

THE DECLINE OF AMERICA: 100 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP FAILURES*
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A. “Can’t We All Just Get Along?”

1. Tying Dispute Resolution to the US Presidency – Examples:
 - a. Clinton moves quickly to compromise
 - b. “W” muddles through
 - c. Obama fails to compromise while losing both houses of Congress
 - d. Trump is on the same track as Obama with regard to Congress
2. International Affairs:
 - a. Meet our obligations – China before WW II.
 - b. Pick better friends – Batista in Cuba; Ky, Van Loc, Etc. in Vietnam
 - c. Act decisively and be a benevolent winner – Japan and Europe

B. Where Did We Get Off the Track?

1. America late to both World Wars
2. Racism and Insensitivity in the White House
3. Egos prevail over America’s interests
4. Presidential bungling costs lives and trillions of dollars
5. The voters’ dilemma – Good candidates who make poor leadership decisions once elected, ethically challenged candidates who may make better leadership decisions, or “None of the Above.”

C. Proposals for Change

1. Failure to Control the Deficit is Fatal to America
2. Reform the Electoral System – Reduce Terms for All:
 - a. One term for president essential
 - b. End seniority system – the rationale for no term limits
 - c. No current names on legislation – 50 year rule
3. Commit to an Education System Second to No Other Country – Pre-K-12
4. Criminal Justice Reform – white – .4%, Hispanic – 1%, Black – 2.2%
5. Real Reform of Healthcare – the non-fix on pre-existing conditions
6. The Government Should Never Bail-Out Private Sector Companies

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