



The American Mainspring Project

Build what people need. Repair what no longer works. Make systems serve human life.

FIVE PROMISES

1. Make government work.
2. Build enough, build well.
3. Guarantee the foundations of a dignified life.
4. Share the gains of innovation.
5. Protect and renew democracy.

TEN PILLARS

- 01 Human-Centered Democracy.** Elections easy to participate in and hard to corrupt; fair representation.
- 02 Government That Works.** Judged by delivery; every tax break proves its public value.
- 03 Foundations of a Dignified Life.** Universal healthcare, care, food security, and economic security.
- 04 Build Enough, Build Well.** End housing scarcity; build infrastructure that lasts.
- 05 Climate Renewal & Resilience.** Clean energy and good jobs; the cheapest disaster is the one prevented.
- 06 Innovation With Public Return.** When public investment creates private wealth, the public gets a share.
- 07 Fair Markets, Fair Work.** Reward contribution, stop extraction; make prices tell the truth.
- 08 Safety, Justice & Immigration.** Prevent harm, restore people, and build the legal front door.
- 09 Civic Life & National Service.** A National Service Guarantee; communities as survival infrastructure.
- 10 Democratic Security.** Security as resilience, at home and abroad.

THE THREE SPEARHEADS

Restore the child allowance (child poverty fell to 5.2% the year it was tried, then more than doubled when it lapsed) · **Universal healthcare with Medicare for All as the path** (we spend double and rank last of ten; cover everyone for what we already pay) · **Pass the Right to Vote Act** (every promise depends on a democracy that works).

THE LEDGER

How we pay: collect the \$696 billion a year in taxes owed but unpaid, end tax preferences that fail a Public Value Test (~\$1.8 trillion a year, mostly unexamined), price pollution at the government's own damage estimate instead of zero and return the revenue to households, name real taxes as taxes, and treat proven investments like the child allowance as purchases with documented returns. **How we count:** put nature and unpaid care on the nation's books and publish a beyond-GDP dashboard, so growth means life actually getting better, not damage booked as gain.

Evidence-first: every figure on the platform is pinned to a primary source, tracked against real bills in Congress, and scored member by member. Full briefs, sources, the bill tracker, and the accountability scorecard are on the project website.