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Dear Editor / Producer:

Bitter political partisanship. Heated clashes over immigration. The climate crisis. Income inequality. Sexism. Racism. Gun violence. Our country was plagued with problems long before COVID-19 hit. Is the United States headed for a second Civil War? Is our democracy facing the threat of extinction?

What if our current state of turmoil wasn't a harbinger of doom and devastation but a sign of our potential for renewal? In **ORIGINAL POLITICS: *Making America Sacred Again*** (Select Books; June 2020), author and visionary **Glenn Aparicio Parry** sheds light on the cyclical nature of political change. Interweaving hard-hitting facts of US history with Native American philosophy and wisdom from Mother Earth herself, Parry makes a case for the hope of a political evolution that ultimately returns America to *wholeness* through our true purpose: *unity in diversity*. Yet, as he cautions, it's up to us to prevent a de-evolution into extreme fragmentation, rampant fear, and falling into the hands of a fascist.

Calling for both a return to the origins of what makes America great—an egalitarian sense of community and justice, grounded in Native American traditions—and a new, strong and sustained practice of equal participation in the political process among people of all genders, colors, backgrounds, and parties—**ORIGINAL POLITICS** draws powerful and often startling insights from our nation's past and present. With a commitment to opening minds and inspiring a movement towards national healing and inclusion, Glenn Aparicio Parry is eager to engage your audience in a discussion about:

- How racism in America traces its roots to the very birth of our government—as Perry notes, our founding fathers spoke in high-minded terms about liberty and equality while cherry picking who would benefit: *only White male property owners*—and how shameful issues that were long pushed into the national shadow reemerged with a vengeance with the two-term election of an African American president, Barack Obama.

Why the women's suffrage, feminist, and #MeToo movements owe a debt to the example of Native American women—who were recognized as equal partners, valuable contributors, and leaders in their tribes, not, like White female pioneers, merely the property of men—and how the crushing 2016 defeat of Hillary Clinton motivated more women to run for public office, coming full circle with the election of two Native American Congresswomen.

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- Why the startling victory of Donald Trump—the first US president without an iota of political, government, or military experience—was a symptom, not a cause, of how far our democratic system has fallen. Parry characterizes Trump as a classic “trickster,” not evil (like Hitler), but a bombastic narcissist (like Mussolini) who foments White supremacy, sexism, and xenophobia while evading accountability for the fallout.

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“The election of Trump set in motion forces that will forever change the United States and the world order,” Parry asserts. “Things may never return to normal, whatever that is, but they can be transformed—into something far worse, or perhaps into something much better.”

Speaking to our terrifying times, **ORIGINAL POLITICS** affirms the looming *apocalypse*—but in the sense of the word’s original meaning: an unveiling, a revelation. Informed by American history, Nature American beliefs, and nature, Parry encourages all of us to join together in preventing the worst-case scenario from happening and, instead, see the truth of America “with one eye toward the unhealed wounds of our past and toward the open field of our potential future.” Among his practical suggestions:

- Avoid buying and feeding into biased media (Fox vs. MSNBC) and seek out objective sources for well-researched data.
- Reflect on why a politician from the opposing party or perspective irritates or infuriates you. Is the reason really political, or is it personal? Can you find anything positive in his or her POV?
- Make a conscious effort to see all kinds of others—men and women; native and immigrant; conservative and liberal; Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow—and individuals and fellow humans. Support everyone’s equal right to an opinion, as well as to opportunities.
- Adopt a worldview of the entire planet as a living organism that continually evolves and regenerates. Avoid careless actions that inflict damage on other species and the natural world. Commit to treating everyone and everything with love and gratitude.

GLENN APARICIO PARRY, PhD, is a writer, educational consultant, international speaker, and entrepreneur with a vision to reform thinking and education into a coherent, cohesive whole. From 1999-2011, he organized and participated in the groundbreaking Language of Spirit Conferences, bringing together Native and Western scientists in dialog, and was given the Ojibwe name *Kizhe Naabe* (“Kind-Hearted Man”). The founder and past president of the SEED Institute, he currently runs a think tank and facilitates discussions. He is the author of *Original Thinking: A Radical Revisioning of Time, Humanity and Nature*. He lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“Once we recognize the truth of how we are all connected,” Parry affirms, “it becomes easier to stand back and look again at people with whom we disagree on one thing or another, including politics.” I hope you will be inspired to share his uplifting and urgent message.

Regards,

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