

ENVIRONMENT TAKE ACTION

Thank you very much

I would like to say that I think we have a problem.

The meek, we know, shall inherit the earth, but it may not be much worth having when the strong get through with it.

Now, I ask you: who did you identify with in that statement, the meek or the strong?

It is a fact that there is a yin and a yang to our politics, and we progressive reformers tend to be the yinnies and our opponents are the yangers.

They are out there drilling holes in the wilderness preserve for oil, and we are three-hole punching our manuals on inclusiveness.

They are bulldozing the forests for plywood to build Wal-Marts and subdivisions, and we are planning sensitivity retreats in the park.

They are pushing for Star Wars, and we are feeling guilty for being in Starbucks.

We sign up with Working Assets, and they buy themselves an entire working Congress.

We don't stand a chance, except for three little things.

One: Our individual votes count the same as their

individual votes,
and there are more of us, if we will just vote.

Two: They are in it for the money. We are in it for love. When your heart is in your work, you have a great advantage, if you also have the courage to live out your emotions.

Three: We have a plan, and they don't. Our plan is to get their money out of our democracy by passing, in every state, a program to publicly finance campaigns. We have won in four states. We are on the march. *Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Oregon*

If you will go to the states where your help is needed in this movement, you will be like those courageous young people who went bravely into the South to end the segregation of the 1950s. Help is needed right now in the Clean Election campaigns of Oregon, in Missouri, and in Michigan.

I am going to go help. I hope you will, too.

We are up against strong and ruthless opponents, and, yes, my young friends, the fate of the earth is in the balance.

But if we vote and get others to vote --and to vote our hearts, letting the chips fall where they may; and, further, if we require ourselves to be fully and ethically engaged in this battle; and if we go where we have a plan that can make a difference, then we will be able to save our democracy and our earth from the harsh future that awaits us, if we wait meekly in apathy.

Vote Make a moral and physical commitment. And go where the action is. Let's forge our friendships in the fire

OF A FIGHT WORTH OUR VERY LIVES.
THANK YOU