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Global Political Scientist Dr. Bernd Reiter Offers Radical Solutions to Advance the United States 2021 and Beyond

Dr. Reiter proposes a radical democracy with new published book "Legal Duty Upper Limits" that addresses current political climate of fakes news and misinformation to the American people

(January 25, 2021) – Dr. Bernd Reiter is a global author, educator, and scholar with decades of experience in **democracy, race, citizenship, and decolonization** with over 50 books and articles published internationally. Recently, Dr. Reiter released, ***Legal Duty Upper Limits: How to Save Our Democracy and Planet From the Rich***, offering **innovative solutions** to solve **democractic, economic, and ecological issues** that impact **underserved communities daily**.

The new year kicked-off with the United States experiencing a world-win of **national adversity** with the attack of the **Capitol Building** from **American terrorists** who were distraught at the **national election results** that changed the **political landscape** in addition to a **potential impeachment** to past **President Donald Trump** who allegedly **plotted the riot**. Political leaders' lives were at the hands of hatred due to **misinformation**, and **lack of trust** leaving the nation divided rather than United more than ever, successfully provoking a **Civil War II**.

"Many Americans do not trust the government, political elites, the bureaucracy, and the state," states Dr. Reiter. **"These sentiments should not be ignored or ridiculed, but instead, we need to find ways to restore trust in our democracy and the democratic institutions upon which it rests,"** he continued. His book, ***Legal Duty and Upper Limit*** offers solutions to the current crisis of trust by arguing for **shifting power away from politicians and states but towards ordinary citizens**.

The **U.S. coronavirus death toll of 400,000 people** has dramatically escalated in 2021 and the **racial fatigue** minorities continue to experience ranging from **economical and health disparities** from **centuries of oppression** demands a **change** - and it won't just take a new administration in office. The current political, economical, and ecological crisis demands that citizens look beyond immediate solutions and search for ways to save our democracy.



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Dr. Reiter argues that the **current political crisis is in part caused by misinformation and manipulation**. Most citizens have no **practical knowledge of democracy and politics**. The **lack of knowledge** is the root cause for success of **fake news** and **conspiracy theories**.

“For democracy to work, we need informed citizens who know how democracy works,” states Dr.Reiter. The book proposes **active citizen involvement** as a way to involve everybody in politics and thus end political ignorance.

Legal Duty Upper Limits: How to Save Our Democracy and Planet From the Rich shows that adopting upper limits to wealth and income; replacing elections with **local direct democracy** and legal duty involving **randomly selected citizens**. In addition, the book recommends **replacing welfare** and **redistribution policies** with **pre-distribution** and **reparations**.

“This is a very **timely book**, as the awareness of the crises of **representative democracy** and **capitalism** are growing worldwide, along with the awareness to effectively address the ecological crisis. However, no pervasive solutions have been proposed so far – which is what this book seeks to do,” **states Reiter**.

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Bernd Reiter is a political scientist and professor at Texas Tech University. He served as the director of the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean at the University of South Florida, and he is the editor of Routledge’s Decolonizing the Classics Special Book Series. Before joining academia, he worked as a social worker and NGO consultant in Brazil and in Colombia. He earned his PhD in comparative politics from the City University of New York’s Graduate Center and has been a visiting scholar in Germany, Brazil, Colombia, and Spain. His work focuses on democracy, race, and decolonization. His publications include The Dialectics of Citizenship (2013), Bridging Scholarship and Activism (2014), The Crisis of Liberal Democracy and the Path Ahead(2017), and Constructing the Pluriverse (2018).

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