

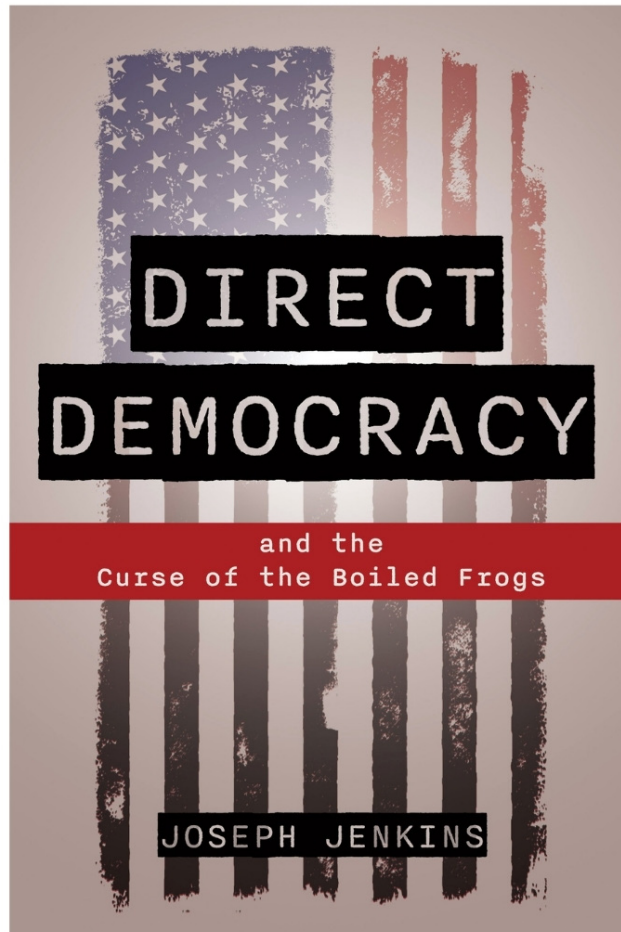
A photograph of a man with grey hair and a mustache, wearing a dark grey overcoat and blue jeans, standing on a paved path in front of the Vienna State Opera House. The opera house is a grand, ornate building with a green roof and many windows, reflected in a large fountain in the background. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'MEDIA KIT' is overlaid on the left side of the image in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline.

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Direct Democracy and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs



The Midwest Book Review offers a compelling endorsement of Joseph Jenkins' work, "**Direct Democracy: and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs**," highlighting its essential role in contemporary political discourse. This book is positioned as a vital resource for personal, professional, and academic libraries, suggesting its inclusion in political science collections and educational curricula. Jenkins' analysis is portrayed as a potential catalyst for revitalizing American trust in democratic systems, providing insights that could help avert the decline experienced by previous republics and democracies. The review underscores the urgency of engaging with Jenkins' message to foster a more informed and active citizenry, capable of navigating and strengthening democratic governance.

BIO

Joseph Jenkins began self-publishing when he turned his master's thesis into the non-fiction **Humanure Handbook** and published it in 1995. The book was execrable, but it has gone on to sell over 90,000 copies in the USA in 4 editions. The book has also been translated in whole or in part into 23 languages.

The non-fiction **Slate Roof Bible**, 1st edition, received the National Roofing Contractor's Gold Circle Award. The 3rd edition received no less than 10 book awards.

The Balance Point - a Missing Link in Human Consciousness, is considered "creative non-fiction." It was a 2019 IPPY Bronze Medalist, took 1st place in the Top Shelf Indie Book Awards, and won the New York City Big Book Awards in two separate categories!

Slate Roofs 1926 is a modified reproduction of the original 84-page classic "Slate Roofs," published in January 1926.

The Compost Toilet Handbook is an illustrated instructional manual explaining how to make, use, and manage compost toilets, which are waste-free toilets that rely on the biological process of composting to recycle toilet material.

Self Publishing Top Ten Tips is a short book Jenkins promised to publish if he ever sold more than a million dollars of his own books (he wrote it after topping \$3 million).

Direct Democracy and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs, written for Jenkins grandchildren for when they grow up, is an attempt to start a conversation, if not a movement, about transforming government into real democracy.

Direct Democracy: Excerpts

Direct Democracy: and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs

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"In 1776, the population of the entire United States was less than the population of Chicago, Illinois today. In 1776, without cars, electricity, Internet, or advanced technology, and with such a small population, a "Constitutional Republic" made sense. It was a revolutionary leap away from the rule of kings. It was a successful model that suited the times and it worked. But it has become obsolete. By clinging to an outdated, anachronistic mode of governing, we are creating a monster. And that monster will devour us if we don't get it under control."

