





level of commitment to this cause, in terms of the programs, outreach and educational

This question remains unanswered almost 100 years later. But what is apparent is that there is a greater desire and readiness amongst the people on Guam, in particular its indigenous Chamoru population, to pursue a change in Guam's political status.

What we have seen is that the issue is largely bipartisan, receiving support from both

When John Garamendi presented the Clinton Administration's position on Chamorro self-determination in a Congressional hearing in October 1997, I was appalled by the lack of coherence. He stated that the administration opposed ethnic qualifications for any ballot failing to accept and appreciate the ethnic dimensions of the Treaty of Paris or the Organic Act. I asked him that if we ran a political status election according to his definitions, would the federal government abide by the results. He said no and further indicated that such elections cannot be binding on the federal government. Imagine that. The federal