



The Cry for Regeneration

USA: A Cry for Regeneration

Unfortunately, both Democratic and Republican politicians in the U.S. appear to have lost touch with reality and the needs of everyday working class, middle class, low-income, and rural communities. America's political duopoly appears hell-bent on demonizing "the other party" for partisan gain meanwhile working full-time for their respective donors in the billionaire class, with their primary paymasters coming from corporate agribusiness, Big Pharma, Silicon Valley, Wall Street, the fossil fuels industry, and the military-industrial complex.

Establishment Democrats and Republicans (with a few exceptions) behaved like indentured puppets and Orwellian authoritarians during the COVID-19 crisis, utterly failing to expose the true origins, nature, virulence, prevention, and treatment of the SARS-CoV-2 lab-engineered virus. Both parties went along with the Gates-Fauci-Big Pharma narrative that the underlying diet-and environmentally related comorbidities of COVID-19 victims (over 90% of all COVID deaths occurred in elderly, obese, or severely health-compromised people) are simply a "fact of life" that cannot be addressed, and continue to lump together "dying from COVID" with multiple comorbidities to "dying with COVID" based upon a non-diagnostic COVID PCR test.

Leaders of both parties, ignoring the science, have tried to tell us that only Trump/Biden "Warp Speed" experimental vaccines (ineffective and causing serious and deadly side effects for millions), rushed to market would be able to "save us."

With Establishment Democrats and Republicans continuing to discredit themselves, Trumpers and Progressives alike, it's time for a new grassroots rising. It's time for a game-changing grassroots-powered politics based upon Regeneration, rather than "business as usual" and "politics as usual."

A Regeneration Revolution will require us to revitalize and re-carbonize our soils and vegetation; rehydrate our deserts and semi-arid lands; rejuvenate our forests; nurture soil fertility; stop erosion; recharge our ground water and aquifers; restore our wildlife and pollinizer habitats; and preserve and restore our marine eco-systems.

This Great Regeneration, alongside a renewable energy revolution, will re-stabilize the climate by reducing greenhouse gas pollution and drawing down excess CO₂ (currently 419 ppm) from the atmosphere, returning this excess carbon to where it belongs, in our soils and landscapes, utilizing the miraculous power of human stewardship, animal husbandry, and natural photosynthesis.

This regeneration of our lands and environment, in turn, will help us restore our natural immune systems and revitalize public health (both physical and mental), bring together our fractured body politic, restore rural economic livelihoods, create jobs, and reduce the economic pressures that bring about forced migration.

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El Grito ("The Cry")

OCA and our allies have campaigned for years against GMOs, toxic pesticides, and so-called "Free Trade" agreements such as the 1994 NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), the 2020 U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and WTO (World Trade Organization) treaties and regulations. These trade agreements put the profits of multinational corporate agribusiness and the GMO/agrotoxics complex ahead of the needs of family farmers and ranchers, while undermining public health, the environment, and climate stability.

In Mexico our sister organizations such as Via Organica and networks such as Sin Maiz no hay Pais ("without corn there is no country"), and the Real Tortilla Project have achieved notable successes through litigation and grassroots lobbying, with federal courts banning the commercial planting of GMO corn and soybeans, and the Mexico City government announcing a phase-out of Monsanto/Bayer's Roundup/glyphosate and the importation of millions of tons of GMO corn as livestock feed. In addition, Mexico has signed the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and the "4 for 1000" Soils for Climate and People agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to sequester excess atmospheric CO₂ through regenerative farm and land-use practices. The federal government recently announced that agroecology is now the official national organizing principle for agriculture and food policies.

While we are pleased to see the Mexico government (led by President Lopez Obrador and the MORENA Party-the Movement for National Regeneration) make these announcements, and will work overtime for similar policy changes in the U.S. and internationally, the time has come to move from promises and rhetoric to action.

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Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation

Paul Hawken's new book, *Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation*, offers up a broad vision and strategy for the global Regeneration Movement along the lines of what we and our fellow Regeneration International founder Vandana Shiva has always said: "Regenerative agriculture provides answers to the soil crisis, the food crisis, the climate crisis and the crisis of democracy."

As Kirkus Reviews describes Hawken's new book: "In order to mitigate the disastrous effects of climate change, we must figure out ways to contain carbon and reduce the surface temperature of a rapidly overheating globe... 'Regeneration,' as Hawken conceives it, is a project that restores every corner of the world to health. The process involves replanting overlogged forests, cleaning up the oceans, bringing sustainable power to consumers, and inculcating a new attitude of respect for all forms of life on the planet, among other goals. Hawken and a phalanx of contributors examine carefully pinpointed strategies."

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