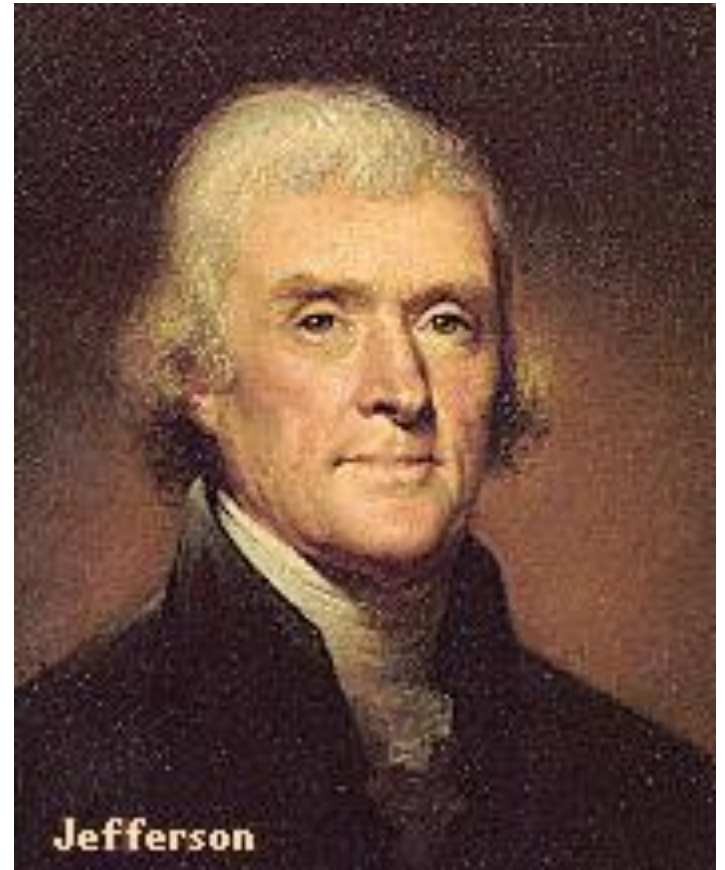




Citizenship, Conservation, Collaboration and a Lake Ethic

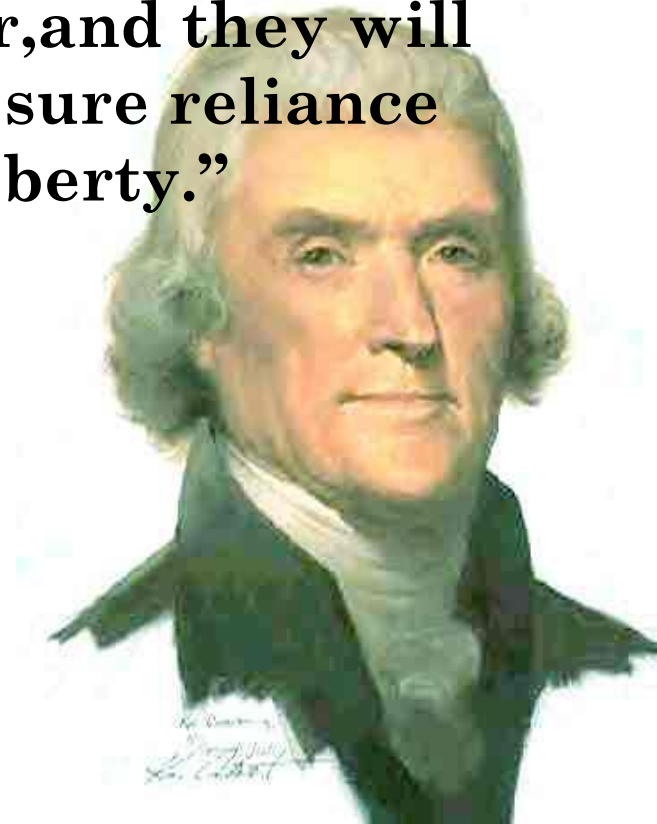


Jefferson or Adams?



“And say, finally, whether peace is best preserved by giving energy to the government, or information to the people. The last is the most certain, and the most legitimate engine of government. Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. Enable them to see that it is their interest to preserve peace and order, and they will preserve them... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.”

