

# **New Value-Based Democracy – NVBD – Imagine the world without politicians!**

NVBD is a new model of government for Finland and other countries around the world, which is not based on any political or religious ideology or any other -ism, but common sense, true people power, and basic human values. It's neutral governance. Its main principle is to serve Finland and its citizens, not the political parties, the power elite, or big money.

## **The current democratic political governance model has come to its end**

It has served us quite well, but nowadays the wrong kinds of people want to be our leaders. Before people who had a more pure desire to serve their motherland entered into politics and government jobs. But today our leaders' main qualification is being a rich, famous, or good-looking media personality. In other words; today narcissistic, huge egos, fame, and power-hungry people get into politics and the government workforce.

## **Politicians are not able to fix modern society's highly complex problems.**

If the world's wisest economists don't know how to solve our current problems, how can we assume that often surprisingly little educated, in their field of duty politicians could fix the huge economic, social, and financial issues we are facing? We need leaders (senators etc.) who are educated and have long work experience in their field. Now all they know is how to play politics.

## **NVBD-model is run in the same manner as big corporations or organizations are**

Just as in the private sector, the top positions of the government would be highly educated and dedicated people. The new architecture for the government would have all the ministries etc. as we have now, but they would be filled with people who are professionals in their own area of service. There would not be elections, but our leaders would be hired the same way as any business hires help. There would be new value-based rules and regulations that the government workers would follow. The main idea is that every decision would be made for the good of the country and its people, not for the political parties or big money!

## **No more constant political fighting**

In the new system, there will not be constant political wrangling, political parties sabotaging each other, making favors, shady deals, lobbying, big money pressure, or corruption. Professional public servants will be making sensible decisions. Also, the government would be reduced to as small as possible.

## **Money and business**

This is not to forget about money and business. We need both to run this world. In this new model, many of the laws, regulations, and taxes that hinder business would be eliminated. Let the business do what it does best without unnecessary laws and government interference. We need healthy capitalism. Today's capitalism is far from healthy.

## **United Nations**

We must strengthen the UN so that it's capable of putting countries (tyrant leaders etc.) who hurt their citizens back in order. There are too many examples, in which we let tyrants kill and starve their own people. Too many religious wars, in which hundreds of thousands of innocent people are hacked to death. If the UN could hire an army from the USA, England, etc., and forcefully go to a few problem countries, the international court would throw the leaders in jail. The rest of the tyrants would change their ways fast because they would not want to end up in jail. Now tyrants have hardly any fear of facing prosecution.

If you look at any problem country, which has wars, famine, rebellion, etc. for example in Africa, there is always a tyrant and his court that don't care about the people. They steal the oil etc. revenue for themselves. We must finally put a stop to all the wars and suffering in the world that politicians, tyrants, and religions cause.

## **Two questions to ponder**

Isn't it true that practically all the world's problems are caused by politics or big money?

Isn't it true that practically all of the problems are caused by politicians, business leaders, and citizens who have poor values?

If the above is true, then the only way to fix this is by removing the politicians and by teaching people healthy values.

## **How can this be done?**

We have a plan for how to accomplish this, but it is impossible to explain it all in this limited space. One key point is that as you know our current political model draws to itself people who share the values, morals, and ambitions of our current leaders; in other words; totally the wrong kind of people. We don't need more leaders with big egos, greed, and senseless direction who are in the pockets of big businesses. We need people whose dream is to serve their country. If a country's government is healthy and based on ethical values, it will draw the right kind of people to it.

A local leader was troubled by the number of thieves, and asked Confucius, a Chinese philosopher who lived 500 BC. for advice. Confucius replied to him, "If you yourself were not so greedy, the people could not be paid to steal." This saying points out our current situation; if our leaders are corrupt and without good values, so is the whole country.

### **We escape from action through ideology**

*There cannot be a world transformation, a revolution, as long as the action is based on ideas; because action then is merely a reaction; therefore ideas become much more important than action, and that is precisely what is taking place in the world, isn't it? To act, we must discover the impediments that prevent action. But most of us don't want to act, that is our difficulty. We prefer to discuss, we prefer to substitute one ideology for another, and so we escape from action through ideology. – Krishnamurti, Collected Works, Vol. VI,54,Action*

As Krishnamurti says, there is always a danger that anybody who is trying to create transformational change in the world will end up just replacing the current system with a new system that will soon be just as corrupt as the old one. The Arab spring is a good example of that. Because there was no real change for the better in the values of the new leaders, nothing has changed. Now they just have new tyrants trying to steal the power and enslave the people. This is why our leaders and governance must be politically and religiously as neutral as possible.

– People's representatives, senators, ministers, etc. will be selected by their resumes and merits. All representatives will be required to have extensive work experience and education in their particular field of work. No longer can someone become a minister just because of political connection or by being a charismatic media personality.

– Direct democracy will be used as much as possible. Direct democracy (also known as pure democracy) is a form of democracy in which people decide/vote on policy initiatives directly. Direct democracy has been used successfully in Switzerland and California.

– The public will have a veto right to overturn any government decision. After collecting a certain amount of names, citizens can challenge the government rulings by direct voting. This way the public can control and make sure that the government will not go in an unwanted direction. All voting will happen via the internet so that it's convenient for the people.

