



THE TRUTH ACT

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"The internal effects of a mutable policy are still more calamitous. It poisons the blessing of liberty itself. It will be of little avail to the people, that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man, who knows what the law is to-day, can guess what it will be to-morrow. Law is defined to be a rule of action; but how can that be a rule, which is little known, and less fixed?"

-Alexander Hamilton / James Madison

THE TRUTH ACT makes the bills simple—not "voluminous"—and easy to understand—not "incoherent"—for both legislators and the American people. Thus, it will be beneficial to the people, and to the Republic, that "laws are made by men of their own choice."

T The bills (including amendments) put forth by legislators are to be limited to single subjects, and **THIRTY** pages, with U.S. legal code interpretations in the side margins. An accompanying version of the bill is to be written in 5th grade reading level for easy and nationwide comprehension.

R The bills (and consequent amendments) are to be **READ** by the legislators - the new amendments are to be underlined with the old version included for clarity. They are to be available for the American people to read - at least thirty days before voting.

U The bills (and consequent amendments) are to be **UNDERSTOOD** by the legislators.

T Before voting on the bills, Congressmen and Senators are to **TESTIFY** under oath that they have read and understood the bills and consequent amendments to the bills.

H The American people are to **HEAR** the proposed - and final - version of the bills. The bills are to be read on camera and put online so that the people may **HEAR** (as well as read) the bill at least 30 days before voting on the bill occurs.

The indeterminably disastrous effects of such voluminous and incoherent bills such as the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), Dodd Frank, the Patriot Act and the upcoming Immigration Bill are all examples of bills that were/are too voluminous and incoherent for both legislators and the American people, leading to America's demise and Americans' loss of liberty.

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