

**Article 7. [Government for the people; they may change it]**

**That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community, and not for the particular emolument or advantage of any single person, family, or set of persons, who are a part only of that community; and that the community hath an indubitable, unalienable, and indefeasible right, to reform or alter government, in such manner as shall be, by that community, judged most conducive to the public weal.**

**Article 8. [Elections to be free and pure; rights of voters therein] That all elections ought to be free and without corruption, and that all voters, having a sufficient, evident, common interest with, and attachment to the community, have a right to elect officers, and be elected into office, agreeably to the regulations made in this constitution.**

**§ 2017. Undue influence: A person who attempts by bribery, threats, or any undue influence to dictate, control, or alter the vote of a freeman about to be given at a general election shall be fined not more than 200.00.**

I am an independent candidate who has entered the gubernatorial race in 2010 and 2012, I am here to tell you that even though “government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community, and not for the particular emolument or advantage of any single person, family set of persons,” That there is undue influence going on by a set of Vermont persons.

**This has nothing to do with campaign finances,** I don't care how much they raise, let money be speech, I don't care, I think that having a personal net worth of millions, and still begging for more from voters to get elected describes callous ignorance and a personal problem with narcissism.

**What bothers me is censorship by a small subset to limit the outcome of the races.**

I filed an emergency injunction in Burlington to insist that debate/forum hosts allow me to stand up and speak to my platform. That Judge failed to rule until the election was over, then he dismissed the matter as moot.

**I am an independent.** I am an independent because I happen to like the prevailing qualities of both parties, hard work, less government interference, tolerance, compassion and kindness, I do not think these are mutually exclusive, nor do I like the way the two parties have divided the American people. It's very close to a religious sort of choice. There are no hints of regulations in the Constitution that dictate a candidate must choose a party.

**Why not run for a lessor office?** I will tell you why. Money is used by everyone. People need to know to discuss monetary policy and stop accepting our monetary system as if it is a given. When Douglas stepped down needed the People of the State begin to talk about better economic policy in terms of monetary policy. In other words, what money is in circulation for describes the future, therefore how and where and when money comes into the economy is critical to the discussion. Money is an agreement to use an accounting system as a means of exchange. It is something the people of this State need to talk about, and so running for Governor to present a platform based on an improved monetary system is important for the general welfare. I didn't expect to win. I expected to present winning policy, but a small group of people censored me.

Incidentally, at the very end of 2010 election uncensored Candidate Shumlin shook on a plan that he would meet me in person after the election about monetary systems as he gave me his word to do so, and I asked my

supporters to vote for him. It is 2014 he has yet to give me one minute of the meeting he promised me.

**By 2012 I had expanded my platform** to be comprehensive, and included measures to lead us away from family farm failures. Perma-Farm policy is what I call it. I went to all the editors, in person and spoke about my platform -I felt an urgency because the farms were failing, the financial empire was creating homelessness, joblessness all around the state. But no newspaper would print a story about my policies, no debate host would allow me in to speak to it. Vermonters had no way to know about the hopeful prospects of these reforms. I did not expect to win, I still don't expect to win, but I should be able to present winning policy reforms as a balloted candidate.

**If the press covered me it was in ridicule**, I was a "fringe" candidate, to Seven Days in 2010, in 2012 I was not even named as a candidate except as winning a fashion poll in October. I was someone who "not equal" to Shumlin or Brock and "who didn't have anything to say, or if (I) did didn't know how to say it." according to VT Digger, and but mostly they plain out refused mention my candidacy.

BFP gave Brock a multi page profile, a huge unpaid advertisement of his platform, but when I requested a similar one, they didn't think the public had any need to know that an independent earth activist with comprehensive economic reform proposals was present as a candidate. They didn't write a single word about my platform.