Thomas Jefferson December 12, 1787



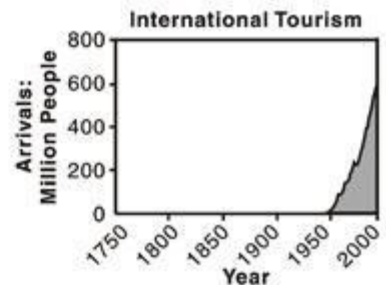
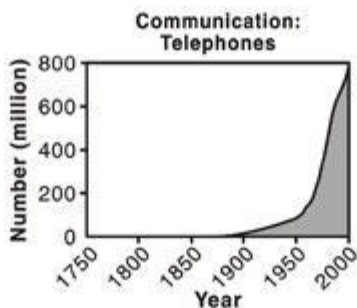
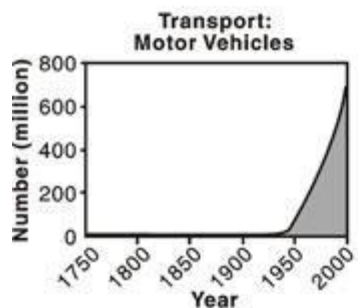
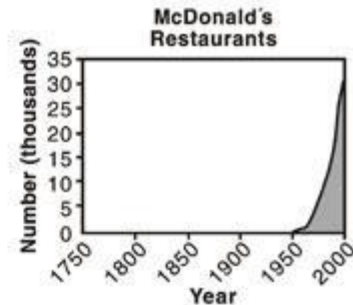
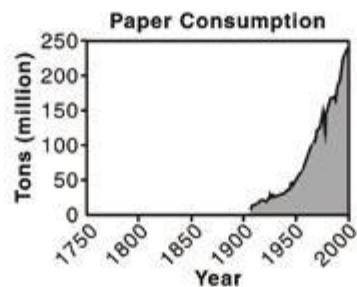
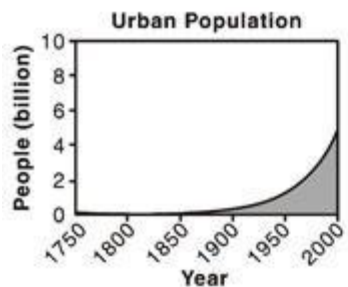
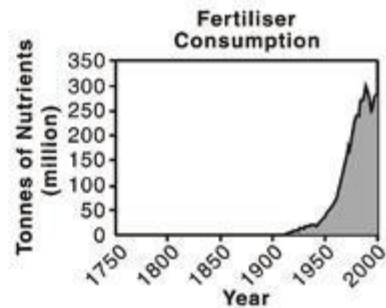
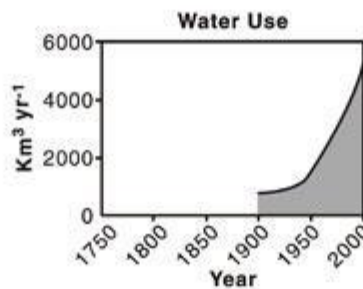
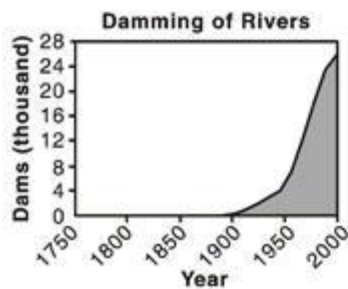
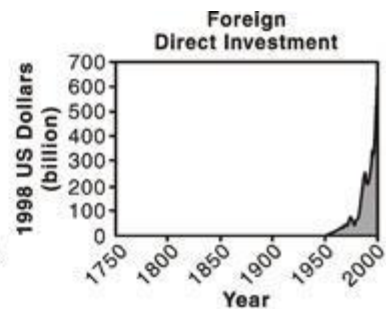
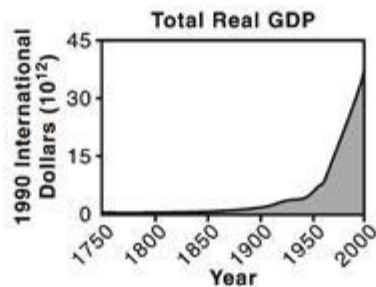
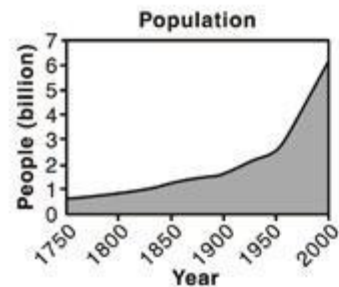
A dense, colorful crowd of people, possibly at a festival or protest, with the word 'Citizenship' overlaid in the center. The image is a high-angle shot of a large, diverse group of people packed closely together. The colors of their clothing are varied, including pinks, blues, purples, and greens. The overall atmosphere is one of a large gathering. The word 'Citizenship' is written in a large, black, serif font, centered over the middle of the crowd.

