



## Overview

The recent anniversaries of September 11<sup>th</sup> and hurricanes Katrina and Rita remind us that the United States is still in disarray – politically, economically, militarily and morally. Calls for impeachment of both the President and the Vice President; Congress spending three times more money than the government takes in each year; Congressional representatives being hauled off to jail; our two major political parties in turmoil and experiencing the lowest public trust factor in our nation's history; and events in the Middle East are propelling the world closer to catastrophe than at any time in the past forty years.

There has never been a better time for the solutions offered in a new book, *ResoNation*, and in its central theme: Transforming our current form of government into one that is beholden and responsive to *us* rather than to big money and special interests, a form of direct democracy that will help make our world a better and safer place.

When our nation was first founded, a largely illiterate American citizenry chose the best educated person in their town to represent them at their state or territory capitol and then picked the cream of that crop to represent their best interests in our nation's capitol.

That once-effective system worked well for a time but, like any organization, it eventually fell prey to bureaucracy, growth for growth's sake and a conflict-of-interest derived from the fact that it became so prohibitively expensive to become elected and to remain in office that our representatives can no longer realistically represent us because they are beholden to whomever writes the checks that keep them in power. Thus, our government has grown into a labyrinthine, bureaucratic, "rat's nest" of convoluted processes where make-work and influence peddling – or as the humorist Will Rogers put it, "the best government money can buy."

The mishandling of the Iraq war and escalating instances of Congressional corruption (Rep. Foley, Jack Abramoff, Duke Cunningham and Tom DeLay), along with government's failure to take care of its children, the elderly and the poor, motivated *ResoNation's* author, Gregory Olinyk, a heretofore apolitical venture capitalist, to change course and devote the past four years to a plan that will bring American government into the 21st Century.

# RESONATION

Although Olinyk makes a case for direct-vote democracy, such a dramatic change is not essential to his declared mission to clean up government. His book provides a means for We-the-People to drag our governmental processes out of “smoke-filled back rooms” and into the bright light of day where we can take our country back from the military-industrial complex, restore our standing in the international community and markedly improve our economic lot via something called The DayLight Movement. When people are sure that they can “move the proverbial ball,” it will go a long way to reducing if not outright eliminating the voter apathy that has paralyzed us from holding Congress responsible for its often self-serving, big money and special interest-driven deeds.

*ResoNation* is the first stage of the DayLight Movement’s comprehensive tri-part platform. Phase two is the DayLight Forum ([www.daylightforum.org](http://www.daylightforum.org)), an online “national town hall” offering an ingenious polling tool in the form of a national “heat map,” which is also a precursor to a secure Internet voting system that Olinyk and a team of software geniuses are developing. This heat map represents a place where everyone’s voice can be heard in a manner that our elected officials will be unable to ignore – and if they do, it will be at their peril. Phase Three will be an Internet radio talk show that speaks to an audience, which falls into the great divide between the Sean Hannitys and Rush Limbaughs on one side and the Randi Rhodes and Al Franken on the other.

While *ResoNation* may be misperceived by some as a forum for attack on unpopular politicians, that is NOT its mission. Olinyk does not propose that our current political parties be eradicated; instead he favors a gentler approach of gradual modification. In addition to its civic service, the DayLight Movement is a hybrid entity that can generate revenue to support the programs and people needed to clean up our country and our standing in the world.

Olinyk describes himself as an “optimistic realist.” Perhaps the DayLight mission will not succeed but he feels we must try in order to find out. Revolutionary ideas are almost always doubted at the beginning. Without exception, it takes the courage of a handful of patriots to move those ideas forward; ideas that he thinks will come from those who read his book.

Olinyk asserts that there has never been a more propitious time for We-the-People to play a larger role in governmental decision-making. We are an audience that is tired of CONSERVATIVE vs. LIBERAL programs that constantly attack the other side rather than attacking the challenges that face ALL of us. He cites a quote from Dr. Wayne Dyer, “Native Americans have a saying: ‘No tree has branches so foolish as to fight among themselves.’”

The time is NOW to fix the mess.



## A New Kind of Congressional Representative

*Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary* defines the word “ombudsman” as: **An appointed public official who investigates activities of government agencies that may infringe on the rights of individuals.**

Noble civic organizations, like Common Cause, alert We-the-People to gross political transgressions and they work diligently to influence government policy on a case-by-case basis; but a greater change is needed. We need a means to actually take action on the things that the “whistleblowers” call to our attention.

Under the guidance of the DayLight Movement, politicians will be converted from their current role as decision-makers, who are constantly plagued by conflicts of interest from their big money masters to *educators* and *ombudsmen* for We-the-People. We, not our elected ombudsmen, will vote on important issues via a regularly scheduled series of local, state, regional and national referendums. When necessity calls, a special panel – perhaps an *elected* Supreme Court or a junior adjunct thereof in the form of a qualified review board will adjudicate these referendums, which will be open and immune to undue influence.

But before this can become reality, we must gather at the DayLight Forum ([www.daylightforum.org](http://www.daylightforum.org)) to express our desires and, by voting at the DayLight heat map, actually demonstrate that enough of us feel strongly about having a form of government that is more 21<sup>st</sup> Century than 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Just as large corporations would no more persist in using outmoded mimeographs, telegraphs and paper-and-penciled accounting sheets to match the speed and agility of their competitors, why should We-the-People live and operate under an equally slow-to-react system of government? Speed, flexibility and the ability to acquire and employ information are requisite to the maintenance of our status as a world leader; a status that is diminishing under a load of national debt and corrupt leadership decisions, and in the face of competition for markets and resources from a burgeoning European Union and a rising China.

Many of the good Congressmen in office today will still be in office when the DayLight system of people-powered governance is fully in place. Once conflicts of interest and the influence of big money are effectively removed from the congressional function, the leadership dynamic of our entire governmental system will dramatically improve.