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As the years have passed, Jason’s campaign tome has grown increasingly prophetic and powerful, especially in the wake of the 2004 and 2008<sup>1</sup> elections.

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<sup>1</sup> The accuracy of this sentence depends on the publishing date of this book.

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## ★STEP 3★

# FIGHTING

Many people looking at Step #2 will say “Jason, how can I educate myself without money?” It is my hope that, in a search for an answer, they read on to Step #3: this step. My answer to this question is a compromise. I’ll **fight poverty** if you educate yourself. I’ll worry about the country. You can worry about you for right now.

The most important step to eliminating American poverty is to cut it off where it starts. Like so many processes, you have to turn the knob to stop the water coming from the hose. We have been flooded by the water of poverty for far too long, causing a puddle that we inevitably step in, soaking the cuffs of our pants or our unexpectedly non-waterproof shoes as we try avoid that same puddle. How do we stop the puddles from forming in the first place? We just have to find the knob.

That knob? The middle class. The same middle class that gives money to the homeless while still giving money to corporations for food and various other sundries. This generous wastefulness allows poverty to thrive, as best poverty can thrive and still be called poverty. The indecisive, unbalanced spending of the middle class is what is causing this economic see-saw to teeter. If we only eliminate the fulcrum, then the seesaw will be what it was before we started recklessly enjoying what it had to offer – A flat board, with handles on either side. A flat board may not be as fun as a see-saw, but now we can see each other eye-to-eye from either end of this very, very long board.

How do we eliminate the middle class without destroying lives in the process? It isn’t as simple as taxing the wasteful and paying those who save. The solution won’t simply appear out of thin air if we just make homelessness illegal. Nor can we expect the middle-class problem to be eliminated if we stand by and do nothing. The answer, as you may have guessed, involves doing all of these things.

As with so many national problems, we have to begin by eliminating the temptations that come with a free-market Democratic Republic. In this case, that temptation is the homeless. We can not, of course, ignore those tired, hungry and yearning to breathe free. Luckily, the point of most laws is not to ignore a problem but to address it as aggressively as possible. By making homelessness illegal, we then increase the responsibility of each American citizen to consider the homeless as equals. We will then share in our own fates while also following the letter of the law how we see fit. Whether finding them jobs, providing them with free housing or funding their recovery, we can all destroy the wastefulness crippling America.

## ★STEP 4★

# FIXING

The average reader might look at Steps 2 and 3 and ask themselves “How can I eliminate the middle class with liver disease or a hair lip?” That’s a good question that I take very seriously. And here’s my answer – **Fix healthcare.**

Sounds like a crazy idea, right? Well, an opinion like that just might cost you your life. If you don’t trust that a broken system can be fixed, there’s statistically almost no chance that system will be able to help you in your hour of most need. An unstable system requires the backbone of those it serves.

To begin our repairs, we need to make universal healthcare a reality. As daunting and all-encompassing as an idea that uses the word “universal” might seem, my potential opponents, detractors and existing politicians have thrown a monkey wrench into the process – their varying ideas on the subject. Many have proposed Federal mandates to allocate funds from taxation, bonds and liens to cover the inevitable initial cost of creating such an all-encompassing system. But I’ve simplified it.

Coming from a small town, I’ve seen what small-town governments can do to keep themselves running. Even with low taxes, a village can run itself with a surplus. A nation, even a people, is nothing more than the sum of its parts as seen from space. This is why we need healthcare covered by individual municipalities, rather than the whole of the Federal government. Again, the collective backbones, femurs and tibias of each town begin to create one national skeleton.

If we combine the local taxes and surpluses of all the villages, towns and cities of the US, we will most certainly have a great deal of money. Certainly, we can’t expect each of these municipalities to handle the funding individually. After all, how can a collective fund be utilized unless it is pooled together? If this money is all combined into some kind of nationwide trust or bank, it could then be dispersed from a central location on an as-needed basis to the ill and infirm. All of this without big-government intervention?

Yes.