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"Congress has a spending problem not a revenue problem." Rep. John Boehner

VOTERS! IGNORE THE RHETORIC

by John Anderson

In November of 2010 the message to our government from the electorate was clear. "Cut spending dramatically and do it NOW!" Americans need to take a stand on the fiscal crisis facing our nation and clearly state what we expect both parties to do together, and what price they will pay at the ballot box for ignoring these expectations. We also need to commit to support tough decisions that affect us all.

We, the People Demand Real Cuts in Spending! Democrats and Republicans should adopt the overhauled federal income tax model recommended by the Debt Commission. It was drafted in a bipartisan way. It reduces tax rates for all while growing the number of Americans actually paying taxes. It makes companies more competitive while eliminating the loopholes that allow them to book profit overseas to avoid the current 35% corporate tax rate, which is the highest in the world. It eliminates the average taxpayer's deductions, like the homeowner's deduction by lowering the average tax rate, thus fairly treating income levels. It dramatically reduces complexity and the growing need for an ever-more invasive IRS. Finally, it reduces the political clout that lobbyists have with politicians. While not perfect, it touches many sacred cows for both Republicans and Democrats, and that is a good thing.

Make major cuts in the size of the federal government, but do it in a way that incorporates both Republican and Democrat "pet causes". Here are some examples:

- Eliminate the Department of Education completely and give the money to the states in block grants with no strings attached, other than it must be used for public education. It is a state responsibility, not a federal one anyway, and the D.o.E is by any metric, a total failure in terms of expenditures versus results since 1979.
- Cut big farm and oil subsidies that are used and abused by big oil and farms nationwide. Stop encouraging corn farmers to grow corn for ethanol, which is another failed strategy, and use it to reduce the price of food in America and the availability of food worldwide. That is more important.
- Dramatically increase exploration and production of fossil fuels like oil, natural gas and clean coal on American soil or in American waters. This will help ease the immediate pressure on gas prices and our dependence on foreign oil.
- Eliminate subsidies for anything that should stand on its own in the public marketplace, including Planned Parenthood, NPR, PBS, and any Republican sacred cows. Everything should be on the table.
- Seriously look for ways to cut the Defense Department Budget and the Veterans Administration, eliminating wasteful expenditures, corrupt procurement processes and unnecessary bureaucracy. Converge all three military medical services into one. It was tried during the 1980's under a program called TRIMIS, but left to the Defense Department to implement it. They failed because of turf wars. This time, mandate that the Army, Navy and Air Force become one medical service, under one command structure and make it more functional and less expensive to run. Dramatically overhaul the Veteran's Administration, which is one of the most costly and bureaucratic institutions in America. Innovate by vastly reducing the number of regions supported, strategically reduce or better target large medical centers and take current funds designated for primary care and simply buy health insurance for veterans. This would render tremendous savings and actually improve access to care for veterans. Change the way veterans apply for disability benefits. The current process is designed to delay, delay and ultimately deny. No credibility is given to civilian medical opinion, decisions are bureaucratic and driven by semantics and medical record entries, making the process slow, inaccurate and tilted against the veteran in most cases.

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- Raise the full retirement age of eligibility for Social Security by 2 years for those individuals below age 55.
- Overhaul Medicare now, including at least the following changes: Move citizens below age 55 to an insurance voucher system that allows them to purchase private health insurance at age 62 at an affordable price. Change Medicare plans to allow retirees to opt for only coverage that fits their individual needs, rather than forcing the government to cover every retiree for every conceivable medical need. Allow retirees to opt for what suits them, just as they do for life insurance and auto insurance. This will save money and improve care.
- Make the Justice Department enforce laws dealing with fraud and abuse of the federal system. If they do not, hold them accountable.

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- If needed, means test the use of a small deductible and copays for current retirees. Most of us would be fine with that as long as it was not punitive and helped add life to the system.
- Medicaid should be done in block grants to the states, with the ability to innovate, package plans and coverage that make sense in their state and within their budget.
- Dramatically reduce foreign aid immediately, especially to those countries who are not our friends. Foreign aid is a failed strategy and needs to be eliminated. We can't afford it any longer.
- Get out of Afghanistan and bring our troops home. It is a waste of time, money and precious American lives. What began as a punitive removal of the Taliban for their part in the 9/11 attack is now a never ending nation building process that has no chance to succeed. We are supporting a corrupt government, trying to create a democratic society from a Stone Age tribal society, most of whom are illiterate, and who believes that violence is the normal way to solve disputes. It is ridiculous to invest any longer in this effort. If we want to prevent the Taliban from reassuming power, there are cheaper ways to accomplish that mission than having tens of thousands of soldiers, Marines and airmen on the ground there.
- Get out of Libya immediately. This adventure is pure folly and very costly.
- Get out of Iraq if we are done with that situation there. If we need to protect the oil, make that the sole mission and staff only to that goal. Iraq should be paying us to defray the massive cost to American taxpayers.
- Tell Saudi Arabia that the price of oil is too high for us to pay and we will therefore need to dismantle our military presence there and bring our forces home. They will need to defend themselves in the future, or work with us to vastly reduce the price of oil to America. No more free lunch for the Saudis.
- Return the student loan program to the private sector. The federal government has no business running this program.
- Return the majority of federally owned land to the states and let them manage and develop it. Sell off all empty federal buildings and get out of the real estate business.
- Eliminate all subsidies or help for GM and Chrysler and any other private company the federal government took over. They need to stand on their own or fail on their own. Period.
- No more bailouts for anyone, for any reason at any time in the future. It is time for personal responsibility on the part of everyone, including the federal government.
- Cut the number of federal employees across the board by 25%, except the military, allowing the individual departments or agencies to decide how best to do that. This is how the private sector reduces cost and eliminates duplication and ineffective programs. The federal government should do the same. This is a far better way to eliminate waste and reduce the size of government than playing politics with this program or that one. If tomorrow the federal government only had 75% staffing across the board, you had better believe that they would find the waste in a hurry.
- Reduce salaries of all federal employees, except the military by 10% and the salaries of Congressmen and women, U.S. Senators, Cabinet Secretaries and the President by 40%. Welcome to public service. Public service should not be a career choice or a destination job, but rather a citizen sacrifice, like the Founders intended.

