes in any German election; yet during the economically difficult years, power was handed to that party by those in the center because the ones in the center could not be powerful themselves.

So, after World War II, the Germans improved their system, which gave Germans their political freedoms back, while also taming the abundance of parties that had undermined their democracy and that had led to a global disaster.

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The United States is at a crossroads. Not because the system is broken all of a sudden. What was imperfect about our voting system simply met up with a perfect storm. Or, said differently, the rest of the world caught up with our progress and they are challenging the USA both from without and from within. We are facing stiff competition.

- Our current voting system is put to a global test and it is not performing all that well. The USA is competing directly with global non-democratic nations and as a side-effect we are emulating their basic non-democratic aspects. It is a logical approach, but it undermines who we are as a nation.

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The Federal voting system is not the one that is imperfect. It is actually perfect, but it is perfect only when all parts of the US Constitution are put in place as described.

Today, too many parts are not following the US Constitution (while many think they are). State and local levels are not performing well at all, and I challenge you to look up voter turnout across the United States for state and local elections.

- There is no lower voter turnout anywhere in a democracy in the world than here with our state and local levels, happy exceptions notwithstanding.

Today, American voters must pick red, blue, or purple/gray in the voting booth to be represented. That is not interesting enough at state and local levels. We are totally ruled by two parties -- at all levels. The voters are staying home in incredible numbers because the voting system does not empower them enough.

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Are we doomed?

Not if we can get back to the foundation of our nation.

The US Constitution is bifurcated.

A: The original US Constitution was of a lesser standard than what the Founding Fathers had wanted. Yet they had to agree to all thirteen colonies' individual demands, because a divided USA could not have withstood British power.

B: The Bill of Rights is the immediate response of establishing the higher standards that could not get captured in the original US Constitution.

So, we are a nation of **two systems**, and both systems should not operate the same way. One is that lower level and prescribed, but the other system should embody the higher standards.

Today, both systems are operating at the lower standards of the original US Constitution. Meanwhile, everyone tells each other that we are the nation with the highest standards in the world. Obviously, we are not a real democracy in the true sense of the word. We are not a nation run by the people, because we have voters compete with voters for their representation.

- That is automatically not a democracy.

In Belgium, the majority of voters and the majority of the political decision makers align. Sixty percent of the decision makers represent close to sixty percent of all voters as well.

In the USA, only the majority of voters pick all representatives. Then, just the majority of the representatives make all decisions.

Belgium: majority rule.

USA: *majority rule x majority rule* = **minority rule**.

The majority decisions made by our representatives are not based on the majority of the voters. When sixty percent of the voters get a representative, and sixty percent of the representatives make the decision, then that is $.6 \times .6 = .36$, an obvious **minority** decision.

In Belgium, 60 percent = 60 percent, a majority decision based on all voters.

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American voters have learned to vote with their feet. You treat them bad, they go elsewhere. But if there is not an 'elsewhere' to go to, then the American people will bide their time. And when the time comes, they will vote in a negative manner.

That is where our system needs fixing because today it is half-broken.

The Federal level cannot get fixed. Yet the state and local levels can get fixed in as little as five minutes.

The US Constitution is completely ready (and according to the Friends of Local Revolutions was intentionally set up this way) to embrace political emancipation at state and local levels.

The Federal restrictions stay in place, but the state and local straight-jackets go out the door. And if you read the Bill of Rights, then it should be obvious how that is exactly what the Founding Fathers intended. They wanted US citizens to have their inalienable rights upheld.

The Federal level in the USA is stricter than what they have in Germany, but at state and local levels we should have Thomas Jefferson's clean voting system in place. The combination of both strict & fair systems is what can make us the envy of the world once more.

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