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The Dysfunction of the American Political System

Instructor: Dr. Norman Levine, Professor Emeritus
3 sessions: Tuesdays, March 14, 21, 28
10:30 a.m. - noon
Maravilla Scottsdale – the Lodge
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Class: This course will not focus on political parties, nor on their ideologies, nor on political personalities. Instead, it is devoted to the analysis of those electoral and legislative structures which are stagnating American government, focusing on the present system for selecting Congressional representatives. It will demonstrate how the apportionment of seats in the Senate violates the democratic principle of popular sovereignty. It will demonstrate how the distribution of seats in the House of Representatives distorts the principle of equal representation and predetermines the Electoral College. Learn how the decline of democracy does not come from party platforms, but rather from an appropriation of seats that produces a Congress in virtual contradiction to our democracy.

Instructor: Norman Levine, PhD, received his doctorate’s degree in European history from New York University and specialized in political theory. He taught at DePauw University, Indiana, for five years and then at the University of Maryland for 20 years, serving as chairperson of the department of history for two years. He authored 35 scholarly articles in academic journals, published eight books and received two Fulbright Scholarships to Germany, as well as many other research grants. He is currently engaged in writing a ninth book on the origins of the concepts of liberty and freedom in the 18th century.

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