– Ministers and top brass of the government will not be (unnecessarily) in the media. Spoke persons would communicate with the media. No more fame-hungry politicians in the evening news.

- All the government's departments and programs will be examined, streamlined, and cleaned. As we all know, all governments have a lot of inefficiency and duplicate programs. Also in the NVBD model government workers are accountable and must perform as in the private sector. No more unnecessary government waste.
- Freedom is a big part of the NVBD model. All the laws will be re-examined. As people learn to respect the new values, many laws can be done away with. If our values are better, we need fewer laws. Also, businesses will have fewer unnecessary laws to hinder them.
- New (old) values will be taught to children and adults, including government workers and leaders. If you compare for example Finland to Afghanistan, you can see that it's the values of the government (and religion) that direct the country. In Finland, basic values still are harmony, welfare for all, equal rights, education for all, etc., and that shows up in the reality Finland lives in. But if you look at Afghanistan's values, they are the opposite of Finland's values and so is the country. So re-teaching and strengthening good values is the key to prosperity and a good life for the individuals and the whole country.

We can re-educate people to have contempt for greediness, money hunger and a nothing is enough mentality. It's what we teach to our kids that creates the future. It's time to teach good old fashion values again. (Even though Finland still has pretty healthy basic values, they are slowly deteriorating.)

What are the values we go by in today's world? Greed, money, fame, power, materialism, etc. Are these values going to take us in the right direction or the wrong direction? If we get the politician out of the way, we can surprisingly easily create societies that are based on values like true human equality, sensible decision-making, better income equality, and good and free healthcare and education for all. We need an education system that teaches people what they want to learn, and not only to be a cog in society's wheel.

We can have healthy capitalism, in which profits are shared more equally. This does not have to be income redistribution. If people are happy, study, and work in their dream professions, the company profits are going to soar. There will be enough money for all. Now only a few percent of people work on their dream jobs. If people work in jobs that they hate, it causes burnout, workplace sickness, overall unhappiness, and also lower profits for the company. This can be easily fixed for the better, by letting people find their own calling.

## **Future**

The beauty of the NVBD model is that if we don't have politicians wasting tax revenue and have professional people governing us, then the whole society works and runs much better. If the government, entrepreneurs, and workers are all working

towards one common goal, then productivity goes up, and the whole country can flourish.

Now the whole society functions like rats in a compost heap. We are all selfishly and greedily fighting for breadcrumbs. But when we work as a team, we can get better results with less work. When people are allowed to do their dream job, be genuinely free and be an essential part of society, not just a slave, then they will be willing to work for the common good.

The NVBD model will not diminish our material wealth but will bring us more material and emotional wealth. It can create unprecedented prosperity, peace, and happiness for all individuals, businesses, and countries.

### **Time is running out**

Confucius also said: "If truly effective people were put in charge of governing for a hundred years, they would be able to overcome violence and dispense with killing altogether." This saying applies to today's world too. But do we have a hundred years, is the question?

We don't have much time left to correct the problems of the world. If we lose the rest of our values, then there is no coming back. Then the world must go through an anarchy and total destruction phase before it can rise again, as it has done countless times before. So far all the major civilizations before have met the same fate that is waiting for us, unless we come to our senses soon. We are fast-moving in that direction. Do we want to go there?

Our politicians are not going to save us from a long and hard recession that might be coming our way soon. Any slowdown in the economy can easily lead to major upheaval all over the world. Today's people are not going peacefully to accept their dire situation, but they are going to riot and take all they want by force. We can already see signs of that in riots in different countries; everything gets looted and destroyed. Do we really want to go through this kind of upheaval?

There is still time to do something. We have an NVBD model that can serve as a starting point for a better, peaceful, and happy world for all of us. Send us a message if you are interested in learning more. We need to start a new value revolution all over the world!

### **Utopia?**

All this may sound like a utopia, but it isn't. If you think about the Soviet Union breaking up, China moving closer to capitalism, the birth of the EU, and the most recent Arab spring, they are all examples of big change that happened pretty fast. They all are also good examples that if the values of the new leaders don't change,

then nothing changes. Especially in Arab spring countries, normal people have been forgotten already. New people fight for power. Values must change, and then the country can change.

## **Imagine**

The question is; can you imagine a world, in which we work in jobs that are our calling, business owners and workers work for the common good, governments work for the people, and we all are happy, selfless, and ready to do our part for the common good? If you can, then we can create it!

When people feel genuinely free, and as if they matter more than just being cogs (slaves) on the wheel of society, they will happily work and do their part for society. It still is the people power that runs the world.

We realize that the big countries of the world will not adopt the NVBD idea right away, but if we get some smaller countries to try it, then the other countries could follow the suit as has happened with democracy. Also, the NVBD model could be introduced in steps. Important is to get it rolling.

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This is a short English summary of this idea. There's more information and an e-book on this topic on my website in Finnish.

## **The value revolution is looking for doers!**

Let's do it... let's change the world!

***More powerful than the might of all the armies on Earth is an idea whose time has come.*** – Victor Hugo.

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