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I believe that efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and transparency need to be dialed way up compared to the current model.

To that end, parties and or individuals who wish to run the country are required to submit a detailed platform which clearly articulates exactly what they are promising to achieve if elected as well as a detailed description of the key performance metrics so that everyone can gauge exactly whether the election promises are being delivered on or not. These metrics would be continuously monitored and widely disseminated on an ongoing basis. Failure to deliver on the metrics at any time would result in automatic dismissal of those elected and a new election where the incumbents are prohibited from running for election due to failure to deliver on their promises. The platform will also spell out exactly who will be on their team and exactly how they will organize their team in order to govern during their term if elected.

We have probably all seen and been frustrated by voters who are totally out of the loop but vote anyways i.e. voters who are just voting for the sake of voting. We've all heard this "I had no clue as to who to vote for so I just voted for the incumbent or the first name on the ballot." I don't believe that this kind of person should have a say in the outcome of something as important as an election. I believe that votes should only be cast by citizens that have at least a basic knowledge about the issues of the day and the candidates. Therefore in order to receive a ballot to vote, you must first demonstrate some knowledge by passing a basic test.

Citizens should not be voting for a local candidate. They should be voting for who will be the leader of the country. There should be several rounds of voting where the candidates with the least votes are eliminated until a candidate has at least 70% of the votes. The candidate who achieves a 70% majority wins the right to manage the country and implement his/her platform. There will be no opposition party since the winning candidate's platform was very clearly articulated and obviously the vast majority of voters want to see that platform implemented. In other words as many road blocks to implementation of the elected party's platform should be eliminated.

Through the course of the mandate, if the platform is not being implemented as promised, it should be automatic that the government is recalled. It should also be automatic that if a government fails to fulfill its promises, at any point in its term, then it is prohibited from running for office for at least 2 elections.