



The WorldVoter

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Vote World Government

— democratic world government through a global referendum —

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www.MayorsForWorldDemocracy.org

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NOTE: Here is a wonderful article about global warming and future energy use and policy by James Hansen: http://www.columbia.edu/~jeh1/mailings/20081121_Obama.pdf

Quotes of the month

[E]ven as we celebrate tonight, we know the challenges that tomorrow will bring are the greatest of our lifetime - two wars, a planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century. U.S. President-elect Barack Obama in his victory speech, November 4, 2008.

The chance of a nuclear or biological attack on a major world city within the next five years is now much greater. *World at Risk*, a report from a bi-partisan commission set up by the US Congress.

News in brief

First Rotary support

Board member Bob French has had a resounding success with his Rotary Club in Deep River, Ontario (Canada). First, they endorsed the idea of a global referendum on DWG, and they promised to vote, and to get others to vote. But they went further. They sent a letter to Rotary International, asking that Rotary take on this initiative as a new aspect of their ongoing work around the world. Although Rotary is not “political” in the partisan sense, neither are we at VWG. And interestingly, Rotarians were intimately involved in the founding of the UN, so we hope that proud aspect of Rotary history will inspire this great service organization to help establish the democratic world government. Bob also spoke to the mayor of Petawawa, Ontario, Canada and that city could become the third

municipal council to support our initiative. And he is talking to a group of students soon in an effort to get youth involved. His title at VWG is “Ambassador at Large,” and he is carving out a role for himself that does justice to the title.

Videos presented on VWG front page

The front page of www.VoteWorldGovernment.org now has a list of ten videos that have been done in support of our movement, six by Brian Coughlan, one by Ted Stalets, and three (music videos) by Jim Stark (scroll to the bottom of the page to see them). Will that help people develop an interest in democratic world government? We hope so.

The “If The World Could Vote” campaign

During the recent U.S. election, one website (www.IfTheWorldCouldVote.com) set out to see how non-Americans around the world would vote if they could vote in the Nov. 4, 2008 presidential election. Here are the results:

Barack Obama	87.3% (758,041 votes)
John McCain	12.7% (110,103 votes)

As you can see, those who voted were strongly for Obama, which mostly meant “strongly against Bush.” Now, VWG Board members Ted Stalets and Brian Coughlan are looking into whether a similar approach can be used to road-test the global referendum on DWG (democratic world government).

First published review

The first published review of *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth* will appear in the December issue of *Oman Economic Review*. It is entirely favorable, and borrows liberally from the unpublished reviews listed at www.RecuePlanForPlanetEarth.com. (The author prefers to remain anonymous.) One must wonder what the problem is with Canadian and American newspapers and magazines.

Financial crisis? So what?

The old truism “Never let a crisis go to waste” was used after 9/11 by George Bush to put in place draconian measures domestically (the *Homeland Security Act* that removes some civil rights of Americans) and internationally (an excuse to attack Saddam Hussein). Now we have a global financial meltdown, and while some industries will use that to get huge “bailouts” from governments, we must use this crisis to enhance and buttress our case for a “totally transparent” and democratically accountable world government, as described in *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*.

For scholars

There is an essay by John Sutter, president of the Democratic World Federalists, which is an excellent scholarly review of how we got to where we are now. It can be accessed at: <http://www.wfs.org/foresight/index.htm>.

For prognosticators

The *Futurist* magazine makes annual lists of the top ten thought-provoking ideas and/or forecasts. Here are two from their 2009 list for you to mull over, fear, love, etc.

1. Everything you say and do will be recorded by 2030. By the late 2010s, ubiquitous, unseen nanodevices will provide seamless communication and surveillance among all people everywhere. Humans will have nanoimplants, facilitating interaction in an omnipresent network. Everyone will have a unique Internet Protocol (IP) address. Since nano storage capacity is almost limitless, all conversation and activity will be recorded and recoverable. - Gene Stephens, "Cybercrime in the Year 2025," July-Aug 2008, p. 34

5. There may not be world law in the foreseeable future, but the world's legal systems will be networked. The Global Legal Information Network (GLIN), a database of local and national laws for more than 50 participating countries, will grow to include more than 100 countries by 2010. The database will lay the groundwork for a more universal understanding of the diversity of laws between nations and will create new opportunities for peace and international partnership. -Joseph N. Pelton, "Toward a Global Rule of Law: A Practical Step Toward World Peace," Nov-Dec 2007, p. 25

Thanks for the heads-up from Ted Stalets, our VP, who is himself a "futurist."

"Existential threat"

On November 23, Al Gore said this on CNN with reference to climate change: "We are really facing a very serious existential threat to the future of human civilization." When people hear that word "existential," they usually think he must be referring to a branch of philosophy, or else the word just goes in one ear and out the other without sticking to any neurons on its way through. Sometimes scholarly words just don't help, and serve rather to block the message we're trying to send. Let's say that humanity is committing suicide ... or "committing omnicide," a word that most people can figure out.

New book

There is a new book, recently published, called *Global Democracy: The Case for a World Government* by Professor Torbjorn Tannsjo (non-fiction, 154 pages), which VWG highly recommends to those who might want to read a scholarly work on the subject that is most dear to our hearts (and most highly valued by our rational minds). The book is posted for sale on our site at www.voteworldgovernment.org/books.shtml, or can be bought directly from www.Amazon.com.