**One spring day in 2012 day I called a press conference to announce my presence in the race.** I drove 3 hours to make myself easy to access to the major news. I had a supporter with me. I stood there, it was a lovely day, on the Burlington town hall steps,

**In 2012 VPR, Channel 3, 5 and 22, BFP, VLCT, WDEV, UVM and VPIRG hosts censored me from the public debates and forums they hosted, and that they advertised as public events.** For the record I'd politely ask candidate Brock and Gov. Shumlin as they appeared for each public debate event to champion my constitutional right to participate, remember the constitution says that "all voters have a right to be elected into office" and that "government ought not to be for the benefit of a subset of people". Each one, at the entrance to each debate would repeat the same exact words, as if they had rehearsed together. They each said, each time, "It's not my debate". And they'd rush by, whisked on in by their paid staff and the hosts.

**I am tired of respecting the process and others and being disrespected in return.** I refuse to get arrested just for the publicity of it. That's a stupid way to earn voter's respect.

**The fear** of too many disrespectful people running and getting into debates can be handled with simple rules that describe proper debate decorum, lack of signs, costumes, props, good language etc. All you know that running a statewide campaign is no afternoon activity. This is a government of and by the people, and running for office is the best way to reform it, unless you prefer revolution, and we are beginning to see signs of that with the occupy movement.

Today I am asking you to end the censorship, it is constitutionally and statutorily illegal and creates a fraudulent fixed outcome.

**In 2012 three candidates showed up for every single debate, but only two were present as far as the public knew.** So this very small subset of Vermonters, maybe a couple of hundred, if that- All the people who host debates and forums VPR, VLTC, Channel 5, Channel 3, 22 BFP, and was it UVM/ VPIRG at the Sheraton AARP, though they didn't last hold one in 2012, have unified in their censorship of my candidacy, they will say don't have 5% of the votes, and that is the threshold I need to make for them to take me seriously. I can find no legal rule, regulation or statute that states I don't have a right to be a legitimate candidate until I first get 5% of the votes. Candidate Brock had not gotten 5 % himself, but that was overlooked by the debates hosts on account of his party. The debate hosts and the press hid my efforts from the people of Vermont. They decided who the public was going to choose. These corporate hosts exerted undue influence over the outcome of the election by not allowing me to respectfully participate in what they told the public were public debates and forums. They acted as if the people of Vermont only had two choices, that only two people showed up to interview for the job, because that is what the debates and forums are, aren't they? Interviews for the job of Governor.

**The Castleton Polls do not name the independent candidate.** They only name the ones that they want too. If the polls and the hosts can hide me from the public with law enforcement support, it influences the outcome. In fact it dictates it and limits the outcome to one of two possibilities. If I behave respectfully, is there any reason this small group of Vermonters can maintain I am valueless to the public ? Tell me how could I hope to get votes if I am so disrespected by the hosts ? They claim it's their freedom of speech to censor my presence. But I will say, they aren't speaking at all, they are gagging my speech and calling it their speech, in fact they are exerting undue influence over the voters by their censorship of my presence.

**In 2014 unless you prevent them the debate hosts will bar me once again,** Gov. Shumlin will not defend the legal principles of our Constitution, he will not have the courage to stand up for my legal right to participate as a candidate. There are people who would like to vote for me, but who don't want to throw their vote away on someone so severely discriminated against as a candidate. I meet people who would have voted for me if they knew I was running,. As long as this subset is allowed to censor me, the elections will be unpure and the results tainted by their undue influence.

**What are the Governor and the hosts afraid of? That I could make them look silly? That my policies might be better? That the public might like them and support my candidacy?**

**Isn't that what free and pure elections is all about? The public should have the right has a right to hear their choices. The election is the public's choice to make, this small set of people should not have the right to limit the who the public sees in debate . Democracy and candidate censorship don't belong in the same sentence.** It's corruption of elections, to gag some candidates and promote others. Censorship of the public's choices is corruption of the election process. Censorship is not a constitutionally guaranteed freedom, no law gave the debate hosts the right to censor candidates, they just take it and in so doing have altering the outcome of elections.

