

From National Interests to Global Leadership: Establishing a New Center for Global Governance

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Abstract: Environmental destruction is pushing the Earth toward an Apocalypse, yet national leaders continue to act mainly in their national interests, competing against one another while ignoring global consequences. Humanity must therefore shift from national interests to globally conscious leadership. I propose *Earth Nation* (EN), a new global center designed to replace *United Nations* financially dependent on powerful nations to encourage national leaders to act for the global good and coordinate nations toward a shared vision. Through today's Internet, such global cooperation is now within the range of possibility. Our top priority must be to protect our one and only living planet for ourselves and future generations.

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I. NATIONAL INTERESTS DESTROYING THE EARTH

Environmental destruction is steadily pushing the Earth toward an Apocalypse, and we are now very close to a point of no return [1][2]. Despite this critical situation, wars and territorial disputes are still continuing. The people playing the major role in these conflicts are national leaders. They act mainly in their national interests, usually disguising their own personal interests, competing against other nations while ignoring environmental damage [3][4]. Russia is fighting against Ukraine. China is trying to annex Taiwan. The United States is fighting in multiple places, especially against Iran. North Korea is launching missiles for seemingly no reason. Israel is fighting against Iran and Hamas.

II. FROM NATIONAL INTERESTS TO GLOBAL INTERESTS

These leaders are acting mainly for local interests in order to appeal to their people and strengthen their national power [5]. They make it look as if their personal interests are the same as the national interest [6], even when their actions are clearly destructive to the global good. As long as the world is based on this system of local national leadership, we can never stop environmental destruction caused by competition between nations [7]. To stop this, we need to shift from the current system of local leadership to globally conscious leadership [8].

III. INCAPABLE U.N.

Although UN Secretary-General António Guterres is trying his very best, the current United Nations cannot play a decisive role in resolving conflicts especially when they involve powerful nations because it financially depends highly on those nations such as China, Russia, and the United States [9]. These nations are also strongly driven by their own national interests. This is similar to TV stations sponsored by large companies. Such stations may have difficulty broadcasting programs that go against the interests of their sponsors. Therefore, we need another global agency that can act for the global good independently of powerful nations [10]. But how can we create such an organization?

IV. GLOBAL AGENCY TO PROMOTE EACH NATION TO ELECT NATIONAL LEADERS WITH GLOBAL INTERESTS

It is a fact that we cannot avoid electing national leaders through national elections. Therefore, the best we can do is encourage each nation to elect national leaders who also have global interests in mind [11]. We need a new global agency to promote this process through financial incentives for nations [12]. For example, it could provide subsidies to help nations establish minimum living conditions for their people. In exchange for this practical incentive, the center could influence nations politically by encouraging them to follow globally responsible policies.

V. PROVIDING SUBSIDIES AS INCENTIVE

To build such a fund, we first need to earn global trust as a trustworthy international organization. To do this, we need to persuade a handful of highly influential international figures to join the organization as founding members, such as former presidents, influential companies such as Google and Amazon, and international NPOs. At the same time, we would establish a homepage explaining the organization's purpose and support system in language that ordinary people can easily understand. We could also ask for donations through platforms such as *GoFundMe*. The organization could then begin by providing small subsidies to nations from this fund.

These subsidies would be available only to nations whose elected leaders meet the center's conditions for globally conscious leadership. We could provide each country with a simple checklist in advance to help people identify and elect leaders who have a global vision [13]. By reporting clear results of our support, we could gradually increase the fund like a snowball, continuously increasing the number of nations that want to join the team and receive support.

As the center becomes known internationally, we could systemize its activities in areas such as leadership, funding, education, political advice, and administration. Its ultimate purpose would be to establish a global center capable of coordinating all nations for global interests, with as little influence as possible from powerful nations. At the same time, we could gradually bring existing international institutions under its umbrella, eventually including the United Nations itself. The current United Nations has a complex structure with too many peripheral branches but limited ability to take decisive action on major issues against powerful nations that provide large financial contributions [14].

VI. TO GUIDE NATIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR SUBSIDIES

By increasing the number of nations joining this global team, we could increase the number of national leaders who are willing to lead their countries in accordance with global interests. In exchange for financial support, the center could advise nations and constructively influence their policies so that they are consistent with the global direction indicated by the center.

VII. CREATE SAFETY ZONE FOR COUNTRIES UNDER VIOLENT LEADERS TO AVOID EMMIGRATION

Let us also consider the immigration problem, which is currently causing serious international difficulties. Exodus is not a good solution either for people who are forced to leave their own countries or for countries that must accept large numbers of people from different cultural backgrounds. In fact, many immigrants do not really want to leave their own countries [15] [16]. Therefore, it may be better to create safety zones within their own nations, with a special status that protects them from the influence of aggressive national leaders [17]. Once the center reaches a certain level of power and resources, it could support the establishment of such safety zones through financial and operational assistance. Over time, the center could develop the necessary security capabilities to ensure that its mission is not interfered with by nations acting solely in their own interests as well [18]. It is always most effective to intervene as early as possible. If its mission is truly neutral and just, it makes it more difficult that aggressive national leaders act out on their personal interest against its citizens opposition, which clearly supports the center's impartial global administration [19].

VIII. ORCHESTRATE A GLOBAL SHIFT FROM REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TO GLOBAL ADMINISTRATION

The ultimate goal of this whole project is to orchestrate a global shift from the current system of regional political representations toward a form of global administration [20]. All nations would agree to follow its global direction, even when serious national interests are involved. Again, the current United Nations simply cannot play this role. It is time for the world to be managed according to a broader vision of justice and global interest. We must stop regional authoritarian powers

from endlessly competing with one another while damaging our precious planet. We must transform the way the world is governed so that it operates under a true global vision [21].

IX. WITHIN THE REACH OF TECHNICAL POSSIBILITY

In the past, it was almost impossible to realistically discuss such a vision. However, through today's Internet connections, people can communicate with one another across the globe almost instantly. Thus, it is now fully within the range of possibility to establish a global center that coordinates global planning and administration [23].

X. TOWARD ESTABLISHING EARTH NATION

Without doubt, our top priority must be to protect this one and only living planet for ourselves and for future generations [14]. Now is the time for us to start acting as one family on this small miracle planet, which we can travel around by airplane in roughly 35 hours [25]. Therefore, I would like to call this new global center **Earth Nation (EN)**. And I would like you to actively join this EN project to help save our Earth before it actually becomes another dead planet in the universe.

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