

## Liberia: the unpleasant contemporary reality

Liberia is bleeding. Greed, lawlessness and poverty have taken over. Honestly speaking, Liberia's current derelict condition is the result of our bad choices – at the ballot box. We keep putting the very wrong people in power. We put people in power whose sole interest is to loot the country– with absolute disregard for the wellbeing of the rest of the citizenry. Since 2005, we have limited ourselves to the Unity Party and the Congress for Democratic Change – with both group squandering opportunities back-to-back. It's time to say: **Enough is Enough!** We just can't go on like this. Liberia deserves better. Liberians must embrace change. There must be absolutely **NO 2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE TO SQUANDER.**

## What can we do?

- (1) We can lay back, do nothing, and expect things to change.
- (2) We can sit back, criticize and take no further action.
- (3) We can pray and hope the looters and budget mafias will change their minds and stop stealing, the violence, and end impunity. Or, we can
- (4) Take matters into our own hands and actively work for the change we want

## ✓ Choosing option #4

### Introducing Project- NTR

- Core Message: People who have been trusted with power in Liberia and abused the trust must never again be allowed to govern – **No 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance to Squander**
- Core Strategy: Mobilized citizens in Liberia and abroad to be active in deciding the best team to get a Liberia that works for all – and this means specifically excluding those who have squandered opportunities or are currently squandering opportunities.
- Core Commitment: End to impunity, institute transparent governance systems, and pursue economic development; toward this end, Project NTR activists shall advocate continuously for constitutional and institutional reforms – for an efficient government.

## Assurances – What Project N T R is **NOT**

- (1) Project NTR is a civic activism platform – **NOT** a political party.
- (2) Project NTR activists are definitely **NOT** running for office.
- (3) Project NTR is **NOT** beholding to any political party but dedicated solely to a united front – a front that exclude those who have squandered or are now squandering opportunities.

## Guiding Principles

1. No individual or group has a divine right to the Liberian presidency or other top GOL posts. For all intents and purposes, it is only a privilege to be conferred.
2. This search for a genuine transformative leadership to remake Liberia shall expressly exclude CDC, UP, and their aliases, partners and reincarnations.
3. Activists commit to constitutional, institutional, and other significant structural reforms of Liberia's state institutions.
4. The reforms' overarching purpose shall be to reduce the cost of governance so as to free up resources for infrastructures, socio-economic development, unbiased law enforcement, and the promotion of private sector development.
5. Activists shall dedicate themselves to the full implementation of the laws of Liberia – including pursuing all disclosed and open documented cases of corruption.
6. Activists commit to ending the loathed practice of recycling old and corrupt politicians and, alternatively, the testing of fresh ideas and fresh faces not affiliated with previous kleptocratic regimes.
7. Activists shall dedicate themselves to the redesign of the Liberian economy, giving top priority to manufacturing, scientific research, industrial development, technological advancement, and the promotion of agro-industries, amongst other productive ventures.
8. Activists commit to reforming the institutions of police, prosecution, and judicial services to ensure that these services remain apolitical, professional, and unbiased – learning and adapting international best practices where relevant and necessary.



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