

Revitalizing America



01. REVITALIZING AMERICA'S THESIS

Backstory and Problem Statement





PROBLEM

American politics is broken.

At the heart of the complete lack of results is a failure of methodology.

SOLUTION

Based on the complexity of the 21st Century, we need a new way of solving our problems. Revitalizing America presents a vision for the future of politics.

A POLITICS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (WITHOUT THE POLITICS)

Fundamental Method of Progress: humans beings asking the right questions and then getting the right people to work on them in the right way...

The RA methodology internalizes this, and can be summarized as follows:

Step 0: Ask Interesting Questions

Step 1: Identify the landscape of Smart Answers to these questions

Step 2: Do Good Politics on top of this basis

RA's ambitious mission is to produce an end-to-end detailed "American Playbook": an ever-updating *Library of Law* of answers to our fundamental problems (think Wikipedia meets GitHub).

We believe this growing solution library will serve as the basis of a much more meaningful, productive, and healthy politics.

To build the *Library of Law*, we've composed a program of (1) Domestic & (2) International matters (inspired by the precedent of David Hilbert's 1900+ approach).

SOLUTION: OPEN-SOURCING POLITICS

Scalable

Well-defined solutions fuel a growing Library of Law, serving as America's North Star and the basis of a smarter politics.



Non-Partisan

Regardless of the party in charge, our politics is only as effective as our finalized solutions to fundamental problems.

Necessary

The scale, complexity, and interdependence of our problems requires a well organized fixture for the public intelligentsia.

THE PROBLEMS OF OUR TIME: A PROGRAM → RA INITIATIVE

To the Ambitious Reader,

A stark truth: There's much that needs to be done, & we only have a small window to get back on track. **We need a bold new approach** for our Nation and our people to find the health, wealth and happiness we deserve this 21st century. It's time to start the process of Revitalizing America (RA).

We've composed this list of (1) Domestic + (2) International matters with the intention of helping America find its North Star for the 21st Century: an **open-source Library of Law** of well-defined solutions to our most fundamental problems.

This vision for 21st Century problem solving is **non-partisan** because, no matter the political party in charge, American politics can only be as good as our actionable and finalized ideas. We believe the best ideas are scattered around the World, and we need all hands on deck building tomorrow.

In the form of contributors, advisers, and other civically-minded participants, the RA Program seeks to leverage the power of our at-large intelligentsia at this inflection point in history. We're creating this new fixture for the public space because it is a **necessary technology for the future of politics.**



THE RA INITIATIVE SEEKS TWO BIG ANSWERS:

(1) WHERE ARE WE GOING AS A NATION?

(2) HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE?

02. DOMESTIC MATTERS

Problems of the United States



ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

1. The United States Government is ~\$25 Trillion in debt. Constraining US laws, policies, programs & projects-- and our available order of operations-- what is the maximum amount the US can safely go into debt?
2. How can the United States best jumpstart the next wave of scientific and technological revolution, & build our 21st Century industries of tomorrow?
3. In the future, based on the nature of technology, a market economy will need fewer human jobs, despite increases in the population, a longer life expectancy, and increasing cost of living. Provide a framework for the future where individual people and communities around the country can be industrious, happy, and self-improving-- while the economy still be dynamically efficient-- given the computer-human breakdown of resources, the nature of capital in markets, and a morally acceptable spectrum of income inequality?

ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

4. An ancient insight runs as follows: to those who have, more will be given; to those who have not, everything will be taken. In recognition of cyclical progressions-- both good and bad-- how do we help those at the bottom and the middle of the economy/society find realistic paths to upward mobility.
5. As of the year 2020, describe the minimal cost of living based on our present day technologies and infrastructure (including COL adjusted). Do the same for the year 2030 and the year 2050. How can the government affordably subsidize and/or provide such vital services where the market fails?

GOVERNMENTAL QUESTIONS

6. How does the Government re-earn the respect and trust of the people? How do we attract the best leaders to Washington? How do we make our citizens most informed, engaged, and involved?

7. As by the orienting principle of the *American Calling*, our government is tasked with maximizing the Life, Liberty, and the Happiness of the people. What are the best models to discuss 'Life', 'Liberty', and 'Happiness', and how can the American government best use these to act on its original and persistent objective?

8. Create a robust set of modules, frameworks, technologies, and methods to do politics and law-making smarter in the 21st century.

9. What data should the government use and how should it be used/stored?

FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS

10. There is a crisis of meaning in the World, both individually and collectively. In the form of an animating philosophy of goals, values, methodologies, and beliefs, propose where human beings and societies can find meaning in the modern age. How can we reinvigorate humanity with purpose and optimism?

