Major Political Parties on Road to Extinction, WDC Director Predicts

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New book foreshadows political remodeling.

MADISON - Both major political parties are failing America and conditions are growing ripe for an extensive renovation of the country's political landscape. That's the central takeaway from a just-released book, *Blue Jeans in High Places: The Coming Makeover of American Politics* , that foreshadows where the remodeling will likely begin, who will do it and how.

"The telltale signs of an impending political implosion are visible. The two parties will either adapt or perish, and the odds that at least one of the parties will cease to exist in its current form are getting shorter," said Mike McCabe, the book's author and director of the government watchdog group Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. "But change does not make itself, it has to be made. Renovation will not originate in Washington. It will not be the doing of the nation's political establishment or ruling class. It will be plain people who do it."

Blue Jeans in High Places is both a hunt for lost political treasure and a how-to guide for nursing American democracy back to health. At a time full of pessimism when citizen discontent and detachment from the democratic process are growing, McCabe has written an unapologetically optimistic book detailing instances when such conditions reached a breaking point in the past, how Americans revitalized political parties and representative democracy, and how past lessons can be applied to today's circumstances.

"This is not the first time in our nation's history that politics has fallen out of step with the times," McCabe writes in the book's introduction. "If history is any guide, the innovators who will help us think our way out of our current trap will come from unexpected locations."

Blue Jeans in High Places is available for purchase on Amazon or can be ordered directly from
the publisher, Little Creek Press, atwww.littlecreekpress.com/store/blue_jeans.php.

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