



## More on “Solution for America”

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On this past President’s Day, I published a big article entitled “Solution for America” ([www.west-east-international.com/doc/USAstruct.pdf](http://www.west-east-international.com/doc/USAstruct.pdf)), to which many readers reacted ([www.west-east-international.com/doc/USAstructFeedback.pdf](http://www.west-east-international.com/doc/USAstructFeedback.pdf)). It’s time for me to publish a follow-up article ...

Basically, there are three main arguments against my article: (1) our institution (e.g. Congress) is fine - We just need to elect the right people; (2) our biggest problem is spending - If we can just stop that, we are fine; and (3) our constitution is sound - It’s the politicians that have been misinterpreting and abusing it. Let me argue ...

### 1. Why can’t we just elect the right people?

Most of the people we elect are right. It’s the system that turned them “wrong”! How come? Because most of them are there for one paramount purpose only: getting re-elected, with everything else being secondary!

### 2. Why can’t we just stop spending?

No, we can’t - It’s inherent to our system, regardless of the party in charge. Simply put, the Democrats are primarily the party of “tax & spend”, while the Republicans “borrow & spend”. Why so much spending? It’s the election (or re-election), stupid! Consequently, today we are, fiscally, in no better shape than the near-bankrupt Greece ([www.west-east-international.com/doc/GreeceUSA.pdf](http://www.west-east-international.com/doc/GreeceUSA.pdf)).

### 3. Is our constitution sound?

Yes, our constitution is basically sound. But we must amend it with term-limits for all politicians, especially Congress. In fact, lack of term-limits is the root of our problem: permanent spending for permanent campaigns for permanent politicians! There are two main arguments against the term-limits:

- (1) The term-limit is in place already: stop electing the incumbents if you don’t like them! The reality is that the incumbents have so many advantages over the challengers that most of them keep getting re-elected. More profoundly, most Americans like their own politicians, for they bring “pork” back. What’s pork? It’s a “steal” from a national pot holding our tax dollars! Why do it? For the re-election! See, I told you so: democracy, as we know it today, does not work (any more).
- (2) It takes a newly elected official quite a few years to learn the new job. This argument is largely true and the solution is to simplify our system, from tax codes to accounting.

### 4. Discussion

In fact, the spending problem has been with us for a long time (“when Congress is in session, watch your pocket!”). It was not a huge problem for us until China renewed itself to become a formidable competitor of ours, economically – The first ever in the (recent) history of our nation! Worse yet, rather than change to be better, including learning from China ([www.west-east-international.com/doc/LessonsFromChina.pdf](http://www.west-east-international.com/doc/LessonsFromChina.pdf)), we are “moving in the direction of the kind of economy that China has been forced to move away from” ([www.creators.com/conservative/thomas-sowell/the-limits-of-power.html](http://www.creators.com/conservative/thomas-sowell/the-limits-of-power.html)), including “affordable housing”, “universal health care”, and “spreading the wealth”.

A country must be run like a business ([www.west-east-international.com/doc/CountryBusiness.pdf](http://www.west-east-international.com/doc/CountryBusiness.pdf)), or it will go bankrupt. Because we have trade deficits with 90+ countries ([www.ft.com/cms/s/0/d5d309ec-3b5d-11df-b622-00144feabdc0.html](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/d5d309ec-3b5d-11df-b622-00144feabdc0.html)), we must reduce our cost structure significantly, for which unions must go! Unfortunately, unions equal votes. So, once again, it’s the election (or re-election), stupid!

While we are stuck with multiple Ds (doubt, debate, and denial), China keeps moving forward, rapidly.

### 5. Concluding remarks

I believe I have accurately diagnosed the core problems of our country and highlighted a good solution in that big article ([www.west-east-international.com/doc/USAstruct.pdf](http://www.west-east-international.com/doc/USAstruct.pdf)). It will not be easy to have it implemented, but it’s the best solution on the table.

Where to start? Amend the constitution to have term-limits for all the politicians! What can you do before the politicians set the term-limits for themselves? Just vote them out, all the incumbents, including your own!