You have 4 independents in the house who will be barred from ever debating in an election should they wish to run for statewide office. The amendment I am proposing will protect the public's right to know of their candidate choices, and will protect the debate hosts from whacko candidates, and will provide me the lawful respect to propose reforms that I believe are critically helpful for Government.

### Personal experience at debates

At **VPR** the supporters for Randy Brock even chanted that they wanted everyone meaning me to be allowed to participate, they wanted me to be included. But VPR the supposed channel for the public, said that FCC didn't make them, and they weren't going to let me debate. They had a policeman protecting their censorship of me. They said it was simply a long standing policy they weren't going to change for me. Channel 3, Channel 22, WDEV, VPIRG, and Burlington Free Press over three debates practically coo-ed at the Governor as he walked in, again Peter said, its not my debate, and when I (again) mentioned the constitution he answered, "I don't own the free press.....yet."

**VLCT** which was held at the Champlain Fair had a no show by Shumlin. There was Randy standing all by himself with 2 hours to fill, and I asked them to include me for the benefit of Vermonters. Despite their stated mission to "serve and strengthen Vermont local government", they did not allow me to debate. I asked Randy would he stand up to the VLTC to allow me to participate in the forum, wouldn't it be more interesting to have some opposing views? He, once again, shrugged and said it wasn't his debate. I filmed all this by the way. I couldn't believe that the VLTC would practice this kind of censorship given their mission.

At the forum held in Burlington by **UVM** in 2012, I was told I couldn't participate, so I sat in the front row, and watched Randy talk for a long time, and then they had to wait because Peter Shumlin was late, The host told everyone to be patient for the Governor to show up. Everyone waited while the stage was empty. They had already told me I couldn't participate, even though my platform is more environmentally beneficial than the both of theirs combined. I screwed up my courage, and stepped up to the podium and asked the public the right to speak to my platform, seeing as they had to wait around anyway for 15 minutes for the Governor to arrive. The host was aghast, she promised me time after the Governor. But when the Governor arrives she whispers in his ear, he looks at me, and after he is done she follows him out of the room encouraging the crowd to do so. Everyone's clapping and exiting. She didn't come back to announce me. So I get on the stage and ask people to stay and listen, I actually beg them. I felt so completely humiliated, it was one of the hardest moments I have ever lived through, to have so much to offer and for all the right reasons, and to be so completely dismissed, it was ridiculous. I began to speak to the backs of the crowd leaving. Only a tiny handful stayed, I meantime am mortified and shaken by the disrespectfulness of the crowd and the host. VT Digger and all the rest of the press scurried out of the banquet hall after the Governor. I am trying to gather myself, feeling totally scorned and shunned, and I begin to speak to some of the issues about big wind. The host comes back and she comes up to the stage and interrupts me, she says: I won't let you talk against big wind here, we all support it. She actually tells me this. So I say, okay, can I speak about hemp? she says okay. I fought the overwhelming dismay that welling up as a visceral thing in my body, and pulled myself together to say a word or two about how we could reemploy so many with an agricultural hemp crop and do much green work. When I left that debate I cried all the way to Putney it was such an exercise in public humiliation. I cannot imagine her interrupting Peter Shumlin the Democratic or Randy Brock. Republican candidate and telling them they can't talk about big wind.

At the **Channel 5** debate at the Leahy Center I came with my camera and they let me in the doors, they thought I was media. Stuart Leadbetter spots me, signals to the others. A big tall man maybe 6'7" comes up to me and press his belly against me and my camera he is standing so close, telling me I have to leave. It is a sexual dominating stance he takes on me. The news Director Sidha steps over, I ask to watch the debate they won't let me by part of. He says I can come back in, if I will step out in the hall with him where we can talk. He takes me out into the hall and asks me about my camera. We have a long conversation about my film/and tv work. He tells me that I didn't work hard enough in the off season to make a name for myself as a candidate, and implies that's why I am not included, he also says I haven't gotten 5% of the vote. I said well neither did Randy Brock and you have invited him. Here's where it gets interesting, he says he has a prior agreement with the 2 candidates to limit the debate to their participation.

