

WHY SHOULD WE DIVIDE?

New York is a very large state with an extremely diverse culture. Due to population and political make up, Downstate has literally captured our current state government and manages this state as if it were one enormous city.

Decisions and laws made to govern a city fit very poorly in mostly rural Upstate.

The effect has been crushing to the Upstate economy, with outrageously high unemployment and diminishing job prospects.

Many Upstate counties have budgets made up of 70% to 80% unfunded state mandates resulting in soaring property taxes for people who don't have the ability to pay them.

Because so many Upstate counties cannot meet the mandated financial requirements, New York City has increasingly had to make up the difference in the State budget. This constant drain of funding has left New York City with failing transportation systems and crumbling infrastructure. New York City desperately needs their own tax revenues to thrive. This is the opportunity that all three regions need. A clean break to allow us to focus on our individual needs.

For those of us who live Upstate the potential benefits are enormous. We would have the opportunity to create an entirely new government.

UPSTATE BENEFITS

Here are some things that we would recommend as priorities:

- A strict new **code of conduct for all government officials** with a clearly defined removal process for every office.
- Reform of our Court system and **correction of the current Bail system.**
- Review of all current NYS Laws and regulations, with an eye toward **repealing all unconstitutional laws.**
- **Education reform** to return schools budgets and policies to local control.
- **Medicaid and Welfare reform** (Medicaid is currently the single largest expense to most counties.)

The **New Amsterdam Region** would enjoy **dramatic reductions in property taxes** due to the above reforms.

Control of Upstate resources such as the Niagara Power Authority would make us a highly desirable place to do business and will allow us to dramatically **lower utility costs** to Upstate residents.

In Erie County alone, personal NYS income tax in 2019 generated \$1,150,700,000. How much stayed Upstate? How much was funneled downstate? WE DON'T KNOW!

State education mandates, curriculum and testing standards based on large, urban downstate school districts are not appropriate for smaller, rural Upstate districts. With the Divide NY plan, we can make educational requirements regional.

New Amsterdam's fiscal reforms and reduced regulation will bring a newly competitive business environment and commerce here will flourish. No one who wants to work will ever be without a job again. Many of the people who have left the area, will actually have the opportunity to return to New York State to take advantage of the new economic opportunities that we will have to offer

Our farms and agricultural industry will prosper like never before and farmland that has been vacant for years will be in high demand. Family farming as a way of life would once again be possible.

With your support, Upstate New York will finally have an opportunity to reach its full potential! Won't you please join us to make this plan a reality?

WE CAN DO IT!

Because we are forming regions not a new state or moving counties between states; Congress can be legally bypassed. Since Congress is unlikely, in the foreseeable future, to give the Northeast two more US Senate seats a new state would require; our three autonomous regions method makes more sense financially and is more likely to succeed!

WHAT IS DIVIDE NY?

Divide NY is a plan to partition the current NYS Government into three separate, autonomous regions. The three Regions would consist of:

1. New Amsterdam Region

(45 Upstate counties)

2. New York Region

(4 counties and the burroughs of NYC)

3. Montauk Region

(4 counties, including Long Island)



- The current Governor's office would remain to administrate the few state duties required by our Federal Constitution.
- The current Governor, would be for the most part, powerless in state matters.
- The current legislature would dissolve.

Each Region would have its own:

- Regional Governor
- Regional Legislature, made up of elected Senators and Assemblymen (based on Regional population)
- Regional Court System
- Law Enforcement System
- Public Employee System

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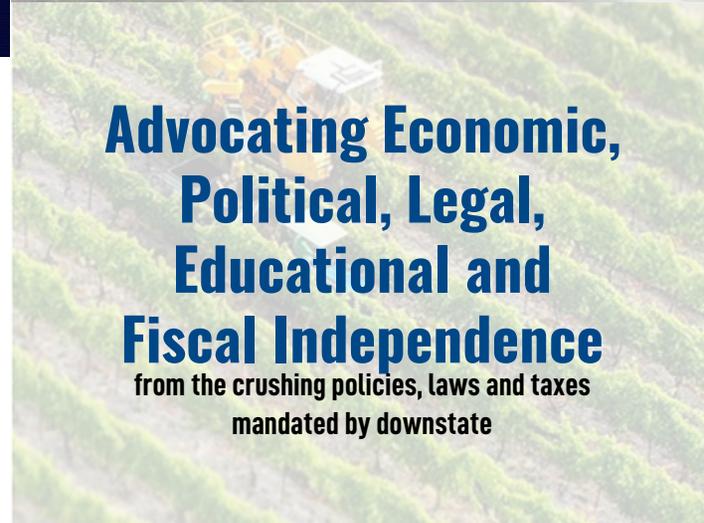
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