

- Thank Ross Perot.
I tried to arrange a meeting with him but our schedules didn't match.
We owe a great debt to the founder of our party. From him we learned that a third party can be taken seriously if its leaders use common sense and demonstrate they are in touch with the people. It is people who built the reform Party, not special interests. This party grew from the bottom up, one person at a time.

- Have a productive convention.
Fair and open elections.
Hear different viewpoints.

- This is a great opportunity for the Reform Party.
Voters are suspicious of the two major parties.
It used to take tens of millions of dollars of special interest money to get elected president.

Now it takes hundreds of millions of special interest money.

Even the media buys into it – whoever raises the most money is declared the frontrunner.
How's that for objectivity?

- Power belongs to the people.
And every person is different.

The strength of our party is that it is made up of individuals.

It is not a group of people forced to march to a party line.

I've seen the weakness of a caucus system in Minnesota. Newly elected lawmakers are anxious to go to the Capitol and make a difference.

But once they get there, the parties take over, and tell them how to vote. That's when the people become poker chips in a political game.

The strength of the reform party is that it does not force everyone to think alike – they can be themselves and hold onto their integrity.

Politics as a game of power undercuts our national heritage – We the people hold the Power.
Power to the People.

When people are allowed to be themselves, they are more likely to think creatively on how to solve problems. Party politics has a funny way of destroying common sense.

- Minnesota proved a third party can win. If.
If you tap into people that gave up hope on the government, or never had any hope in the first place.

The reason I was elected is that young people and people who hadn't voted for years were inspired to go to the polls. A third party can win when people get excited enough to actually get out and vote.

- Let's build this party.
I can't do it for you.
You must be unified, work together.
Party is big enough for differences of opinion.
- Minnesota set the example.
We lost statewide elections for six years before I won.
- Do it the old-fashioned way
Build from the grassroots
No race is too small – all are important. The biggest war is won in the smallest battles.
City Councils
School Boards
Township Boards
State Legislatures.
- Here's some advice:
Don't listen to public opinion polls.
Don't trust the media.
- Three goals for party:
Recruit Members
Recruit and Support Candidates
Raise Money – honest money.
- Jack Gargan is my choice for party chairman.
He has vision, leadership to make the Reform Party the leading political force in America for the next millennium.
- If we unite and work together we can elect the next President.
Abraham Lincoln was a third party candidate.
Now it's our turn to elect a third-party candidate.

In 1998 Minnesota shocked the world. It's time for America to shock the world in the year 2-thousand.



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