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### Recipe for a new Poland

Many of my readers are tired of the constant criticism of the political and economic crisis in Poland. Most people already know how bad it is there now and who has done it. Most people want to know now about solutions to solve problems. Now that the much disliked post-communist apparatchik Premier Leszek Miller has already resigned his post, it is a good time to consider all future options.

I have no doubt that before any economic improvement occurs in Poland, the country must first have a total make-over of the political establishment. The present political parties and their backers exhibit the mentality of the previous era, when Poland was a country with a communist political system and a centrally controlled economy. The only common elements that unite them are greed and loyalties established through membership in the old Communist Party of Poland.

To implement political change and choose new leaders and new members for Parliament, the election law must be changed to permit direct elections (like in USA, Canada, England and France) – not proportional like it is now. Proportional election law favors corrupt and shady political establishments and must be abolished at once, even with if it means using force. This simple change of the election law would clear the field for the election of new, honest and patriotic Poles, who are known and respected in their communities. I do not expect them to be experts in macroeconomics, politics or accounting but I do expect high moral standards.

These newly elected “representatives”, once they form the new government with their respective Premier and Ministers, should call upon expert Poles from abroad to assist them with the modernization of established government institutions to revamp all rules and regulations about how the country must operate. I expect these “foreign” Poles to be top experts in their respective fields and I expect them to be well paid as civil servants – either through government payroll or on short-term contracts. If we want Poland to succeed let’s assemble the best team of well-paid people so that they can dedicate themselves to this important task.

There is no doubt in my mind that for most Poles the desired future looks like what people have in Sweden, Switzerland, or Spain. Nobody would like the future of Poland to look like the present time Bangladesh or Peru. So if Poles want the future to be this good, they are best employing trusted Poles from the future, Poles who know the advantages and perils of all aspects of life in a “free” world. Poles who have the experience of foreign political, legal and economic systems that work. People who have demonstrated fiscal responsibility while living in countries with double entry accounting...

If those “foreign” experts are to be successful and be beneficial to our Motherland, they must be closely supervised by the government and all elected MPs. Ultimately it is the elected politicians who take responsibility for any actions during their term. It is also the

job of elected politicians to supervise the strict division of legislative, legal and executive powers of all government institutions. Only when this division exists will there be confidence in Poland and safety for our citizens and national and foreign investors.

But for several reasons this scenario is not likely to happen. First of all most Poles do not understand the need for fund raising to cover the costs of election campaigns for their political candidates. They expect each candidate or his political party to find money "elsewhere". Which really means that people expect their representatives to have divided loyalties – between the voters and those individuals or organizations who fund their political campaigns. This is in total contradiction to all principles of democracy and morality of the politicians.

Secondly other countries do not want Poland to have a government that is strongly supported by the population. They prefer Polish politicians to be dependent on them for support. There is always pressure from foreigners and their agents who have strong ties with the political elites in Poland.

Thirdly people expect the best experts in the world to solve the monumental problems in a post communist Poland but they are unwilling to pay those experts with good competitive wages. People who make \$4000 per year cannot imagine an expert on world economy getting \$100,000 per year. At the same time Poland is losing billions through corruption, incompetence and the ignorance of legislative bodies who are unable to prepare their country for future success.

On the subject of the possible solutions to a crisis in Poland I could write a book. But let me tell you that a good plan of action should be only one page long. It is pointless to write a book that proposes solutions that will never be implemented or even worse, will be adopted by the political crooks and post-communist agents for the sole purpose of winning the next election. So let's do a make-over of the political establishment in Poland first! With new honest people in Parliament and government we can rebuild the country fast.

I salute the work of the citizen's movement of JOW in Poland, a group of patriots with a tireless leader Prof. Jerzy Przystawa of Wroclaw. For many years now this highly under funded group has done a lot of public work in Poland to make people understand the importance of a direct election system. Their work has just culminated in the formation of a 186-member Referendum Committee for the purpose of collecting 500,000 signatures that are needed to propose the change of election law in Poland.

The JOW movement's proposal is very simple, less than a page. It calls for 460 election districts in Poland where the members of Parliament will be elected by majority vote and they can be recalled if they voters are not happy with their representation. In essence this is all that JOW wants. It is a deceptively simple proposal but with monumental implications for the future of Poland. It is the first step in any cooking lesson: to cook a good meal, first select the best ingredients you can find. We do not want to have rotten elements in Polish politics any longer.

So the Poles or people who have sympathy for Poland do not need to ask what to do – you can help JOW ([www.jow.pl](http://www.jow.pl)) to collect not only the half a million signatures required by law, but 5 million or more signatures, to have the unfair election law changed. This will be the foundation of the new Poland that we want and carry in our hearts.

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