

# Society's Breakthrough

## A holistic approach to solving society's Monster issues

### MONSTER GLOBAL PROBLEMS press upon us ...

- Climate change
  - Toxins in our water, soils, and food
  - Ocean acidification
  - Species extinction ... Fish, bees, etc.
  - Wars ... Refugees
  - L-curve distribution of wealth
  - Social injustice
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Would you be interested in a  
**BREAKTHROUGH SOLUTION** to the  
issue of climate change?

- ACCESSIBLE ... i.e. We can do it
- HOLISTIC and FACILITATIVE
- NON PARTISAN, QUICK ACTING, SAFE,  
and PROVEN EFFECTIVE

This **BREAKTHROUGH** works  
for the other monsters as well



**NOTE: If we (you and I) can facilitate  
all the people to come together as  
“We the People”, face the problem,  
figure out what to do and make it  
happen ... this would transform the  
issue, us, & the underlying System!**

...

**We can do this!**

### How? ... Apply the “Wisdom Council Process” globally

- 12-16 RANDOM people are gathered for 3 days
- Someone skilled in Dynamic Facilitation helps them face one Monster issue and reach unity through shifts and breakthroughs
- They present their unity and the story of how they achieved it to a diverse audience
- Generally the audience resonates —YES!
- Repeat with new random groups and audiences ... building a legitimate, powerful global “We the People”

Most people respond to Breakthrough Solutions  
with **CONCERNS** rather than excitement



“How can ...

- ... these steps transform the structure of society?
- ... 12-16 random people reach unity?
- ... we involve everyone in one conversation?”
- ... everyone come together in unity?
- ... the views of the Wisdom Council exert real power?”
- ... we overcome the resistance of special interests?”
- ... ordinary people like us start such a BIG change?”

**These concerns can be answered!**

### Three impacts of this strategy

**New Solutions:** This facilitates “the people” to identify new solution strategies ... along with the support to make them happen

**New Process:** This sets up a new kind of public conversation, where diversity is valued and people reach unity. Trust builds!

**New System:** This new public conversation establishes a new ultimate authority: “We the People”. This transforms “The System” —governance, economics, culture, etc.

## Consider three ways this would impact “climate change”

### 1 New Solutions

- ✧ e.g. “The people” overcome denial and disinformation enough to reach unity on a strategic, realistic path forward
- ✧ e.g. Special Interests are overruled by a voice of the Public Interest that has overwhelming support

### 2 New Process

- ✧ e.g. A new public conversation is created where the people creatively build shared vision.
- ✧ e.g. Individual uniqueness is supported and diversity is appreciated to create breakthrough progress

### 3 New System

- ✧ As Wisdom Councils happen regularly, a new form of global governance and economics evolves into being, where “We the People” set a commonsense agenda more than Special Interests

## The “New System” is the Circle ... vs. the Triangle and Box



Those in charge (oligarchy? government?) dictate the direction of society. Loyalty is the paramount value

A constitution or set of rules assures a competition where “Special Interests” dominate the over the “Public Interest”

We (a few of us) facilitate whole-system choice-creating where “We the People” set the direction of society

## Why hasn’t this been invented before? What’s the magic?

- **We were born into a System of Thinking**, which orients us toward “rational DECISION-MAKING” as ideal
  - Dialogue, debate, deliberation, discussion, problem-solving, brainstorming, etc. are all part of this System of Thinking
  - Decision-making is based in judgment
- **The Wisdom Council Process facilitates brief interludes of “CHOICE-CREATING”... This is the “magic sauce”**
  - Choice-creating is based in creativity (opposite to judgment)
  - Choice-creating is where we ‘step back’, face our most important issues and reach unity through shifts and breakthroughs. Just thinking in this way as a whole system sparks “We the People”.

## Dynamic Facilitation reliably evokes choice-creating

- The randomly selected Wisdom Council sits in a half-circle facing a set of charts
  - Solutions
  - Concerns
  - Data
  - Problem-statements
- The Dynamic Facilitator helps the group face the crucial issue ... e.g. “How do we really ‘repair’ and preserve our planet?”
- By following energy rather than some step-by-step protocol, people achieve shifts and breakthroughs
- They create win/win unity and enthusiasm for action
- Besides these results, the Wisdom Council generates a story of progress which is resonant for practically anyone who hears it ... So that the whole system can converse in the spirit of choice-creating



## Where has the Wisdom Council Process been used so far?

- **States and Cities** e.g. The state of Vorarlberg in Austria adopted it into their constitution and used it on the issue of Syrian Refugees
- **Organizations:** e.g. A farm credit bank used it to involve employees in becoming a “forward thinking organization”
- **Citizen sponsored experiments:** e.g. One citizen of Pleasantville NY set up a Wisdom Council to articulate a 3-fold vision for the City

## The highest-leverage approach to solving society’s Monster issues is ...

### To facilitate COLLECTIVE intelligence

- 1) See the Center for Wise Democracy [www.WiseDemocracy.org](http://www.WiseDemocracy.org)
- 2) Please support this work in any way you can