Humans are the creator species; we can create the future we want; we can evolve our "democracy." Voting is needed; what we don't need are a tiny minority of politicians voting on behalf of everyone else. That scenario has become a recipe for disaster, as indicated by the impending collapse of the United States of America, and much of the Western world, in the twenty-first century.

The United States Treasury, the bank depository for America's tax dollars, has been the largest accessible pot of money in the world. Robbing it was easy enough for the swamp creatures. Pilfering the people's bank account had developed into a fine science by the 2020s. Imagine being able to rob a bank in broad daylight in front of everybody and do it again and again without the need for even a gun — and get away with billions, if not trillions of dollars! When the government is controlled by criminals, that's what happens. Our tax money disappears by the trillions. And when it disappears, it doesn't just vanish, it goes into someone's pockets — out of the pockets of many hard-working American citizens and into the pockets of a few.

Direct democracy could wrest back control of the government's legislative body and put a lock and key on our treasury. Government control must be securely placed into the hands of We the People.

We can and we must put an end to the swamp creatures sucking our nation's blood out of the backs of the working class like gigantic parasitic ticks.

When you vote for a representative, you are not exercising your right to vote, you are sacrificing your right to vote. Laws then become written and voted upon by a small group of individuals, members of congress, senators, and other representatives, who require the financial backing of special interests. Those special interests include the medical industrial complex, the military industrial complex, the chemical industry, the vaccine industry, and so on. If you are one of the 535 voting members in the U.S. Congress, there's a damn good chance that you'll be voting for the best interests of your financial backers.

On the other hand, if American citizens claimed their true right to vote directly on legislation, and if only 15% of the 162 million registered voters actually took the time to do the research, inform themselves on legislation, and vote on it, then 24,300,000 people would be weighing in on the issues. That's over 24 million people deciding what legislation would pass and what wouldn't.

America's Pretend Democracy

“For if Men are to be precluded from offering their Sentiments on a matter . . . reason is of no use to us; the freedom of Speech may be taken away, and, dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the Slaughter.”

George Washington, March 15, 1783

If you think America's government is a democracy, you're wrong. We have a “Constitutional Republic,” an outdated form of “democracy.”

If you think you have the “right to vote” in America, you're wrong again. When you vote for a representative, you're not exercising your right to vote, you're *sacrificing* your right to vote.

Allowing someone to vote on your behalf *takes away* your vote and the votes of millions of people, handing them instead to a tiny minority of politicians. Such an unfair and antiquated system doesn't make sense in our modern times. Instead, we need to wrest the decision-making power out of the hands of that tiny minority and put it where it belongs, directly into the hands of our tax-paying citizens.

This is called *Direct Democracy*, and the concept is simple. It is based upon four foundational principles:

1. **The purpose of government is to serve the people.** Government exists as a tool that we the people create and use to protect and preserve our basic inalienable rights. We do not serve the government; the government serves us.

2. **Citizens vote directly on legislation.** We're past the point of needing representatives to vote on our behalf.

3. **“Representatives” are randomly selected** using an intelligent filtration process. Their role as esteemed public servants is to coordinate, organize, and execute the legislative processes and record the collective, binding votes of the citizens. Representatives have one vote, the same as everyone else.

Jenkins Other Books



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Awards



Gold Winner: 2017 Benjamin Franklin Book Awards

First Place: 2017 Independent Press Awards

Bronze Medalist: 2017 Independent Publisher Book Awards

Finalist: 2017 National Indie Excellence Awards

Finalist: 2017 Foreword Magazine Indie Book of the Year Awards

Finalist: 2016 Beverly Hills Book Awards

Runner Up: 2016 New England Book Festival

Honorable Mention: 2016 Great Midwest Book Festival

Honorable Mention: 2017 The Eric Hoffer Book Awards

Honorable Mention: 2017 New York Book Festival

H. Clark Gregory Award

2006 IPPY Award: Honorable Mention

9th Annual Askins Achievement Award

12th Annual Writers Digest International Self-Published Book Awards

2004 Independent Publisher Book Award

Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Award

Writers Notes Book Award

Butler Outdoor Club Outstanding Outdoor Award Nominee

National Roofing Contractors Association "Gold Circle Award"

Three Rivers Environmental Award

Independent Publisher "Outstanding Book of the Year"

Foreword Magazine's Book of the Year Award

Benjamin Franklin Award Finalist

Amazon.com #1 Category Bestseller

The author's travels

Most of Jenkins' world traveling has been an offshoot of his non-fiction books. He travels for research, to teach, to organize, and to participate in activities that are the subjects of his writings. Having been to 64 countries, the photos below show only a small sampling:



Clockwise, from top left: Nicaragua; Dongobesh, Tanzania (Africa); Ugandan Village (Africa); African Prison; Haitian Orphanage; Mongolia; and in the center, Kolkata, India.