

Solutions--Not Status Quo

The favorite game of Congress these days is to create a gridlock on real solutions that benefit the majority and then pretend that their hands are tied and that they had nothing to do with creating the mess. The two parties have been playing this good cop/bad cop game for at least 30 years. It's time to turn our backs on both parties. Since our elected officials in Washington obviously have no intentions to keep their promises to create jobs and rein in the greed of Wall Street, it has become obvious that these tasks are now in the hands of the 99%. Following are a few suggestions for the 99% to move us in the direction of taking back our government and creating solutions that work for the 99%:

1. REPLACE EVERY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH A NON-MILLIONAIRE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FROM THE 99% IN 2012.

One ordinary citizen from each Occupy group can research the requirements for running as an independent in their state and then post an announcement similar to the example found in the link, [Replace U.S. House](#). (Practicing what I preach, *I have already done this for the people living in the Congressional Districts in and around Dallas and sent out a call to action as seen in the two-page document previously referenced.*) It is important to begin this process now as many states, such as Texas, require that Independents file before the end of 2011. Here are links to assist you:

[Replace U.S. House](#)

<http://iflizwerequeen.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Replace-US-House.pdf>

This two-page document will assist those who want to call together interested citizens from your local area to discuss what actions you need to take to replace all the US representatives in the various districts in your region with Independent non-millionaires from the 99%.

[Independents Can Win](#)

<http://iflizwerequeen.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/INDEPENDENTS-CAN-WIN.pdf>

This document provides an overview of all the steps that those who plan to run as a U.S. Representative for their Congressional District must take prior to the end of December 2011. It is very helpful for a first read to provide you with the big picture of what candidates need to do in order to win. It is generic and applicable for all states and will take less than an hour to read. You can download it for free from the link provided above.

[Platform for U.S. Congressional Representative](#)

<http://iflizwerequeen.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Platform-for-US-Congressional-Representative.pdf>

This is provided as a sample ONLY. I'm not suggesting that this platform be adopted by candidates! All independent candidates need a written platform. This document provides an example. One idea might be that you use the group that meets with you as a caucus to draft a platform. Perhaps appoint a secretary to take all the suggestions and then appoint a committee to draft the platform. At your second meeting you can vote on it.

2. REPLACE WALL STREET WITH A BUSINESS SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR THE 99%

It's more than obvious that the current members of the US Congress have no interest in doing this. After all, why should they? The truth is that Wall Street works very well for them. Don't take my word for it, Go to Open Secrets and look at the increase in their net worth from 2008 to 2009--a time period in which you and I from the 99% were losing our jobs and pensions and homes.

Eric Cantor, for example, the current majority whip of the House of Representatives who sponsored the Korean Trade agreement which will increase the trade deficit by \$16 million and ship out 169,000 American jobs: From 2008 to 2009, Cantor increased his net worth by over a million dollars. It's not just the Republicans either. Nancy Pelosi, former House Majority leader, increased her net worth a whopping \$28,248,999 from \$95,980,989 in 2008 to \$124,229,990 in 2009.

It may take two or three years to do this but we, the 99% can begin immediately with a few steps.

1) Do everything you can to remove all money that belongs to you that is invested in Wall Street. If you own Wall Street stock, you are part of the problem.

2) Remove your money from any too big to fail bank if you have not already done so. Use credit unions and local banks. [Another related step is to work to establish a state owned bank.]

3) Patronize locally owned businesses as much as possible. Buy used if necessary to avoid supporting foreign imports whose manufacturers are getting a free ride from the American taxpayer thanks to the trade agreements that our elected official pass to support Wall Street corporations and their slave labor.

4) Cooperatives are a democratic model for business. Create a group in your community to establish cooperatives in your community. Get involved! The United Nations has declared 2012 as the "Year of the Cooperatives". They have a kickoff meeting in Cancun Mexico November 14-18.

[Local "Cooperations" Now](http://iflizwerequeen.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Local-Cooperations-Now.pdf)

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This is a report that I created and sent to the leaders of all the towns in Dallas County in August of 2010. I never heard one reply from a single municipality. All of the reports were sent first class, and a few of them I even hand-delivered. We need to take a look at our local government leadership as well as our national government leadership because many of our local governments follow the same format for the 1% that our national government does.

International Co-operative Alliance

<http://www.ica.coop/al-ica/>

This provides information regarding the UN initiative: 2012 Year of Cooperatives.

Replace Wall Street

<http://iflizwerequeen.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/REPLACE-WALL-STREET.pdf> This two-page document provides you with just enough information to get you started in gathering the 99% together in your area to discuss creating a "cooperation"/local corporation/cooperative in your home town and how you might get involved with the UN Initiative: 2012 Year of Cooperatives.

Think about it 99%rs

I am only one member of millions of us and these are two suggestions with supporting documentation that I have gathered and created. If you want to fully understand the power of the 99%, take my effort and multiply it by millions worldwide. Congress and other world leaders have solutions-- unfortunately these solutions are for the 1%. It is time for us to push them out of the way with our votes in 2012 and I mean both parties. We cannot afford to allow the 1% to rule any longer. They and their greed are destroying not only our nation but also our entire planet.