

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
IN THE AGE OF
CIVIC ENRAGEMENT:
THE HIGH COST OF IGNORANCE**

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- I. A high percentage of American adults are ignorant of the basic knowledge necessary to act and react reasonably and rationally to the political process.**
- II. Madison: Knowledge will forever govern ignorance.**
- III. Culture and education establishment focused on:
 - a. Endless careerism**
 - b. Boundless consumerism**
 - c. Shallow pop culture****
- IV. Is that what we consented to when we adopted compulsory education of the public?
 - a. Reagan: If we forget what we did, we won't know who we are.**
 - b. We are accidental citizens.**
 - c. Most of us got our citizenship on the cheap.****
- V. What is the "Unum" in "E Pluribus Unum"? What is our social adhesive?**

VI. 4 Facets of the Rule of Law:

a. Judicial

b. Victim

c. Perpetrator

d. Citizen

VII. Melting Pot: Pluralistic Society: The “Unum”

VIII. Success and social cohesion do not lie at the other side of consumption.

IX. Success and social cohesion lie at the other side of service.

X. What is the role of the lawyer? Whose house?