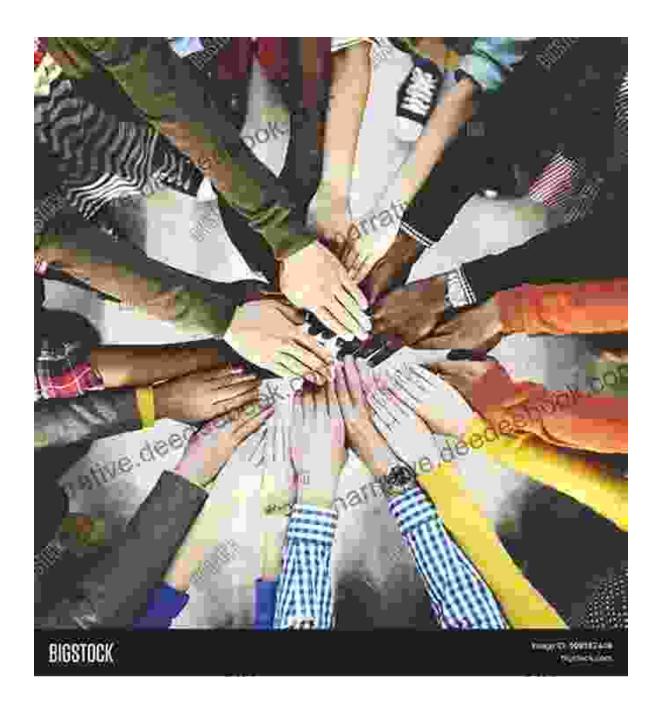
# **Empowering Citizens: A Comprehensive Handyman Plan for Political Reform**



In the current political climate, it is clear that our political system is in dire need of reform. The American people are rightly frustrated with the status quo, where special interests dominate the political process and the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out. This Handyman Plan for Political Reform outlines a comprehensive plan to address these issues and empower citizens to take back their democracy.



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### **Campaign Finance Reform**

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Our current campaign finance system is a broken mess. It allows wealthy individuals and corporations to exert undue influence over elections, while making it nearly impossible for ordinary citizens to have their voices heard. This plan proposes a number of reforms to fix this system, including:

- Public financing of elections: This would provide every candidate with a fair amount of funding, regardless of their personal wealth or fundraising ability. This would level the playing field and give all candidates a chance to compete.
- Limits on campaign spending: This would prevent candidates from spending unlimited amounts of money on their campaigns. This would

reduce the influence of money in politics and make it less likely that elections would be decided by the candidate who spends the most.

 Bans on corporate and special interest spending: This would prohibit corporations and special interests from spending money directly on political campaigns. This would prevent these groups from using their wealth to influence elections.

#### **Gerrymandering Reform**

Gerrymandering is the practice of drawing electoral districts in such a way as to give one political party an unfair advantage. This practice has been used to disenfranchise minority voters and undermine the democratic process. This plan proposes a number of reforms to address gerrymandering, including:

- Independent redistricting commissions: These commissions would be responsible for drawing electoral districts, and they would be made up of nonpartisan citizens. This would remove the partisan influence from the redistricting process and ensure that districts are drawn fairly.
- Use of technology to prevent gerrymandering: There are a number of software programs that can be used to detect gerrymandering. This plan would require states to use these programs when drawing electoral districts.
- Prohibition of partisan gerrymandering: This would make it illegal for states to draw electoral districts in a way that gives one political party an unfair advantage.

#### **Voter Suppression Reform**

Voter suppression is a serious problem in the United States. It is used to prevent people from voting, particularly people of color, low-income people, and young people. This plan proposes a number of reforms to address voter suppression, including:

- Automatic voter registration: This would automatically register all eligible Americans to vote. This would make it easier for people to register and vote, and it would reduce the likelihood of voter suppression.
- Early voting: This would allow voters to cast their ballots before Election Day. This would make it more convenient for people to vote, and it would reduce the likelihood of long lines and other problems on Election Day.
- Same-day voter registration: This would allow people to register to vote and cast their ballot on the same day. This would make it easier for people to vote, and it would reduce the likelihood of voter suppression.

#### **Other Reforms**

In addition to the above reforms, this plan also proposes a number of other reforms to empower citizens and improve our democracy. These reforms include:

• Ranked-choice voting: This would allow voters to rank candidates in order of preference. This would make it less likely that elections would be won by candidates who do not have the support of a majority of voters.

- Term limits for elected officials: This would limit the number of terms that elected officials can serve. This would help to prevent corruption and gridlock, and it would make it more likely that new ideas and perspectives would be brought into government.
- Increased transparency and accountability: This would require
  elected officials to disclose more information about their finances and
  their activities. This would make it easier for the public to hold elected
  officials accountable.

This Handyman Plan for Political Reform is a comprehensive plan to empower citizens and improve our democracy. These reforms would make it easier for people to vote, reduce the influence of money in politics, and make our government more responsive to the needs of the people. It is time for us to take back our democracy and make it work for all Americans.



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