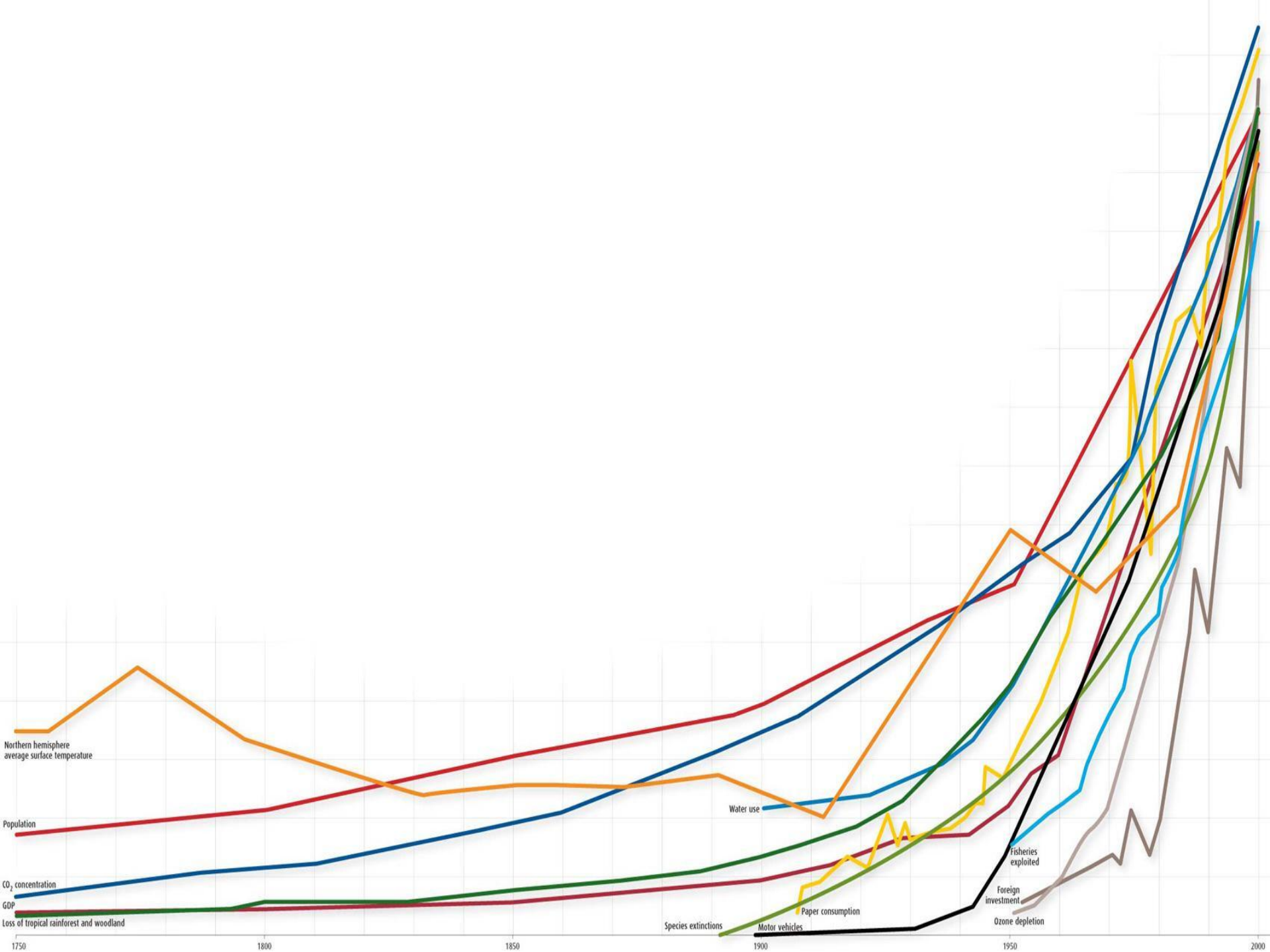
Citizenship

Consumption Our Way of Life

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Citizens - Consumers



Hyperindividualism vs Community



The definition of Citizenship has come to be detached from work and tied to “volunteerism”

- ◆ Citizens are seen as "customers"
- ◆ Governments primary focus is to provide services
- ◆ Ultimately citizens lose stake in the nation
- ◆ We are a nation of individualists and consumers
- ◆ Freedom means the right to be left alone and do as we please



Professionals should be “on tap not on top”

Professionalism has evolved toward the "Expert Model"

We often feel that the political class is detached from the citizenry

Government has displaced citizen responsibility



Effective Citizenship



Players in the Game



Lake Organizations as Political Players?

