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You're Not Wrong

The emotional entry point

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Something is off. You've felt it for a while now — maybe years. Maybe longer.

It's not the specific policy you disagree with, or the particular politician who let you down, though those things are real. It's something underneath all of that. A feeling that the decisions being made about your life, your community, your future are being made somewhere else, by someone else, for reasons that have very little to do with you.

You're not wrong. That's exactly what's happening.

It doesn't matter whether you voted left or right last time, or didn't vote at all. It doesn't matter whether you live on a quarter section of wheat ground or in a walk-up apartment in the city. The farmer watching a corporate board change the terms of his livelihood and the renter watching another building go up that she'll never afford are not on opposite sides of anything. They are standing in the same place — outside a room where decisions get made — wondering why nobody inside seems to know their name.

> *Governments that were built to represent you have grown into governments that manage you.*

This is not an accident. It is a structure. The distance between the people making decisions and the people living with those decisions has become so great that accountability — real accountability, the kind where someone actually answers for what they've done to your community — has quietly disappeared.

You've noticed. Everyone has noticed. Most people have decided there's nothing to be done about it.

We disagree.

The instinct to govern ourselves — to make decisions about our own lives in our own communities with our own neighbours — is not a relic. It is the oldest and most durable force in the history of human civilization. It built the cooperatives that saved the prairies. It built the mutual societies that kept families whole before the welfare state existed. It built every community institution that ever actually worked, because those institutions were built by the people who needed them, not administered at them from a distance.

That instinct is still in you. It's in your neighbour too — the one you disagree with about almost everything else.

That disagreement is real, and it matters, and it won't go away. But underneath it is something you share that is more fundamental than any of the things that divide you: the belief that your life, your community, and your country should be shaped by people who actually live in it.

That instinct doesn't just produce better decisions. It produces everything worth having. Innovation comes from people close enough to a problem to see it clearly and free enough to act on what they see. Wealth built by people with a stake in their community stays in that community — it doesn't get extracted and moved elsewhere. And something less tangible but just as real: people who participate in shaping their own lives grow into the kind of people capable of doing it. Self-governance is not a political preference. It is the condition under which human beings do their best work.

We are not a party. We are not asking you to change what you believe. We are asking you to notice what you already know — that the system is not working for you — and to consider that there are people across every divide who know exactly the same thing.

This is where it starts. Not with a platform. Not with a leader. With you, and the person next to you, and the simple recognition that you are both standing outside the same room.

We call ourselves Modern Mutualists. We think it's time to walk back in.

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