"Democracy is not what we have. It is what we do."

-- Frances Moore Lappé and Paul Du Bois

Thank you for being here. We are showing that the American people will not just stand by while our government commits unilateral acts of aggression against another people.

However, if you, like me, are not satisfied with protests – if you are worried that our methods for practicing democracy are no longer serving the will of We The People – if you are looking for a way out of partisan politics – if you are looking for ways to create a wiser democracy in which we go beyond conflicted issues to actually solve today’s complex problems and create a shared future that we truly want...

I invite you to help awaken and empower the wisdom of the people by learning about and promoting the techniques and tools for deliberative democracy that are available to us now and are in use around the world.

To find out more, read:
A Call to Move Beyond Public Opinion to Public Judgment
http://www.co-intelligence.org/CIPol_publicjudgment.html

"The Tao of Democracy, Using Co-intelligence to create a world that works for all”

The Co-Intelligence Institute * PO Box 493 * Eugene, OR 97440
http://www.co-intelligence.org * http://www.democracyinnovations.org
“I've been involved in social change work for four decades. I and others almost always felt a justifiable sense of urgency. But our short-term focus undermined our ability to see our urgent issues and suffering AS SYMPTOMS MADE INEVITABLE BY DEEPER REALITIES -- realities which could only be addressed with longer-term strategies.

I've come to believe we'll only succeed -- in the long haul -- to the extent we apply our energy and attention more strategically, and at deeper levels. I believe more of us need to shift FROM concentration on issues TO focusing on the capacity of society to deal with issues well.”

– Tom Atlee, Director of the Co-intelligence Institute

Hope and hopelessness, these are spectator sports. Engage, pay attention, within your world there is a place of action that calms and strengthens the heart.

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More Resources:
John Gastil's BY POPULAR DEMAND (UC Press, 2000)
Dialogue to Action Initiative http://www.thataway.org
Healthy Democracy http://www.healthydemocracy.org
Civic Practices Network http://www.cpn.org
Center for Wise Democratic Practices http://www.wisedemocracy.org
Deliberative Democracy Consortium http://www.deliberative-democracy.net/
"Things to do to make a difference with co-intelligence" http://www.co-intelligence.org/thingstodo.html
Essays about activism http://www.co-intelligence.org/CIPol_CIactivism.html
"Democracy and the Evolution of Societal Intelligence"