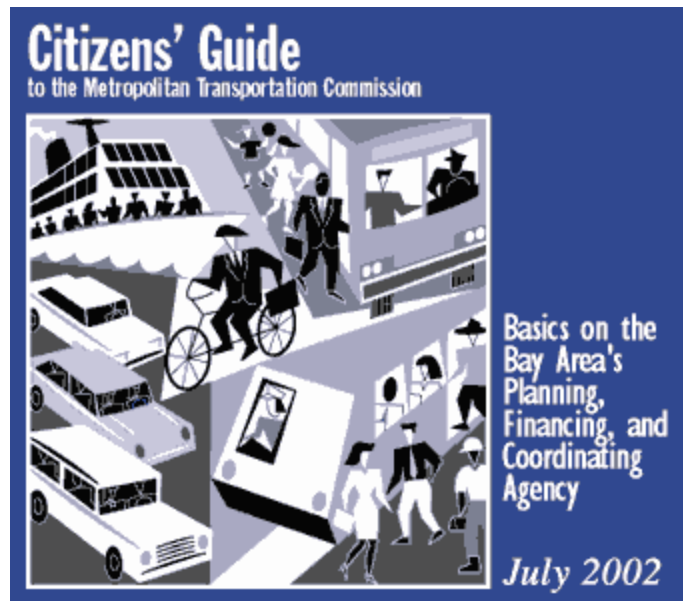


- 13% supported candidates in town / county elections
- 81% on avg. their candidates won
- 91% for districts
- 77% for assoc



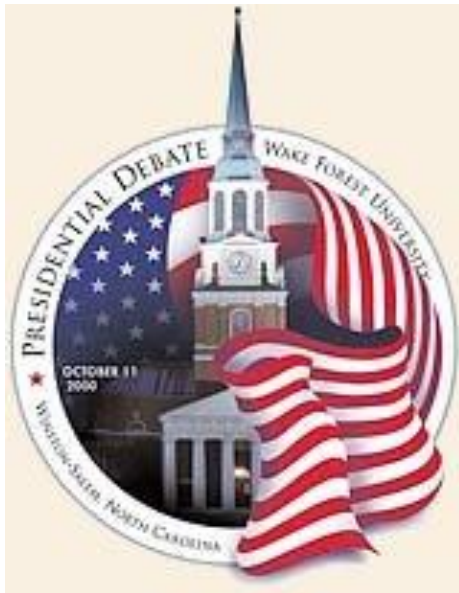
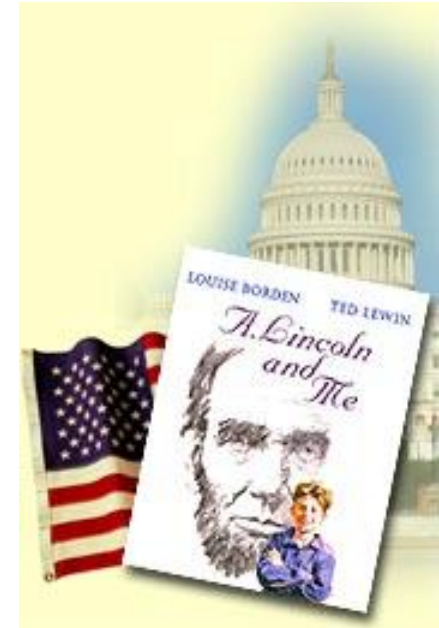
The Real Power of Government

- Government as civic catalyst
- The real power of government is in people
- Move from self interests to shared interest
- Spend the time to build friendships...
- The most productive programs are those that bind...



“For people to come to a view of themselves as active effective citizens means most importantly realizing the civic action is simply hard work that can produce results. It is unpredictable. It means dealing with people that make us uncomfortable.”

Harry Boyte, Building America



A dense, colorful crowd of people, possibly at a festival or concert, with the word 'ETHICS' overlaid in the center. The image is a high-angle shot of a large group of people, many of whom are wearing hats and colorful clothing. The word 'ETHICS' is written in a large, black, serif font across the middle of the image.

