



The WorldVoter

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Vote World Parliament

— democratic world parliament through a global referendum —

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THE SCORE

As of January 16, 2011, 21,562 people have voted. So far, the votes are 95.4% in favor of creating a democratic world parliament.

Quotes of the month

Vote World Parliament appears to be making great strides on the Internet. Your work, I believe, will prove to be enormously helpful to achieving a democratic world federation. Dr. Roger Kotila, Board Chair, DWF (Democratic World Federalists) USA Vice President, WCPA (World Constitution and Parliament Association)

I must congratulate you both on a very slick little app here (the VWP voting booth). It looks totally professional. If the press needs a contact, give them my phone number and I'll hype them until they beg for mercy. Jim, we're going to win this one. From an email to Jim Stark and Ted Stalets dated January 7, 2011 from **Dwight Gilbert Jones**, author of *The Humanist* (a novel; available for free download as an Ebook at <https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/6769>).

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News in brief

New Board member

Dwight Gilbert Jones, from Vancouver, British Columbia on Canada's west coast, is the author of *The Humanist*, and has offered to join our Board and help us achieve our goals (see quote, above). He is now on our Board, and here's his mini-bio:

Dwight Jones is a Humanist writer of speculative fiction and a businessman in Vancouver, Canada. He studied physics, philosophy and biosciences at McGill, Simon Fraser and Berkeley. A former computer manufacturer, laboratory owner and founding Internet provider in BC's Gulf Islands, his focus now is on the deployment architecture of AED (defib) devices. His writings are dedicated to reviving Humanism as a positive philosophy, free of its appropriation by over-reaching atheists. A dedicated UN supporter, he feels that the UNPA will become the cornerstone institution of our species' future governance, and that worldwide referenda will break the grip of nationalist elites on the human family. His websites are: www.humanism.ws and www.elevaed.com.

Press Release coming end of January

The co-presidents of VWP, Ted Stalets and Jim Stark, are issuing a media release in two weeks or so. The point is that we know how to make our global referendum go "viral" on the Internet, using our new "voting booth" initiative. *Billions* of people want world peace more than anything else, but "common knowledge" tells them that it's just a pipedream, a fantasy that we trot out and salute every Christmas—only to be tucked away a few weeks later with the lights and the tinsel. And yet for all our lip service, and even allowing for a large amount of sincere desire, human beings have fought wars ever since they could pick up sticks and throw stones, and if the past is any teacher, we will keep doing that until we nuke ourselves into oblivion—probably this century.

Some of us are fed up, and intend to start a revolution—a peaceful, political revolution, but a true revolution all the same. We have a practical device, the portable voting booth, that permits the human species to collect a global mandate for the creation of a directly-elected, representative and democratic world parliament in the next decade. If we have that global mandate in hand, there is no nation or group of nations that can tell the whole of humanity to get lost. If we build it, it will legislate to criminalize war ... among other things. So will people say: "Hey, here's a cool new tool that will get us the pipedream we'd pretty much given up on?" Hard to say, but my bet is that humanity will say "yes" to the vehicle and to the destination.

The press release is embargoed for the present, but this article isn't, so feel free to send it around to all your contacts. And if you want your name added to a list of those who will receive the press release the day it goes out to the media, send us your name and email address (send to voteworldparliament@webruler.com) and we'll send the press release to you in the hope that you will send it on to every reporter and journalist that you know ... and anyone else you think might appreciate a new future for our world.

Video: How to embed the VWP voting booth on your website or Facebook page

To see the portable ballot on a website, go to www.LifeProfilesBooks.com and click on the graphic link. These graphic links are available in 53 languages (via Google Translate; see <http://voteworldparliament.org/shadowbox/getballot.html>). For detailed instructions

on how to embed the voting booth, see www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAIe-wIsU7U for a video, and www.voteworldparliament.org/votingboothinstructions.pdf for an illustrated static presentation. There are four small icons on the bottom of the ballot, for Facebook, Twitter, Linked-in and Blogger. The ballot installs in these applications automatically if you click on the appropriate icon and then log into your account.

(Great truckloads of gratitude to Ted Stalets for the long days of arduous work he put into conceptualizing and actualizing this voting booth gizmo. Extremely well done, sir.)

New book on global governance

Random House has published a new book called *How to Run the World: Charting a Course to the Next Renaissance*, by Parag Khanna. Reviews and links to book vendors are on his personal website page for [HOW TO RUN THE WORLD](#).

