



Introduction to the
Student Peace Referendum

How to create a democratic world parliament and transcend war forever

What if students around the world started holding referendums in their schools using the ballot wording that was developed by the small NGO (non-governmental organization) Vote World Parliament?

Do you support the creation of a directly-elected, representative, transparent and democratic world parliament that is authorized to legislate on global issues?

YES **NO**

Global warming is a very serious threat to human survival, and nuclear war has been a serious existential threat (meaning a threat to all humankind) for half a century. Enough is enough! In November of 2012, **WE PREDICT:**

- 1 Virtually all student **peace referendums will pass** at a high level, meaning 67% “yes” votes or higher.
- 2 Schools that have successful student peace referendums will **convince at least two other schools to hold their own peace referendums** (and so on).
- 3 **College and university students will join in and do peace referendums.**
- 4 As the peace referendum movement spreads around the globe, some **cities and towns will endorse the proposition** in the ballot (above) and decide to hold **municipal peace referendums** in tandem with municipal elections.
- 5 Once momentum is established and there are tens of millions or hundreds of millions of “yes” votes, **some nation will propose a *global* referendum in the UN General Assembly**, to be conducted nation by nation in conjunction with national elections (to keep costs low and to make use of national assets like official voters lists to prevent anyone from voting more than once).

6 Even if the [draft UN resolution](#) fails at first in the UN General Assembly, some nations will proceed to collect their “national components” of the global referendum anyway, and successfully lobby other national governments to do the same, then band together and try again (and repeatedly) to get our draft UN resolution through the General Assembly.

7 Sooner or later, perhaps after a climate disaster (or a “limited” nuclear war, if there is such a thing), the human race will speak as one, and demand an end to the lunacy and the beginning of a world without war and without human-made existential threats. (*There is no human-made entity that can successfully say “no” to the entire human race!*)

8 A global mandate, meaning a clear message from the entire human race (or most of us), will be accepted as legally binding under international law ... and politically compelling even if it is not accepted as legally binding. (For more on these dynamics, see chapters 10 and 11 of *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*, the book on this idea—it is now a free download at <https://voteworldparliament.org/>.)

9 The human race will finally find itself able to resolve differences and conflicts through a new level of law (meaning “world law”) and without resorting to war (or even the threat of violence). Sovereign national governments will remain, but lose the right to make war.

10 If there are human beings surviving and thriving thousands of centuries into the future, they will celebrate those who saw the danger and took action in time, way back in the 21st century (which will likely be seen as the last Dark Age).

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IT MAY TAKE US 20 OR 30 YEARS TO COLLECT THE GLOBAL MANDATE FOR A DEMOCRATIC WORLD PARLIAMENT, BUT EVEN SO, WE CAN DO THIS, AND THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD SHOULD START IT OFF. IT COULD CONCEIVABLY TAKE ONLY TEN YEARS. THE SOONER YOU GET GOING IN YOUR AREA, THE SOONER WE ALL REACH OUR HISTORIC GOAL.

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