ETHICS

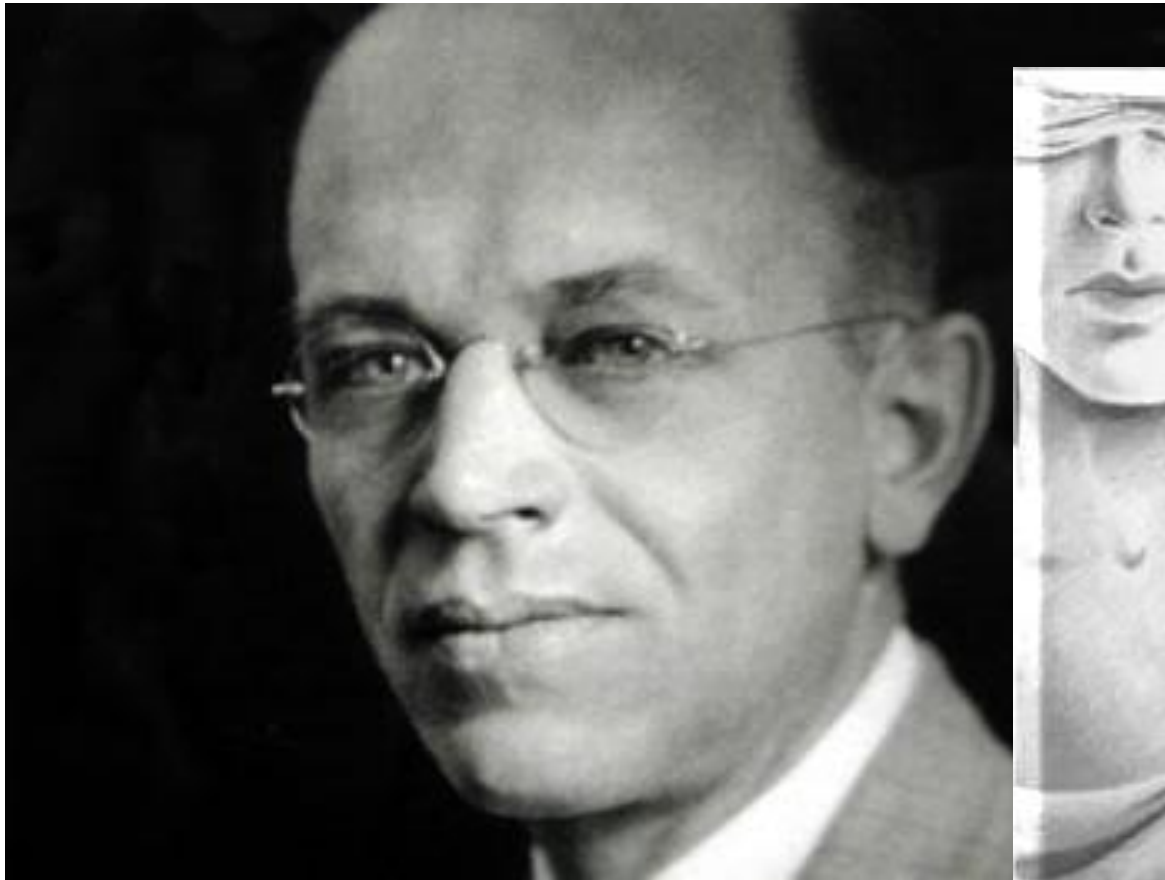
Private Rights vs. the Public Good

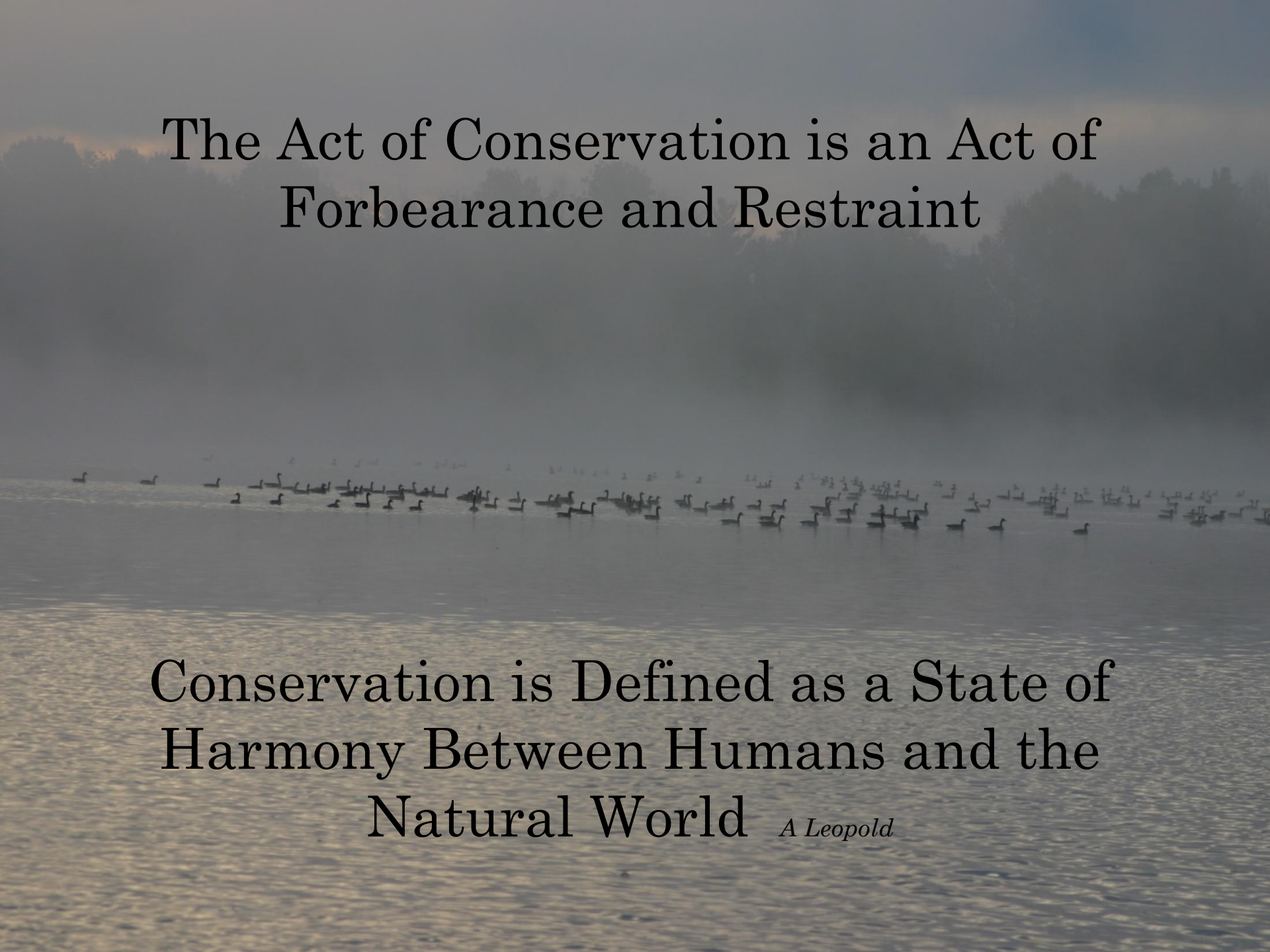
Our laws give us clear title to land and
the right to make our own decisions....
but they also dispossess us of the
support of community and custom



A Land Ethic

Ethics of Enough



A large flock of swans is swimming across a calm lake. The water is still, reflecting the soft light of the sunset. In the background, a dense line of trees is silhouetted against the sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

The Act of Conservation is an Act of
