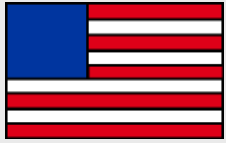


# INTRODUCTION to

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# the NEIGHBORHOODS NETWORK



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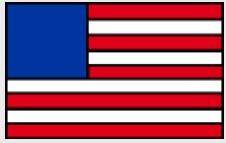
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## THE PROBLEM

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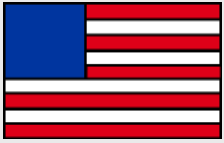


# THE AMERICAN SYSTEM tNN

The better of the Founding Fathers intended that **power be held by the people.**

The American system was designed so that the **citizenry determines policy** – generally what is to be done and how.

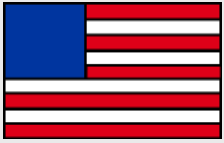
The **government**, composed of those elected by the people and representing the people, is then to **implement that policy.**



# HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK tNN

The following diagram shows the American System as it was **intended to be**:



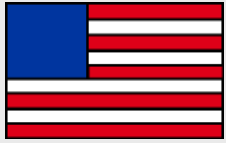


# IT'S DEMOCRACY

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That American system is indeed democracy, and the word democracy means exactly what its Greek roots denote:

- “**demos**” the people” and
- “**cracy**” rule by
- that is “**rule by the people.**”

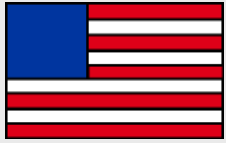


# WHAT HAPPENED?

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The Founding Fathers did not and could not anticipate:

1. **Concentration** of wealth and political power during Industrialization.
2. A centralized **Mass Media** based on Radio and TV.
3. Enthronement of **Corporations** in the Gilded Age.
4. **Loss of** genuine, intimate, everyday community.

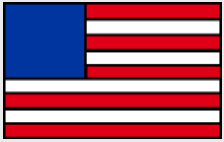


# WHAT HAPPENED?

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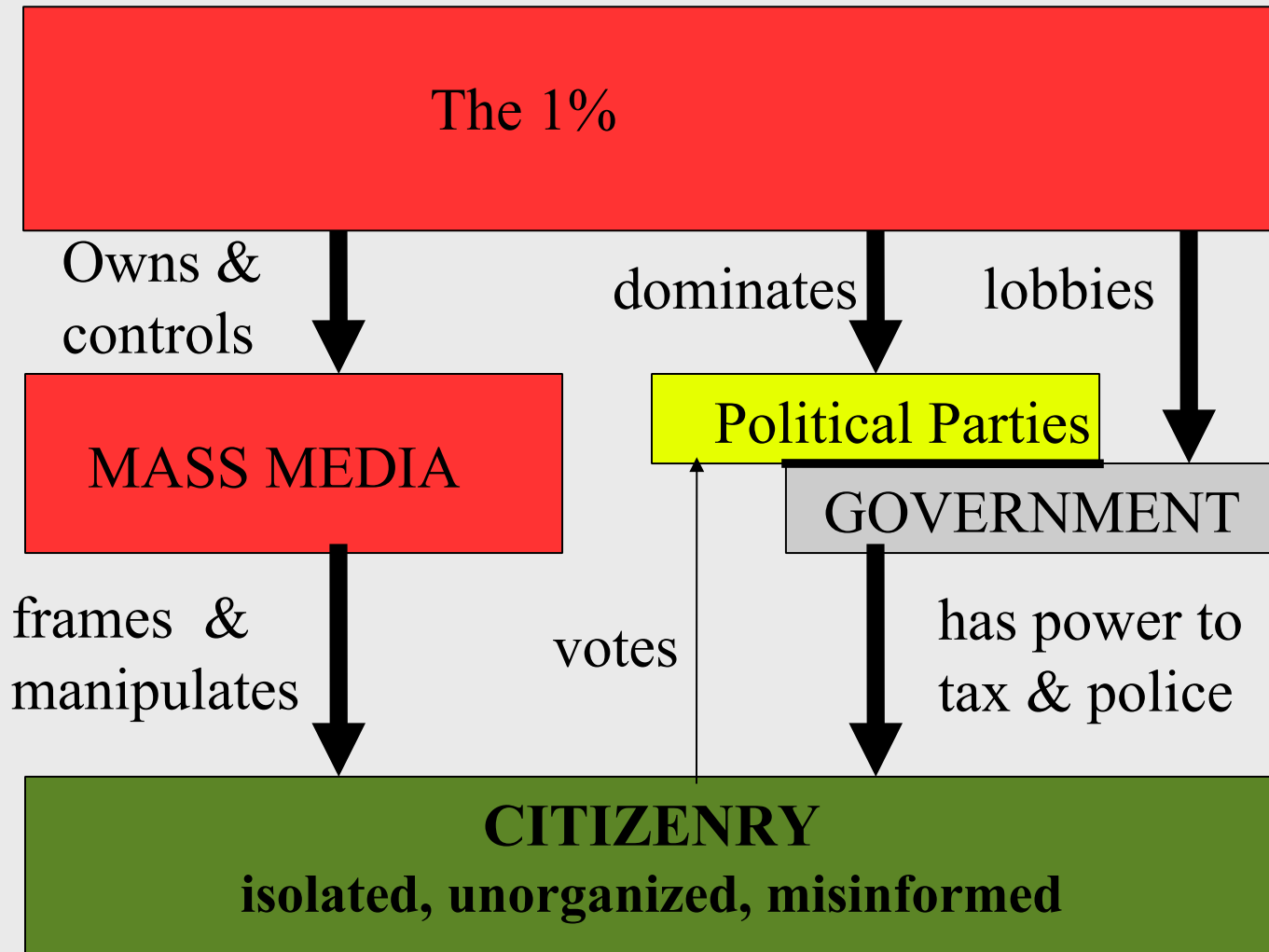
Now we've become powerless because we:

1. Do not **discuss** public issues among ourselves, **learn** each others public concerns, nor **collaborate** to discover the facts and find mutually acceptable solutions.
2. Do not **select** and **elect** true public servants.
3. Do not **deliver** policy mandates to those servants.
4. Do not **access** information needed to govern.

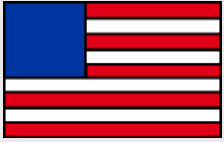


# THIS HAPPENED:

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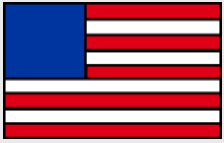


**ORGANIZE!**

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**THE SOLUTION:**

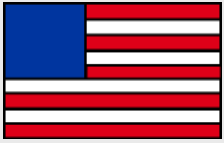
**ORGANIZE!**



## THIS IS HOW!

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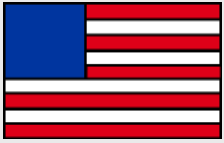
1. A **Neighborhood Governing Unit (NGU)** is organized in every neighborhood of the nation.
2. Each NGU has a monthly **General Meeting (GM)** to **discuss issues** it considers important.
3. **Work Groups (WGs)** do the detailed work.
4. The **NGUs network** to collaborate, share work group efforts, pool information, and **build the common ground** – the public will.
5. Simple formal processes develop **policy mandates** deliverable to the public servants.



## MAJOR tNN COMPONENTS

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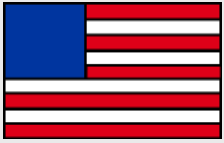
1. The **Neighborhood Governing Unit** is the principal and highest unit of organization. All other structures are subservient.
2. **Registries** list the NGUs in each election district in the nation.
3. **Relays** transfer well formatted messages to districts of NGUs.
4. An information utility, the **Neighborhood Information Network (NIN)** makes information available.



## HOW WORK GETS DONE

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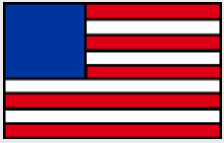
1. Neighbors submit **issues** to be discussed at the next GM, then vote to **prioritize** them.
2. An issue that **resonates** at a GM is given to a WG to investigate in depth. A solution is formulated.
3. The issue-solution pair is submitted to a small, **random sample** of NGUs for examination and possible collaboration.
4. If collaboration successful, a **stringent statistical test** is made. If consensus, you have a **mandate**.



## WE REQUIRE:

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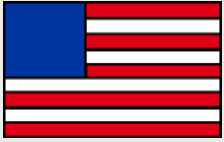
1. tNN to be highly **decentralized**, not controlled by any elite. No 'central committees.'
2. tNN to be **open** to all citizens (but non-disruptive behavior is required).
3. **No ideology** is presumed. tNN works by building the public will, the common ground. Ideas that don't achieve consensus are simply dropped.
4. Complete **transparency**. No secrets. All activity is out in the open.



## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

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1. We change **our status** as human beings. By gaining power to determine our futures, we regain our self-respect and the respect of others.
2. We accept our adult responsibility to self-govern and ensure a peaceful and **prosperous future**.
3. Meeting with **others as equals** to consider important issues becomes a normal part of our lives.
4. Participation in WGs will be a **new adventure**. We gain the satisfaction of doing detective work and a sense of accomplishment.



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**END of INTRO to tNN**