OUR 2-PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEM

2-Party, 3-Party or 10 Party systems are only effective if they deal with public issues as opposed to self interest. My view is that our existing political party system(s) has degenerated into a 'how can I profit' mindset that is blind to what's in the best interest of the public. The DNC and the RNC are administered by paid employees whose job is to raise monies for those persons who have chosen to be paid representatives of the general citizenry. How do they get, and keep, their jobs ??? They need our votes. The public is plied with 'pork', promises and alleged benefits of experience in order to win elections. This is their JOB -- why would we expect career politicians to do anything different.

FOLLOW THE MONEY !!!! Once elected, a career politician need only to repeat success in subsequent elections in order to accrue seniority in his party and his chosen government office. And what does seniority beget ??? Power to disperse 'pork', basis for bigger and better promises, and the benefits of controlling the legislative agenda. Oh yea, with power and influence come ever increasing financial support from lobbyists, PACs and favored contributors. This job is looking more lucrative all the time !!!!

A solution ?? Let's break the back of a fundamental flaw in our existing political party system --- Rein in access to the seniority perks that have evolved over time --- Invoke TERM LIMITS for all political office holders. Force a turnover in representatives so that self interest is limited in the process of enacting laws that effect us all. By its nature, existing politicians will be less than enthusiastic about codifying this idea. An option ?? Get Rid of Incumbent Politicians with more than 18 years in office -- GRIP @ 18

I'm convinced that a grass roots policy of GRIP @18 would significantly change the complexion and motivation of our national political parties and their affiliated candidates.