Forbearance and Restraint

Conservation is Defined as a State of
Harmony Between Humans and the
Natural World *A Leopold*

Civil Disobedience

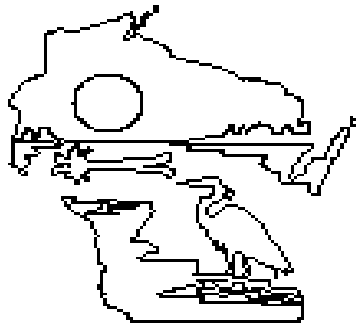


**The way we imagine what we can and can't do
powerfully shapes how we act.**



COLLABORATION

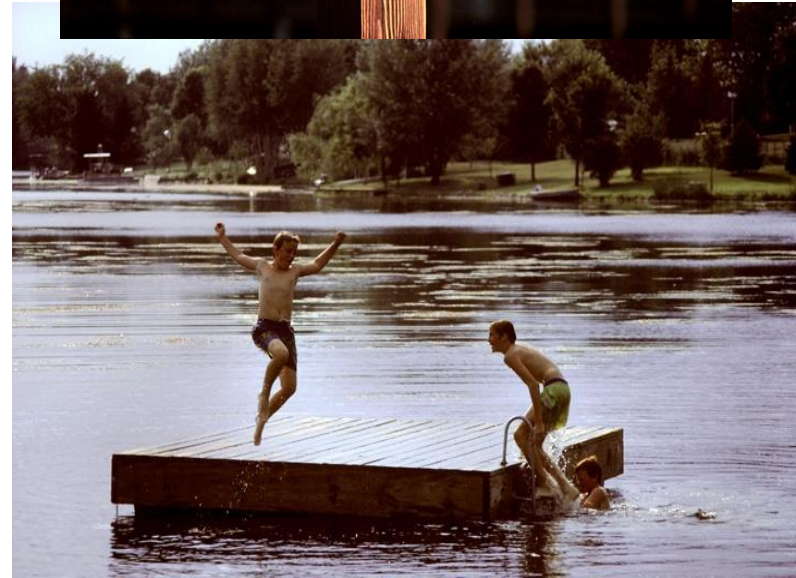
The Wisconsin **Lakes** Partnership Philosophy



Local ownership and deserved trust give the highest likelihood that actions, expectations or philosophies will be carried out and become a routine part of the community functions over time....

