

# DECENTRALIZED DECISION MAKING

## UNDER SYSTEMS PHILOSOPHY

THE STATED PURPOSE OF DECENTRALIZED DECISION MAKING IS TO GIVE CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAKING OF DECISIONS. THE ACTUAL PURPOSE IS SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT.



One facilitator with the predetermined outcome.



One group of unsuspecting citizens invited to a meeting to discuss an issue; each chosen to represent a "cross-section" of the larger community.



One group of unsuspecting citizens, believing they had input to the final decision (predetermined outcome), ready to support it and advocate it to the larger community.

**BUT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE IF THE LARGER COMMUNITY DOES NOT LIKE OR ACCEPT THE DECISION?**

"I didn't make the decision!"

"We aren't elected representatives of the people. We aren't responsible!"

No one is responsible; only elected representatives can be held responsible.

**BUT THE DECISION STANDS BECAUSE NO ONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING IT.**

### TWO THINGS BECOME APPARENT:

1. Decentralized decision making is a method for implementing predetermined outcomes for which no one can be held responsible or accountable.
2. The process by which this is accomplished is disingenuous at the least, but is an example of what is known as covert authority.