

## We All Know the Problem:

Money and power rule our world, resulting in the destruction of our environment and in a society and world that works for the few at the top while the majority struggle.

## We Have a Solution...

### A New Bottom Line

So that our social institutions, government, and corporations are judged based not on the old (current) bottom line of whether they maximize money or power, but instead on whether they **maximize, social and economic justice, peace and non-violence, environmental sustainability, love and caring, kindness and generosity, empathy and compassion**, and encourage us to transcend a narrow utilitarian approach to nature and other human beings.



*We look at the root of the problem and propose visionary solutions that shift public consciousness and transform policies to create a just and loving world.*

## How Can We Get There?

*Together, by advocating for:*



### The Environmental and Social Responsibility Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

#### Article One: The Pro-Democracy Clause

Require that all federal and state elections be publicly funded while banning all other monies from individuals, corporations or any other source. Corporations are not people and money is not speech.

#### Article Two: Corporate Environmental and Social Responsibility

**Require any corporation** operating in or providing goods or services within the US **with incomes above \$50 million/year to prove a satisfactory history of environmental and social responsibility** once every five years to a panel of ordinary citizens who can hear testimony from people around the world impacted by the corporation. If a corporation tries to move to avoid these requirements, it can be fined for any resulting destruction of the environment, damages to the community from which it seeks to move, loss of jobs, etc.

#### Article Three: The Positive Requirement to Enhance Human Community and Environmental Sustainability

**Require an education of environmental sustainability, empathy, compassion, and civil action, and engagement** at every grade level from K through college, graduate, and professional schools.

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## The Global Marshall Plan

Provide enough funding to eliminate domestic and global poverty

This resolution would require the advanced industrial countries to dedicate 1-2% of the GDP each year for the next twenty years to once and for all eliminate (not just ameliorate) poverty, homelessness, hunger, and inadequate education and healthcare. Learning from the previous mistakes of Western aid efforts, the resolution would designate fund allocation to NGOs governed by local community leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to the well being of others, not to the prosperity of wealthy elites or corporations.

### GENEROSITY = SECURITY

#### Revise trade agreements

Sponsored by the pro-capitalist mega-corporations and supported by people in both parties, current agreements have devastated the economies of the "global south" and accelerated environmental destruction. This plan would help create agreements that no longer privilege the most powerful and economically successful Western countries and the elites of other countries at the expense of the poor of the world.

Global trade must be both multilateral and equitable. New agreements must provide support and encouragement for working people to organize, receive a living wage, and work under adequate safety and health conditions and **environmental safeguards**.

Trade agreements must also **protect farmers**, both at home and abroad, encouraging food prices that make it possible for farmers to make a living and for poorer people to buy adequate food, and **encourage land use that is environmentally sustainable**.

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## Not Realistic?

Despite the naysayers, today we have made huge strides in gender equality and gay marriage precisely because people refused to accept that the right thing to do was “unrealistic.” Should we prioritize generosity, ethical and ecological sensitivity, and caring for each other and the earth, or maximizing monetary profit at the expense of the environment, other species, and even one another?

Although the ESRA does not eliminate but only partially democratizes the capitalist systems, the political campaign for the ESRA forces into public debate the underlying inequalities and destructive values that until now have shaped American politics and economic life. Likewise, the GMP requires us to consider why so many in the world suffer every day from malnutrition, preventable disease, and extreme violence, while the U.S. spends billions of dollars maintaining the military industrial complex.



Advocating for the ESRA and the GMP will break the crippling hold of the “realists” and allow people to reconnect with their deepest desires for a world of love, kindness, generosity, and caring for each other and the Earth.

*Our well-being depends upon the well-being of everyone else on the planet and the planet itself.*

## A Spirit of Humility

We offer the Global Marshall plan with a conviction that it will not work unless it is understood as deriving from our own commitment to the well-being of everyone on the planet and not primarily as a self-interested plan to advance American or Western world power and influence. Our approach must reflect a deep acknowledgement for the ways in which Western dominance of the planet has been accompanied by wars, environmental degradation, and a growing materialism and selfishness. The GMP is a manifestation of a new awareness of our interdependence with and caring for everyone on the planet.



Though it's likely to take a long time before the NSP's Global Marshall Plan is adopted by the US and other world governments, the campaign has intrinsic value because it will place into public discourse the fundamental human needs that have been too long ignored, and will challenge notions of what is realistic that have constricted our imaginations and crippled our politics.

## Ways to get involved:

1. Join our movement at [www.spiritualprogressives.org](http://www.spiritualprogressives.org)
2. Train with us to become a transformative activist: [www.spiritualprogressives.org/training](http://www.spiritualprogressives.org/training)
3. Bring the New Bottom Line into your social change organization – [www.spiritualprogressives.org/nbl](http://www.spiritualprogressives.org/nbl)
4. Advocate on behalf the Global Marshall Plan and ESRA – [www.spiritualprogressives.org/esra](http://www.spiritualprogressives.org/esra) & [www.spiritualprogressives.org/gmp](http://www.spiritualprogressives.org/gmp)

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# WE HAVE A STRATEGY TO: Save the Environment, and Achieve Social & Economic Justice



**We Want a World of Empathy, Kindness, Generosity, Care, Love, and Justice**

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