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I just listened to another talk show where everyone couldn't understand the low turnout at out elections. Let me tell you why I think lots of people don't care anymore.

Every single politician has every single answer to every single problem if only people did what they want all the time. Of course we all know that no one has all the answers.

The government machine in power is almost impossible to stop, and I don't mean certain politicians, I mean the bureaucracy as a whole just rolls on.

Politicians play by their own rules and they change the rules to suit themselves. Gus Savage is a racist who fans the flames of racism at every opportunity.

Barney Frank's transgressions are already forgotten.

Speaker of the house Wright will never answer to a special prosecutor about his large role in the savings and loan fiasco. Speaker Wright came to Washington broke and left a millionaire, gee I thought all congressmen were broke the way you hear them talk about their small salary.

Senator Cranston is on the banking comm. to select the man to save the banks. Senator Cranston is one of the men responsible for the banking crisis and is one of several politicians Keating had in his pocket and has no right to be on that comm.

Tony Cuello was also heavily involved in the bank fiasco but he'll never see a special prosecutor either.

Gerrymandering makes a mockery of the constitution by thwarting the will of the people. The political party in power carves up the districts so that their party gets more seats at the expense of the weak party.

In California Republican districts had a large increase in people (registered Republican voters). Democrats used computers to carve up the districts so that the number of Republican seats went down, and the number of Democratic seats went up. This served two purposes, it weakened the Republican party at the state level and also at the Federal level.

Politicians always want more money for everything, maybe the reason is that its not their money.

Aid to Panama is stalled because of amendment on D.C. abortion tacked on the bill at last minute by someone for political reasons just to embarrass the president.

Budget process is in gridlock in D.C. for political reasons.

Important issues are ignored during campaigns while we concentrate on the most trifling issues of nothingness.

Congress is already falling over themselves to see who can cut defense the most. They are chomping at the bit to spend the peace dividend on their own pet projects. Sen. Kennedy didn't even mention the deficit when he was asked where he thought the money should go.

Presidential appointment process is also in a shambles because congress wants the perfect man. Well perfection is not the human condition, and the Democrats will find out when they try and get their men confirmed someday, and that day will come. I hope the Republicans make life just as miserable for the Democrats.

Sen. Kennedy has NO RIGHT lecturing anybody about perfection. I wish somebody would remind him of the bridge and Mary Joe some day when he gets on his high horse of perfection.

Ethics committees move with lightning speed against Republicans and like frozen molasses against Democrats.

Most of congress is only worried these days about the next election and not about the countries good.

Politicians used to try and do the right thing (usually) for the right reasons, but now its almost always for political reasons for the next headline, looking at the next election.

In Illinois all state politicians are going to get 14% raise for doing nothing, you see the politicians fixed it so that both houses have to say no to stop the raise. If no one says anything they get the raise. So you see they get the best of both worlds, they get a raise without voting for one, and they can tell the voters they did not vote for a raise, by the way we have a budget crisis here also but the politicians want a raise and the budget be damned.

In Illinois the state constitution says the state has the responsibility for education, but somehow that responsibility got passed down to the property tax, and the property owners pay most of the education bill.

Every time congress gets a tax increase they spend \$1.52 for every new \$1.00 in revenue.

Congress spent 50 million and more on Ollie North. And what did they find? Ollie did put a fence up around his family. Oh yes Ollie lied to congress, well gee doesn't congress lie to us at least every election. Where is the special prosecutor to investigate the congress that lies to the people?

People are fed up with the hypocrisy of politics of today.

There is no justice in the political arena of today, only raw power.

I sometimes wonder if TV cameras in congress was a mistake.

Down here in trenches with little people during election time we vote for the least of two evils.

Is it any wonder that such a small number vote at election time.

Forgive me, but the entire political process is in jeopardy right now and I sometimes wonder if we will survive as a nation.

Today's politicians have lost touch with the people of this nation.

A lot of politicians want the Capital gains tax changed, what a joke.

I listen to these guys talk about what tax rates are for people who make \$100,000 or more. Well I have news for them most people in this nation don't even make \$25,000 a year so who are these politicians trying to fool. Seems to me these politicians are forgetting who pays the bills.

Oh yes by the way, lots of politicians and lots of network correspondents don't even answer their mail anymore so consequently you don't even know if your voice has been heard.

And now the politicians have the perfect answer to raising taxes and not be blamed for it. Just refuse to raise taxes at all, the supreme court will force them to raise taxes, and the politician can then blame the court at the next election, the taxpayer gets the bill and the political system smiles all the way to the bank.

The above are just some of the reasons people don't vote anymore.

I'm tired of politicians and certain members of the press being surprised at the low turnout at the elections.

The truth is that many people are disgusted, turned off or what ever you want to call it with the political system of today and no longer feel a part of it.

What a system we used to have, at least it seemed to work, because brother the system we have today is on a runaway train to destruction.

Respectfully

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