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Why I Built This

For years, I have had a clear understanding that we have drifted away from the constitutional principles that once defined this nation. That understanding did not come from theory. It came from observation, experience, and a growing awareness that the structure of our government no longer operates as most people believe it does.

I was raised in a family whose roots trace back to the Mayflower and the founding of this country. The principles of liberty, limited government, and self-governance are not abstract ideas to me. They are foundational. I have long believed that if our laws and institutions were truly grounded in those principles, our nation would look very different today.

As an investigative journalist, I have had a front-row seat to how the system actually operates. I have seen the relationships, the methods, and the coordination between lawmakers, the judiciary, private interests, and the media. What is often presented as a functioning constitutional republic does not always reflect the underlying reality.

In Utah, I came to the conclusion that the system no longer operates as a fully representative republic. It increasingly functions through concentrated influence, coordinated decision-making, and institutional alignment that is not always visible to the public.

That realization became personal in 2014 with the passage of S.B. 54. The law was presented as a way to protect and expand voter participation. In practice, it altered the structure of how candidates reach the ballot and how political power is formed before voters ever make a choice. That moment forced me to look deeper.

I began researching, questioning, and documenting what I was seeing. I also learned something else. Speaking plainly about these issues often leads to dismissal rather than discussion. Evidence alone is not always enough when people are deeply invested in what they believe their system to be.

Over time, I realized the real problem was not just individual laws or isolated decisions. The problem was structural. Power was shifting in ways that were difficult to see, difficult to explain, and nearly impossible to measure using existing tools.

That is where the idea for REPRO began.

For years, I understood what needed to be done: a system that could map and measure how power actually moves across legislation, institutions, and time. But I also knew the scale of that task. It was beyond the capacity of any one person, and even beyond what a dedicated team could realistically accomplish using traditional methods.

That changed with the emergence of artificial intelligence.

Over the past year, I have focused on building REPRO as a practical system, not a theory. It is designed to evaluate legislation based on how it affects the structure of governance itself, not just what it claims to do. It measures authority, participation, accountability, and long-term impact across multiple domains in a consistent and repeatable way.

This has become my life's work.

I believe the Constitution represents more than a historical document. It is part of a much larger and enduring effort toward liberty and self-governance, a cause that reaches back through history and found one of its clearest expressions in the founding of this nation.

REPRO is my contribution to that cause.

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