

# The Wise Democracy Amendment

(For the Mock Constitutional Convention, Sept. 24-26, 2010 in Louisville KY)

**This Amendment to the United States Constitution shall be enacted in order to:**

- 1) Transform the quality of the political conversation in the United States to become inclusive, respectful, creative and consensual.
- 2) Generate a shared vision, new solutions to key issues, and a new spirit of national and global community.
- 3) Facilitate all citizens to come together as “We the People” and provide competent leadership to government, to the courts, and to society in general.
- 4) Preserve and enhance individual freedoms and help release people’s creative gifts and deepest human values.



**These results should be achieved in a way that is risk-free, that builds on what we have with no coercion of any kind, nor any immediate change to the existing Constitutional system.**

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**Section 1—Wisdom Council Process:** There shall be an ongoing series of National Citizens Wisdom Councils, at least three per year. Each Wisdom Council is composed of twelve citizens randomly selected from the voter registration roles, who gather for three to five days. They choose an issue of vital importance and determine unanimous win/win perspectives. These perspectives represent “Statements of the People.” In a national ceremony each Wisdom Council presents its “Statements” and the story of how they were developed back to the people for their consideration. Once they symbolically speak as “We the People,” they disband.

**Section 2—National Conversation:** After each Wisdom Council presents its unanimous views to the national audience, all citizens are encouraged to converse face-to-face and online. All citizens are given an opportunity to register their level of support for the Statements. This ongoing cycle of Wisdom Councils facilitates one national conversation that evolves near-unanimous “We the People” perspectives. Essentially, this is a perpetual U.S. Constitutional Convention with all citizens as delegates.

**Section 3—Quality of Conversation:** Each Wisdom Council is dynamically facilitated. This ensures a creative and collaborative quality of conversation which yields unanimous conclusions, and which resonates among the whole population.

**Section 4—Oversight:** A rotating group of twelve former Wisdom Council members will oversee this process. They will assure capable Dynamic Facilitation and provide general support to the new national “We the People” conversation. The Oversight Committee shall be also be dynamically facilitated to assure unanimous choices.

## References:

- 1) **Society’s Breakthrough! Releasing Essential Wisdom and Virtue in All the People** by Jim Rough, 2002. This book describes how this amendment (an earlier version) can safely help us transform the big intractable issues of our society. ([www.SocietysBreakthrough.com](http://www.SocietysBreakthrough.com))
- 2) **The Center for Wise Democracy.** This non-profit organization promotes this Wise Democracy strategy to citizen groups and governments. ([www.WiseDemocracy.org](http://www.WiseDemocracy.org))
- 3) **Dynamic Facilitation Associates.** This network of people promotes Dynamic Facilitation, the social innovation at the core of this Wise Democracy strategy. ([www.DynamicFacilitation.com](http://www.DynamicFacilitation.com))