11. Our water, our air, our food, our products, our technologies, and our environments together comprise the necessary inputs that power our bodies and minds to live. By what means can America experience a clean revolution which is commonly available?

FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS

12. In the modern age we've learned a tremendous amount about human beings & the brain. From personal, familial, civic, educational, professional, social, and governmental considerations, how do we use what we've collectively learned about people to make improvements?

13. Build new K-12+ education modules and models for the 21st century which are modern, better relate the various subjects, help train our contemporary workforce, keep us competitive globally, build better citizens, & prepare individuals for all aspects of the challenges and opportunities of life.

SOCIETAL QUESTIONS

14. As our technologies have increased, we have seen both a greater ability to create and a greater ability to destroy. Of the latter category, easily accessible and increasingly dangerous weapons have been used by civilians to take thousands of innocent lives. On the other hand, the individual right to protection of themselves, their properties, and their loved ones is a core value of many Americans. Offer a modern framework to consider such issues.

15. How does the United States forge a sustainable American fabric of community, civility, collaboration, friendliness, empathy, and acceptance in the 21st century? How does the United States find social and cultural cohesion, co-existence, and flourishing?

SOCIETAL QUESTIONS

16. Redesign the American healthcare and insurance system with a model which covers all (i.e. universal healthcare, whatever the design; whether via public or private or a combination both).

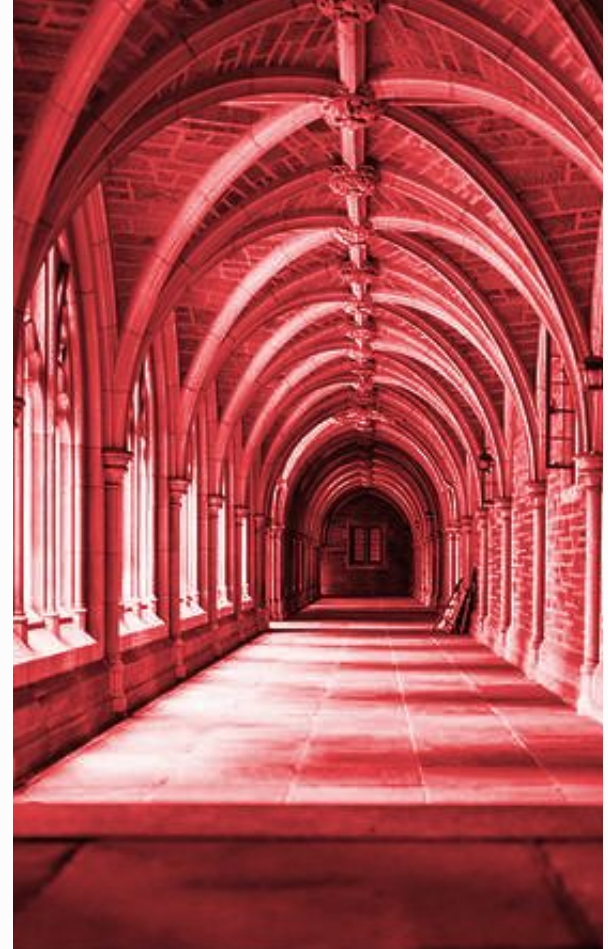
17. America's criminal justice, policing, and incarceration systems have many historical and presently known problems. Propose a broad array of criminal and social justice reforms. Discuss revitalization programs for communities and individuals that have been especially impacted.

03.

INTERNATIONAL

MATTERS

Problems of the World



INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS

18. The US and the World has experienced massive disruption and loss of life in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. To make our road to recovery swiftest-- and to get back to health, productivity and growth-- present a wholesome domestic & international plan of action. How do we prepare for the next one?

19. The “most logical” nuclear doctrine at the core of international relations since the Cold War is “mutually assured destruction” (i.e. if anybody loses, we lose together). Identify an alternative doctrine.

20. Climate change is an existential crisis causing ripple effects around the globe. What is the ideal mixed-energy stack for the US and other nations over the next 5, 10, and 20 years-- and indefinitely into the future?

INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS

21. We are rapidly entering a state of digital ubiquity & hyper connectivity in the form of software and hardware covering the World. What are the prospective configurations for the Internet of Everything, and which is optimal as by the various interests of the people & society?

22. As of the year 2020, nations around the World are rapidly undergoing the processes of original industrialization, while much of the planet has still not experienced such progress. Given existing knowledge and technologies, create models and frameworks for all nations to achieve 1st world status this 21st Century.

23. As machines become “more intelligent” and start doing more things for us-- and as hardware and software become native infrastructure of the World-- how do human beings make sure that these machines/robots and these systems are doing what we want and serving our interests?