Here is Jim Stark's return email (the key paragraphs) to Parag Khanna:

Congratulations on the publication of your new book, *How to Run the World*. I have put a notice about it in the next issue of our newsletter, *The WorldVoter*.

When you talk about enlisting companies and NGOs and "others" into a global governance decision-making body, I must wonder what happens to the principles of democracy? Who picks the companies, the NGOs, or those un-named and somewhat mysterious "others" you refer to? And when you speak of "delivering" solutions, who are they delivered to, and who enforces the rules or laws that would be required to make solutions stick and work? (I could go on, as you may have guessed by now.)

I am far from convinced that you have put your finger on something that is better than (or, for that matter, equal to or comparable to) democracy. My book, *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*, applies democratic principles to global governance. And our NGO, Vote World Parliament (see www.voteworldparliament.org), actually provides the mechanism (a global referendum) whereby we can choose, *if we want*, to create a directly-elected, representative and democratic world parliament that is authorized to legislate on global issues.

New coalition a possibility for the global referendum?

Hundreds of organizations and thousands of scholars have been talking about the idea of a world government/parliament since WWII, to no great avail. This is why Vote World Parliament calls itself (colloquially) a "one trick pony" (we often add "but what a trick"). VWP is focused almost exclusively on how to actually create a world parliament, leaving the scholarly discourse (mostly) to others. Now, after six years, other "mundialist" outfits are beginning to recognize that our limited focus was a wise and critical decision. While meaning no disrespect to others, we point out that it's not that useful to kick around the details of a hypothetical world parliament unless there is at least the prospect of achieving that goal sometime in the foreseeable future.

Anyone who is familiar with VWP knows our basic strategy. Collect a compelling global mandate for the creation of a world parliament, and no person, group, nation, collection of nations or any other force will be able to prevent us from constructing what the human

race has voted for. By “compelling,” we mean that at least half of the world’s adults have voted, and at least 67% of those votes are in the “yes” column. If this is the case, we think that should be seen as legally binding under international law, and we think that it should be politically compelling even if it is not universally accepted as legally binding.

Our strategy had to answer another key question. Can such a global referendum be done. Yes, it can be started over the Internet (it can even be finished over the Internet), and if it acquires momentum there, it can be turned over to the UN to run a formal world vote (see UN resolution at <http://voteworldparliament.org/allies-initiatives/draft-un-resolution/>). It is our thinking that while we can finish the global referendum on the Internet, the better way is through the UN, since that way each nation would be called upon to do a national referendum in tandem with a national election, which brings into play national resources like official voters’ lists and scrutineers, thus preventing most voter fraud.

But how to get the momentum established on the Internet. Well, we have been striving to accomplish that for more than six years now, but frankly, we weren’t *fully* prepared until now. Go to <http://voteworldparliament.org/shadowbox/getballot.html> and you’ll see our amazing new portable voting booth. This device means we know how to make the global referendum go viral on the Internet. But there is one proviso; other NGOs (and hopefully churches, unions, entertainment and sports stars, companies, etc.) will have to help out, to get those they can influence to cast their votes, and get them to vote “yes.”

In order to achieve this, VWP is prepared to give up control of the global referendum to a new Board of Directors made up of representatives of these various groups ... at the right time and in a way that assured the continued integrity of the initiative. To those who may be interested in playing a role in this potentially historic plan I say this; join us now. Let’s launch this global referendum such that no amount of fear mongering can bring us down.

Recommended article

“How the Earth will look in the year 3000,” By Bill Graveland, *The Canadian Press* | *Metro – Sun*, 9 Jan 12:02 PM EST <http://ca.news.yahoo.com/earth-look-3000-20110109-090200-319.html>

The 12 “talking points” of WCPA

The following talking points were sent to us by Dr. Roger Kotila, an American activist in the quest for a world constitution and parliament (see Quotes of the Month above). They can be found at www.earthfederation.info. Glen T. Martin (the Secretary-General, World Constitution and Parliament Association) has added an “explanatory text” on his web site at www.radford.edu/~gmartin.

Earth Federation / Earth Federation Talking Points

#1 Replaces the global war system with a global peace system

#2 Disarmageddon

#3 Replaces the “new world order” with a democratic world order

#4 Saves beneficial United Nations agencies

#5 Protects and expands core values — freedom, liberty, independence, democracy

#6 Love of family and country

#7 More local control with increased resources

#8 Freedom of religion

#9 First green constitution

#10 Ecological principles embedded in Earth Constitution

#11 Good government

#12 Protection against tyranny