

## THE CO-PRESIDENCY: A FIX FOR OUR COUNTRY

EVERY FOUR YEARS, AMERICA FLIPS A COIN. ONE SIDE CELEBRATES, THE OTHER FEELS LOCKED OUT. THE NEW PRESIDENT UNDOES THE LAST PRESIDENT'S POLICIES, AND THE CYCLE OF REVERSAL BEGINS AGAIN. MEANWHILE, URGENT PROBLEMS FROM THE ECONOMY TO HEALTHCARE TO NATIONAL SECURITY ARE LEFT HANGING IN LIMBO WHILE WASHINGTON FIGHTS ITSELF.

THIS ISN'T JUST FRUSTRATING. IT'S INEFFICIENT, COSTLY, AND DESTABILIZING. AND IT LEAVES HALF THE COUNTRY FEELING IGNORED AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

WHAT IF OUR SYSTEM MADE COOPERATION MANDATORY INSTEAD OF OPTIONAL? WHAT IF THE PRESIDENCY ITSELF WAS BUILT TO REPRESENT MORE THAN ONE SIDE OF AMERICA?

THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND THE **CO**-PRESIDENCY, A MODERN REFORM DESIGNED TO FORCE COLLABORATION, INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ENSURE THAT OUR NATION'S LEADERSHIP REFLECTS THE FULL SPECTRUM OF ITS PEOPLE, NOT JUST WHICHEVER HALF WON THE LAST ELECTION.

## HOW IT WORKS: CO-PRESIDENCY RULES

ALL LAWS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS REQUIRE AGREEMENT FROM BOTH PRESIDENTS.

NEITHER PRESIDENT CAN VETO THE OTHER'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS. A BILL VETO REQUIRES AGREEMENT FROM BOTH.

NO LIVE STREAMING OR PUBLIC DEBATES. NEGOTIATION HAPPENS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. AS DEBATES WOULD TURN PERSONAL AND WOULD FEED TO THE AUDIENCE, WHICH IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE MADE ONLY ONCE A UNIFIED DECISION IS REACHED.

SMALL DEVIATIONS (LIKE BROADCASTING DELIBERATIONS) WILL CAUSE THE SYSTEM TO FAIL.

## **MAKING IT REALITY: AMENDMENT PROCESS**

### **PROPOSAL**

- CONGRESSIONAL PROPOSAL: TWO-THIRDS OF HOUSE AND SENATE APPROVE.
- CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: TWO-THIRDS OF STATE LEGISLATURES CALL A CONVENTION.

### **DRAFTING**

- DEFINE CO-PRESIDENTS' ROLES, POWERS, AND DUTIES.
- ESTABLISH RULES FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION (BOTH MUST AGREE).
- CLARIFY SUCCESSION (VICE PRESIDENT TAKES OVER IF ONE CANNOT SERVE).
- USE PRECISE LANGUAGE TO AVOID JUDICIAL DISPUTES.

### **CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL**

- COMMITTEES REVIEW, DEBATE, AND VOTE.
- REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN BOTH CHAMBERS.

### **STATE RATIFICATION**

- SENT TO ALL 50 STATES; APPROVAL REQUIRES THREE-FOURTHS (38 STATES).
- PUBLIC OPINION AND BIPARTISAN SUPPORT ARE ESSENTIAL.

### **CERTIFICATION & IMPLEMENTATION**

- ONCE RATIFIED, THE AMENDMENT BECOMES LAW.
- CO-PRESIDENCY TAKES EFFECT, AND A NEW ERA BEGINS.

## **FAQ**

**Q: ISN'T THIS JUST LIKE THE ROMAN CONSULS?**

**A: NO. ROMAN CONSULS COULD VETO EACH OTHER, CREATING STALEMATES. OUR CO-PRESIDENCY IS DIFFERENT—BOTH PRESIDENTS MUST ACT TOGETHER.**

**Q: WON'T A CO-PRESIDENCY GRIND THE COUNTRY TO A HALT?**

**A: NO. THE IDEA THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FREEZE FOR MONTHS IS A**

**MYTH. PRESIDENTS DON'T GET TO DO NOTHING. IT'S THEIR JOB TO MAKE DECISIONS. TWO PRESIDENTS? SAME DEAL. GRIDLOCK ISN'T INEVITABLE; IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IF THE SYSTEM IS BUILT RIGHT.**

**Q: SO WHAT ACTUALLY CHANGES?**

**A: COOPERATION IS ENFORCED. ACTION IS UNAVOIDABLE. ACCOUNTABILITY IS REAL. THE CO-PRESIDENCY TURNS LEADERSHIP FROM A SOLO GAMBLE INTO A MACHINE OF SHARED DELIBERATION, CAPABLE OF SOLVING PROBLEMS WITHOUT SELF-DESTRUCTING EVERY 4–8 YEARS.**

## **CONCLUSION**

**THE CO-PRESIDENCY IS NOT ABOUT WEAKENING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT IT'S ABOUT STRENGTHENING OUR DEMOCRACY. BY REQUIRING COOPERATION, WE REDUCE DIVISION. BY DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY, WE ENSURE DECISIONS ARE MADE CAREFULLY. AND BY SHARING POWER, WE GUARANTEE THAT NO SINGLE ELECTION SILENCES HALF THE NATION.**

**OUR CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN AMENDED BEFORE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF A CHANGING COUNTRY. EACH TIME, THE GOAL WAS THE SAME: TO CREATE A SYSTEM THAT BETTER REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE IT SERVES. THE CO-PRESIDENCY FOLLOWS THAT TRADITION.**

**AMERICA HAS ALWAYS ADAPTED. NOW, FACED WITH UNPRECEDENTED DIVISION, IT'S TIME TO ADAPT AGAIN. A PRESIDENCY BUILT FOR TWO LEADERS, WORKING TOGETHER, COULD BE THE REFORM THAT HELPS US MOVE FORWARD AS ONE NATION.**