Characteristics that are consistent to collaborations

- Active and inclusive
- Democratic
- Consensus driven
- Achievable action plans
- Demonstrate capacity for community development and policy impact



Building Trust

- Concentrate on relationships
- Be transparent about decision making
- Talk about "values"
- Acknowledge different kinds of knowledge
- Create jointly owned knowledge
- Create a public learning culture



Vision

“Our emotions tell us even faster than science does, what is wrong. Our emotions are the immediate expression of our values, they deserve as much attention as does science. Science is the foundation that enables us to express and exercise our skills, awareness and vital curiosity as humans. We need science because much of the damage we do is invisible. Science therefore enables us to better understand the more than human world. Science is vital to expanding our human **ethical vision**, but it must not replace that vision”... *Peter Forbes*

Political Advocacy

Policies are made by those that show up.

- Working with local governments (go to the meetings, be heard)
- Being heard at the state level
- Supporting WAL and other advocacy groups.
- Listening to all viewpoints
- Working toward compromise with unlike thinkers
- Building relationships and partnering with UWEX, WDNR and other agencies



ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES

- Bring others into our world
- Mentoring the next generation
- Gathering new knowledge
- Sharing knowledge
- Being an advocate for what you believe in.



Principles of a Lakes Ethic

- Precaution
- Interdependency
- Public Trust
- Ecological Sustainability
- Understanding
- Inclusiveness



Challenges for the



- Limiting apathy
- Curbing over population
- Making enjoyment of our waters available to everyone
- Bridging the disconnect between humans and the natural world
- Stopping the spread of water born disease
- Limiting global climate change
- Dealing with water quantity issues
- Reversing domestication of shores
- Reconnecting youth with the world of water
- Finding a balance with aquatic invasives
- Reestablishing dollars and political support for lakes



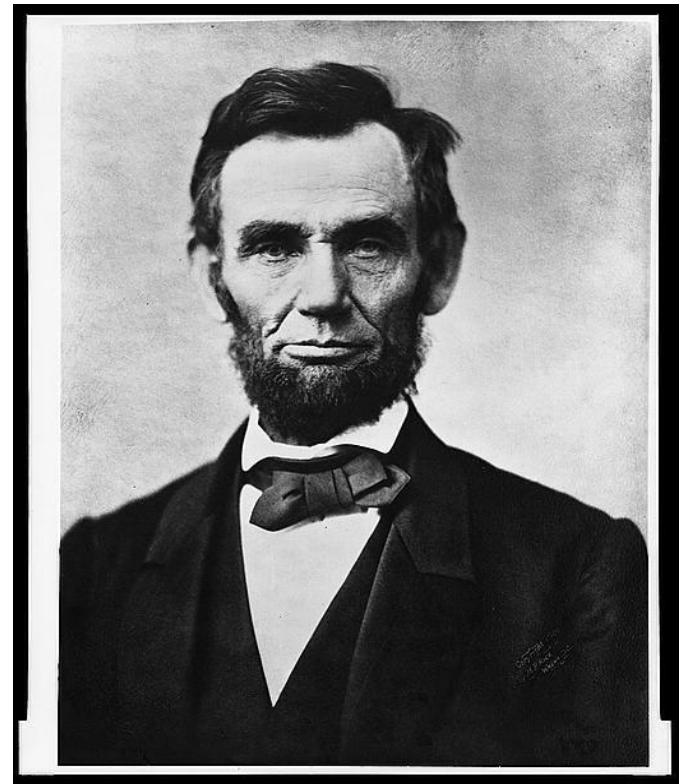
- “We see it like this : it is as if we are all in a canoe traveling through time. If someone begins a fire in their part of the Canoe..It will affect us all. And it is the responsibility of each person in the canoe to assure that it is not destroyed”.

- **Ailton Krenak; Union of Indigenous Nations of Brazil**



It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us... that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from this earth....

