

Behold, the American Reformation is at Hand

By George Mullen

The United States government today is similar to the Catholic Church of the 16th century — bloated, bureaucratic, heavy-handed, vindictive, neck deep in entangling alliances, meddling in other nation's internal affairs, haphazardly arming foreign interests, unaccountable, and, yes, rife with corruption. In sum, our government has veered off course from our 1776 Declaration of Independence mission statement and our 1789 operational Constitution and 27 Amendments.

"We the people" are being unfaithfully served by those we've hired to manage our affairs. The time has come for America to initiate a serious "reformation", meaning *"the act of being reformed; change from worse to better."*

When the Catholic Church arrived at a similar crossroads in the 16th century, small town Catholic monk Martin Luther nailed his *Ninety-Five Theses* to the Castle Church in Wittenberg. His intent was to cleanse the Church of corruption, especially the selling of indulgences that absolved sins in exchange for money. His goal was to resuscitate the Church, not harm it.

Church leadership arrogantly rejected Luther's efforts and excommunicated him for his insolence.

This is the defining moment that splintered the Catholic Church, unleashed the Protestant Reformation, and resulted in widespread bloodshed and death. It didn't have to be this way if Church leadership had been self-reflective and open to corrective reform.

America today similarly needs corrective reform and resuscitation, but like the Catholic Church of the 16th Century, America is also beset with entrenched self-serving leaders who do not want reform. This is because bloated and corrupt governments evolve to serve those in charge, not the people.

Even more worrisome, America now has a number of leaders seeking to undermine our all-important First Amendment right to freedom of speech. They do so because it is the fundamental bedrock right that enables and protects all our constitutional rights; thus, it stands in the way of the greater power they covet:

Kamala Harris: *"If you don't police your social media platform, we will hold you accountable."*

Tim Waltz: *"There is no guarantee to free speech on misinformation."*

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: “*We’re going to have to figure out how we reign in our media environment so you cannot just spew disinformation and misinformation.*”

John Kerry: “*Our First Amendment stands as a major block to the ability to be able to hammer [disinformation] out of existence.*”

Hillary Clinton: “*Americans should be criminally charged for misinformation.*”

Who decides what is misinformation and what is not? These leaders, of course, think they should.

Giving any person or group of persons such power is the death-knell to freedom of speech.

Freedom of speech is the “oxygen” that keeps our Republic breathing; without it, our Republic dies. It follows that leaders who advocate for infringing upon freedom of speech are a direct threat to the viability of our Republic.

Like Gutenberg's printing press in the 15th and 16th centuries, social media today threatens the entrenched order that doesn't want to relinquish power or be questioned.

Whether one admires or loathes President Donald Trump is not material. What is important to recognize is that Trump is a modern-day Paul Revere. And like Martin Luther in 1517, it is Trump who has been sounding the alarm about the dangers of America's entrenched bureaucracy and the need to “*drain the swamp*”.

Drain the Swamp is a Trumpian euphemism for *Reformation*.

Though Trump made minimal progress draining the swamp in his first term, the situation in 2024 looks far more promising. Two world-class mavericks have now saddled up to join Trump's quixotic American Reformation ride.

This isn't just politics as usual either, something unique and special is happening. And it is bipartisan.

Elon Musk and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., both former Democrats, are whom I speak of. And they are flanked by J.D. Vance, Tulsi Gabbard (former Democrat), Vivek Ramaswamy, Nicole Shanahan (former Democrat), Dr. Ben Carson, Bill Ackman (former Democrat) and many others.

These folks are serious about reform and returning America to its founding principles and operative documents.

The state of America is not good at present — our bloated federal government employs nearly three million people; our national debt is over \$35 trillion and rising rapidly; the federal income tax established in 1913 with a top rate of 7% is now 37%; unelected bureaucrats rule via regulations that stifle free-market innovation; elected officials and lobbyists are rife with conflicts-of-interest; over 20 million illegal aliens (including 425,431 convicted criminals, 13,099 convicted murderers, and 15,811 convicted rapists) have recently poured into our country with a wink and a nod from our federal government; at the same time our federal government repeatedly fails to provide sufficient emergency aid to our citizens in harm's way during natural disasters; 75% of Americans (and 50% of children) are overweight or obese; 653,000 Americans are homeless; fentanyl deaths are rampant; our foreign affairs are in disarray, and on and on.

America, Inc. has been mismanaged and is in deep trouble.

But the cavalry is on the way in the form of Trump, Musk, Kennedy & Company.

Elon Musk may be the greatest innovator / inventor / creator / businessperson the world has ever seen — Tesla, SpaceX, Boring Company, Starlink, Neuralink, Optimus, Full Self Driving, RoboTaxi, AI, and the list goes on. But for our purposes, his purchase and reorganization of Twitter is key.

Musk purchased Twitter in 2022 for \$44 billion. He proceeded to layoff 80% of Twitter's employees who he identified as deadweight to the company's mission. Two years later the company (now called X) is growing faster than before and has become the outspoken global beacon for freedom of speech — and this was accomplished with 20% of its previous headcount.

The federal government has more deadweight and ineffective departments and employees than Twitter could ever have imagined — and they all continue sucking from the nipple of the U.S. taxpayer.

The United States government owes it to the taxpayers (its shareholders) to clean house and begin operating as effectively and cost-efficiently as possible. The federal government's operational mission is to serve "*we the people*", not to host "*employment charity*".

An 80% cut in the federal government headcount is no doubt warranted. Though likely a bridge too far in the political realm, sadly.

The deadweight must be eliminated, and Musk's modus operandi is made for the job: "*Delete, delete, delete*" and "*If you're not adding things back in at least 10% of the time, you're clearly not deleting enough.*"

Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase, praised the idea, “*So Elon, this idea about having an efficiency commission, I actually like the idea. I think governments have to become more efficient, more competent, and look at when they take money, what do they get for it? I actually think it’s a very good idea.*”

Elon Musk is the right person at the right time to lead the overhaul and reorganization of America, Inc.

America is likewise in the midst of a massive self-induced health crisis. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Nicole Shanahan plan to end America's obesity pandemic, which is leading to dramatic spikes in heart disease, diabetes, certain cancers, and ultimately shortening life spans for Americans. According to the 2023 United Nations national life expectancy rankings, America now ranks a dismal 55.

This is unacceptable and must change — America's future depends upon a healthy citizenry.

Many other citizens are saddling up to ride for reform as well — all with goals such as ending America's homelessness catastrophe, solving the fentanyl pandemic, and so on.

America's all-star reform team is on deck and growing.

The *arrogance, ignorance and cynicism* of our leadership should not be underestimated though — remember the reaction to Martin Luther.

The American Reformation must be allowed to peacefully go forward, it is long overdue.

America's future will be bright if we right our ship. If we don't, an irreversible dark turn (or splintering) is increasingly likely.

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