

*Declaration  
of  
Renewal*

*What We the People  
Who Attend Tea Parties  
~ in Body or Spirit ~  
Want*

*Many pundits and elected officials have said the Tea Party Movement is an act of "desperation." Well, if waking up at the eleventh hour to find our Country and Constitution have been hijacked is any excuse, then sure, we're feeling desperate. That's the Truth. But here's their spin. The word "desperation" and others like it have been carefully chosen, not out of concern for the facts, but to paint us in disparaging sound-bites. That way our critics can dismiss us with winks and snide comments like, "They don't even know what they want."*

*We'll have none of it! We know exactly what we want, but the critics don't like it because that particular sound-bite distills down to "Liberty!" And where "guilty" Americans are concerned, Liberty can't possibly pertain. So, for our friends in the media and other high places, we'll spell it out:*

*We want the Government's binge-spending to be reduced or repealed. It's breaking the Country – the US dynamo is winding down, despite all the words to "spin" it back up. And those "tax cuts?" Enjoy them today, because tomorrow's taxes will cut to the bone!*

*We want Government to adopt pay-as-you-go spending-rules at all levels; rules based on income derived from fair taxation. That means all taxes – Local, State, and Federal when added together from cradle to grave – should never exceed forty-nine percent of one's*

*Total Lifetime Income. Anything more is Slavery. And forty-nine percent is way too high. In times of National Emergency it could be justified, but otherwise a lifetime cap of twenty-five percent would keep better faith with our Heritage.*

*We want an end put to vilifying private sector achievers – the picking and polishing of a few bad apples to stir up class envy. Not that greed isn't plentiful on Wall Street, but these attacks really rankle when so many elites in Washington go unpunished for the corrupt parts they've played – and continue to play – in creating this mess!*

*We want Government to get the heck out of U.S. Corporations. Let the failures fail and restructure if they can, and let the rest operate without a political officer at their shoulder. Let the market absorb changes as intended. Yes, some controls to curb the excesses of Capitalism sound reasonable, but replace it with Socialism? No!*

*We want to know where the TARP money went. Why has its fate been kept secret when we were promised transparency? We want all the veils lifted from the Fed.*

*We want Energy and Environmental policies based on facts and science, not fear-mongering enabled by climate-modeling gurus and a PR machine. We want policies that take us into the future without*

*cutting off our past at the knees – policies that build a bridge, not a cliff.*

*We want to honor our immigrant roots, but we also want our borders closed and illegal immigration stopped. We want illegal aliens to be treated humanely but not given a free ride, and certainly not invited automatically into the political arena to become a paid-for voting-block for the Socialist Left.*

*We want the politically correct class to show a little more tolerance for those who've shown so much tolerance through the years we allowed "political correctness" to grow into a monster!*

*We want the World to understand that while we embrace Religious Freedom and Diversity, this Country's Founding was primarily influenced by Natural Law as interpreted through Christianity. Yes, the Founding Fathers espoused the separation of Church and State, but not separation from the Religious Values and Moral Imperatives needed to bind a Free and Responsible society: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." These threads run common to all peaceful religions, and we honor them.*

*We want term limits for elected officials, at least until such time as informed voters can make the point moot. Yes, now and then we may throw a "baby out with the bath water," but that sacrifice is needed to purge the cesspool our bath water has become. Case in point: In response to complaints about the "Stimulus" being rushed unread and un-debated through Congress, a speed reader was hired to read the "Cap and Trade" bill to Henry Waxman's Energy and Commerce Committee. They laughed. What more needs be said of their cynical contempt for due process and the people they represent?*

*We want leaders who revere the Original Constitution.*

*We want photo I.D.s and Proof of Citizenship made mandatory to enter a voting booth.*

*We want the First and Second Amendments to stand inviolate and un-infringed. Freedom of Speech and the Means to Defend It!*

*We want volunteerism to mean Volunteer-ism. The "Give Act" smacks of bribery, indoctrination, and coercion.*

*We want Liberals to stop chipping away at Conservative Values and Morality just to incite social breakdowns as a means to codify amorality.*

*We want an end put to the apologies for our Country's existence.  
Give credit where credit is due! For all the mistakes the U.S. has  
made, her positive influence far outweighs them.*

*We want our Veterans to be honored, not profiled!*

*We want full control of our National Sovereignty. No treaties  
attacking the Constitution, and no bench-rulings citing International  
Law.*

*We want the Federal Government to respect the Sovereignty of  
individual States. Let the Citizens of each State chart its destiny  
unencumbered by Federal mandates that overstep the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Amendment.*

*We want proper checks and balances restored in our Government. We  
want judges who legislate from the bench to be removed. We want the  
Executive Branch to be checked when it tries to sweep whole agencies  
under its wing, or when it appoints so many Czars even Russia  
would blush. We want the Legislature to be prohibited from using  
procedures to block inconvenient dissent. And we want Government to  
go on a fast - less Government, more Freedom!*

*We want Journalists to restore the sacred trust bequeathed to them.  
Denounce agenda-driven reporting - media bias - and tell us the*

*unvarnished facts. No more spin. Tell us the Truth – all sides of the story – when our elected officials have forgotten how or refuse to.*

*We want people to stop mouthing, “We hope this President is the best and most successful we’ve ever had.” Stop and think what that means: More takeovers of business; more undermining of our Rights; more picking through our pockets, our minds, and our bodies until we’re so numb we no longer remember or care what it means to be Free.*

*We want an end put to race-baiting. We’re not immune to the affirmation that would attend a successful Afro-American Presidency. But that does not make this administration’s policies correct, which in turn makes it all the more painful to realize how misguided they are. None of which makes us racist.*

*We want our fellow Citizens to wake up and realize that labeling your Conservative friends and neighbors “domestic security risks” is despicable profiling. The very fabric of the United States is being attacked. We’re trying to bar the door.*

*The first Tea Party mobilized a million or more people. For every person who attended there were dozens more who wished to. This was a peaceful outpouring of Patriotism on a Grand Scale. There were no vandalized buildings, no tear-gas grenades, no arrests, and we even*

*picked up our litter. What news could be bigger? But besides "desperation" and tawdry epithets, all the critics have said is, "What's next?" Well, in addition to June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, all the "Meet-ups," talk-show appearances, letters-to-editors, web-sites, handouts, and town hall meetings, please take the preceding as another down-payment.*

*If this makes us desperate, then we're guilty as charged – this Country is in the midst of a crisis. But we're not going away, and the more people we reach the more who will Wake Up and join us. We want to renew the Vision of Our Founding Fathers and restore the Liberty bequeathed to us. That's really all we want.*

*Respectfully yours, and God Bless  
We the People*