A. Lincoln, Gettysburg, November 19, 1863

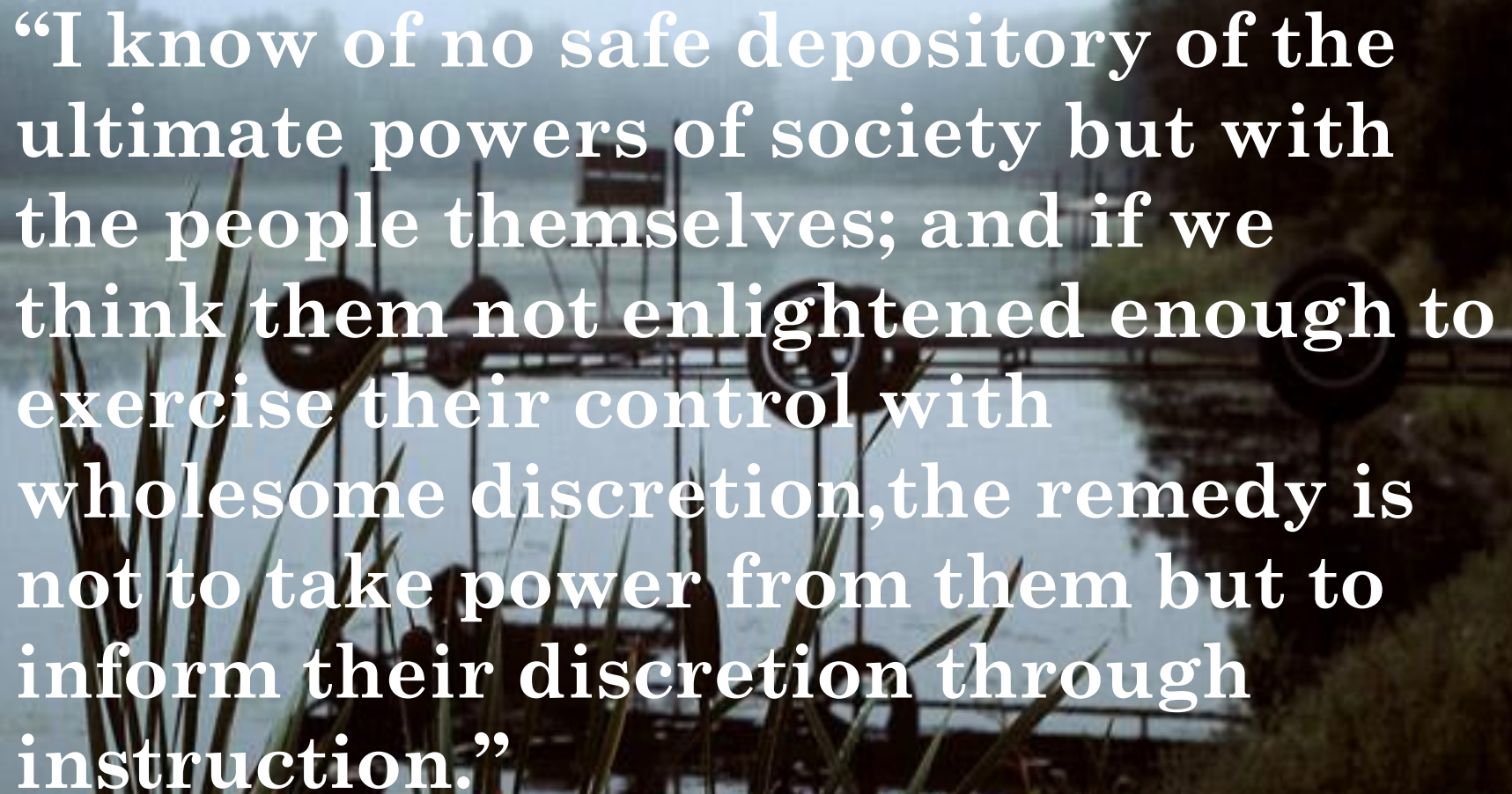


The End

Go to the people.
Live with them, learn from them,
Love them
Start with what they know,
Build with what they have.
With the best leaders. When the work is done, the
task accomplished. The people will say
“we have done this ourselves”

Lau Tsu, China 700 BC



The background image is a soft-focus photograph of a lake. In the foreground, several tall, thin reeds or grasses are visible, some with small seed heads. In the middle ground, a wooden bridge with railings spans the water. The background is hazy, suggesting a misty or foggy day. The overall color palette is muted, with blues, greys, and greens.

“I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but with the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take power from them but to inform their discretion through instruction.”

Thomas Jefferson