



Vote World Parliament

— democratic world parliament through a global referendum —

Rescue Plan for Planet Earth

Attention high school, college and university students:

The several generations of people before your generation have substantially wrecked the planet, partly out of ignorance and partly out of negligence. My name is Jim Stark and I am 66, so I was part of the problem. Apologizing to your generation isn't nearly enough, so I have written a book about this dilemma called *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*. This plan has been called practical and promising, and I hope that it works (for all our sakes). Here is the situation in brief, as I see it, as well as the required "fix."

If garbage was collecting on the streets where you live and there was no running water or electricity because the municipal government had somehow been dissolved or disbanded, you would have to reinvent the city or town council to get these problems taken care of.

If all schools and hospitals open in your province were now closed because the provincial government had been scrapped, you would have to re-establish a provincial government to get those intolerable situations repaired and under control.

If foreigners were streaming across your country's borders, taking whatever they wanted of your country's resources and just shooting anyone who objected or resisted, and this was happening because somehow there had been a collapse of your national government, you would have to re-establish that government to regain control of your country.

It is ridiculous to seriously suggest that we would be better off *without* those three levels of government, and yet we have *global* problems that are literally threatening the survival of humanity (climate change and enough nuclear weapons to wipe out civilization *at least* ten times over), and there is no serious campaign to establish a government at the global level, or even a world parliament. Well, now there *is* a campaign that has a good chance at succeeding, and it is up to you and your friends and families to make it a reality before we pass the tipping point on global warming or fall into a suicidal World War III.

We know how to set up a democratic and completely corruption-free world parliament (it isn't even difficult), and we think this can be done *in a decade*. Democracy is governance *with the consent of the governed*, so if we want a democratic world parliament (or DWP), we have to conduct a global referendum to see if the human race is ready to finally grow up and act like a united species, for the first time ever. Scientists have told us that there is

little time left (a few decades) to prevent the most catastrophic aspects of climate change, so we have only one chance to get this right. Where do we start?

1. Hold a referendum based in your school, where you and others can vote (if you are 16 or older), and get your family members, neighbours and friends to vote too. You can vote online, or download ballots at <http://voteworldparliament.org/pdf/printable-ballot.pdf>, or at less cost you can print some vote collector forms (they have 4 “short” ballots per page) at <http://voteworldparliament.org/pdf/collector.pdf>. Keep them with you, thus to canvass your family, neighborhood or any group that you can contact. Then submit the completed votes through the online referendum on our site (www.voteworldparliament.org). Click on <http://voteworldparliament.org/pdf/studentreferendumprogramhowto.pdf> for the full Student Referendum Program guidelines document.
2. Insist that your library buy at least one copy of the book, *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*, so that you and other students (and your teachers) can read it without spending money.
3. Go to www.voteworldparliament.org, and under the “You Can Help” link you will see how to start a “chain vote” (<http://voteworldparliament.org/you-can-help/fast-track/>) that could *theoretically* see one person’s act collect the global mandate in less than one year!
4. Get your teachers to address the idea of a democratic world parliament (*for or against*).
5. Start a Vote World Parliament club at your school and get at least two other schools to follow your example on all the points mentioned above (and this point too).

And one final piece of advice. The *last* thing we need at the global level is a parliament that is vulnerable to corruption, and that is why we want (and why we must insist on) a full-spectrum regime of transparency. In other words, our democratic world parliament will not be like any national or other parliament in that *every word spoken by an elected DWP member or by a senior DWP bureaucrat must be recorded, transcribed and posted on the Internet for anyone to see*. This DWP *has to work perfectly honestly all the time*, and *it has to last forever*, so these unprecedented safeguards are absolutely necessary. We have the required technology, so if we also have the willpower, that is how things will be done.

I will give the last word to my old friend, Ross Smyth (recently deceased at 86). **“I am dying. My dying wish is that you get off your butt and give this global referendum plan a chance to work.”**

Below is the global referendum ballot “question” or “proposition”

Do you support the creation of a directly-elected, representative and democratic world parliament that is authorized to legislate on global issues?