

# The Reset Button: Executive Summary

Ultra-condensed summary of The Reset Button document:

The Reset Button is a document, a movement, a strategic plan, and a call to immediate action to US citizens that want to immediately control our own governance and thus our destiny.

The Reset Button's Phase II defines more than a two dozen critical areas of change that support the majority ('We the People', US citizens) rather than the Financial Elite (corporations, banks, and oligarchs.)

The goals of The Reset Button are divided into two phases: Phase I is fully articulated in the legal language and format of a single US Constitutional amendment – **Amendment XXVIII (Election Reform Amendment)**, and one law – the **Election Reform Act of 2012**. Success with Phase I will mean that the citizens of the US actually have control over elections, and that ordinary citizens will become elected by citizens – no longer selected by corporations. Phase I mandates that candidates will be required to address Phase II items in *written* Position Papers, which will mean that for the first time ever in US elections, we citizens will actually have, in writing, *all* candidates' positions on the current, critical topics – for an 'apples-to-apples comparison. Phase II outlines major areas of critical and immediate importance to US citizens. Phase II topics - written by citizens, not lobbyists or corporations - will be considered as a possible blueprint for change, for the newly elected officials in 2012, but is not a forced mandate.

The Reset Button, Phase I goals are **one amendment** and **one law**:

**Amendment XXVIII (Election Reform Amendment)** bullet points:  
with the ratification of this amendment:

- No incumbency and no seniority. Every elected and appointed office term is four years. Every four years, the slate is wiped clean. All previous elected and appointed officials depart; all new elected and appointed officials enter. No individual may ever serve more than four years in any office.
- Judges and justices, including Supreme Court and other Federal judgeships, are retired as of the 2012 election, and future judges and justices conform to the same four year term and cycle as any other elected or appointed official.
- Collusion is legally equated with treason.
- Corporate personhood is formally eliminated.

The **Election Reform Act of 2012** bullet points:

- No citizens with dual citizenship may hold office.
- Candidates for office and appointees must not be a corporate board member or stockholder in any corporation. Elected and appointed officials agree not to participate in corporate boards, banks, or stock/commodities trading firms for five years after leaving office.
- All judges/justices must have passed a State law bar exam.
- Only public money (including the nominal filing fees from candidates) may be used for elections. No corporate or outside money - not even from candidates - may be used.
- Candidates must meet all criteria and pay a nominal filing fee.

- To get to a reasonable number of final candidates, the entire candidate field for each office is physically randomized in a hopper, and a specific number of names are drawn.
- Final candidates are all given equal amount of public funding, must publicly account for expenditures, and are mandated to be given equal time and prominence in all media. Mandated debates and mandated position papers present individual candidate views.
- All voting to be on paper ballots and hand counted.
- Vote of Confidence by Citizen Initiative provides a method of elected official recall and even 'freezing' elected official duties, and provides this uniformly from local to federal elected officials, including judges and the president.

The Reset Button's Plan, Strategy, Goals, as well as the Urgency (and the reasoning behind each), are spelled-out in the full Reset Button document, and summarized on the ResetButton2012.org website. The focus is on Phase I of The Reset Button: US citizens gaining control over the election process, and getting all of the Big Money influence out of elections. This is the only way that any real change will ever come out of Congress and the White House.

Currently, all elected officials are beholden to corporate sponsors. They have either 'bought-in' to the agenda of the Financial Elite, or they have been 'bought-out' by the Financial elite. Attempting to deal with this body is 100% futile, and the electoral system has been rigged to keep them in control, using Big Money and the overpowering influence of the Big Media that they also control. Third party candidates are prevented from ever having a chance at winning more than a small, statistically insignificant number of seats, and could never affect change. This is by design. The only way in is through full electoral paradigm change. The only way to get paradigm change is by creating an overwhelming financial pressure and public relations nightmare for all of the Financial Elite's major corporations – with US citizens simultaneously going on a Nationwide General Strike, Boycotting all of these corporations, and Divesting from these corporations.

The action (major, simultaneous financial pressure on all major corporations - including Nationwide General Strike, Full Boycotts, and Complete Divestment) has never been done before. This action, by US citizens, is the greatest power US citizens have to make these changes. If this does not work, nothing will, and we citizens are permanently 'debt slaves' without hope. We have nothing to lose by trying; we have lost everything if we do not try.

The document contains the best ideas from some of the most brilliant minds in the United States, and the only plan and strategy proposed by anyone to actually gain control of elections, get ordinary citizens elected, and accomplish the goals we citizens want accomplished. Goals that the 2-party, 1-owner, Financial Elite's political machine would never even consider, much less pass into law.

Activists will recognize virtually all of the major issues that we citizens have been fighting for, in the topics in Phase II. Ordinary citizens should at least be aware, at this point, that ***we citizens are in a financial war with the Financial Elite***. They have declared war on us. We do not have the option to 'sit-out' the fight – they have brought the fight quite literally to our doorsteps: 11 million homes foreclosed, 9 million more expected to fall in 2012. But their big weapon, the 'neutron bomb' of the Financial Elite, is that they are about to deliberately burst a \$700 trillion dollar derivatives bubble, that they deliberately created. We either stop them, or they will create a worldwide depression and we will be in survival mode. We have an excellent chance to stop them if we act immediately, and act in

unprecedented unity. The Monetary Reform Act can disarm their “neutron bomb”, but they won't pass it – we must.

The bonus (as if we need a bonus) for winning the financial war with the Financial Elite is our freedom, control over our own elections, control over our own governance, and control over our own destiny.

We need the help of as many US citizens as possible, and we can win.

This is a list of the topics that candidates will be mandated to provide Position Papers describing their positions. :

- 2.) Congressional Reform
- 3.) Banking and Monetary Reform
- 4.) Representation Reform
- 5.) Energy Reform
- 6.) Education Reform
- 7.) Executive Branch Reform
- 8.) Indigenous People - Sovereign Nation Issues
- 9.) Job Strategies
- 10.) Strategies to End Poverty & Lift the Working Poor
- 11.) Food, Water, and Air Sovereignty Reform
- 12.) Agricultural and Ranching Reform
- 13.) Corporate Reform
- 14.) Stock Market Reform
- 15.) Tax Reform
- 16.) Medical & Pharmacology Reform
- 17.) Health Care Reform
- 18.) Mass Media Reform
- 19.) Judicial and Penal System Reform
- 20.) Labor Reform
- 21.) Military Reform
- 22.) Intelligence Reform
- 23.) Security Reform
- 24.) Police Reform
- 25.) Gerrymandering, Redistricting Reform
- 26.) Social Democracy/Capitalism Unification

Remember – you (and candidates) do not have to agree with *anything* in Phase II to agree with the goals of Phase I. The goal of Phase I is simple: a government of the people, by the people and for the people – literally, not just a slogan. The goal of Phase I is an incredible goal for all citizens – we ordinary citizens will finally be the voice of government – and we will have completely removed the Financial Elite's control over our elections.

Please read, sign, and spread the word about **The Reset Button**. Our lives, our liberty, our health and our happiness depend upon it. The Financial Elite have declared war on us, and they are winning. We must win – or we lose everything.