There are no doubt many, many other cuts, elimination of departments and subsidies that can be achieved if Democrats and Republicans act like patriots for a change. America needs reason and discipline and it is incumbent upon our leaders to show that leadership that enables America to thrive again. If they can't do that together at this critical point in time, then America no longer needs them and we need to get rid of all of them soon. To all Americans, it is critical for each of us to accept the fact that we will have to live with fewer services from state and federal governments. We all have to sacrifice if we are to survive as a nation. Let's help one another and back those in leadership who are willing to put principle above personal gain and partisan politics.



DOES THE BUDGET BATTLE ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS?

By John Anderson

In Washington D.C. we have a fundamental problem. Not one of our elected officials has any interest it seems in addressing our looming debt crisis by asking the right questions. The right questions, from a common sense point of view, may well be those that actually seek answers, rather than political points. The right questions are also likely to be agreed upon by both Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives. While the answers might spur some debate, the questions, if agreed upon, could well serve to establish a baseline budget from which to move forward.

If asked, most Republicans and Democrats would agree with these statements:

- Debt is inherently a negative force on our country over time
- The amount of our debt is far too high and needs to be reduced
- Our nations spending level is annually adding to our debt and deficit
- We have to borrow 40 cents of every dollar that we spend today
- Given spending levels and borrowing, the cost of those loans will go up
- The less solvent we are, the more dependent upon others we become
- Being dependent on others as a nation eventually hurts our national security
- If we are not secure, America could well be destroyed in one way or another

If Congress and the White House began the debate about our fiscal situation from the agreed upon statements above, then the following questions might well offer some very tangible solutions:

1. Do we agree that planning for “worst case scenarios” is a good idea?
2. Do we require and expect our military establishment to do serious, factual contingency planning for war and other military engagements around the world?
3. Do responsible businesses, cities, counties, municipalities and states engage in factual contingency planning, including disaster planning?
4. Do families, as a rule, try to anticipate financial reversals that may impede their ability to pay their bills, send their kids to college or retire with dignity?

If Republicans and Democrats alike could align along the statements and questions cited above, and in all likelihood they can, then the right questions could be asked and answers sought that could lead to real economic decisions that would reduce the debt and deficit in the next five years.

The Right Questions to Ask

QUESTION: If, for whatever reason, America’s ability to fund itself was reduced by 50%, which is entirely likely if we continue spending and borrowing at today’s rate, what would we have to eliminate in order to meet than new limit?

• What services • What Departments • What agencies • What people • What buildings • What land holdings • What military capability • What Homeland Security capability • What foreign aid • Etc., etc., etc.

The key to this planning is for each participant to acknowledge that the 50% mandated reduction in funding is non-negotiable.

QUESTION: Given, in this scenario, that we will only have approximately half of today’s current resources and no ability to borrow more, what should be our starting poin in terms of baseline funding of the government?

SUGGESTION: It probably makes sense to begin with our U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8, and confirmed in Article X. That will provide the list of authorized services, powers and procedures enumerated in the Constitution for the federal government.

QUESTION: Once the enumerated powers, services and procedures are fully funded according to the Constitution, how much money is left to do other things that Congress and the White House feels they must do?

NOTE: This is where the bulk of the debate will be conducted, because legally, only those things enumerated in the Constitution for the federal government are allowed.

In the final analysis, Congress and the White House must come to grips with some number or percentage of reduction in the size of government that could actually be imposed on the country, either by legislation or by circumstance. Logic tells us that if that firm reduction number were 25% today, agreed upon by Congress and the White House, the trauma to our citizens would be minimal. If, however, Congress and the White House continue to ignore reality and play games, the likely number will be in excess of 50% and we will not be prepared to comply with such a drastic reduction without major upheaval in the nation. The reduction is coming, one way or another.



COMPASSION-OBAMA'S NEW 'CATCH' WORD FOR REDISTRIBUTING WEALTH

By Nancy Armstrong

Throughout the history of this nation there has been a segment of our political population committed to changing the course of it's founding principles. What became an ideology that promised a better life for everyone under government orchestration hasn't changed much except more Americans understand there is a price and it is loss of freedom, disruption and distortion of the market place. Today's liberal strategy depends on clever language as political writers create 'catch' words or phrases that emotionally camouflage an unpopular plan if not disguise the intent altogether.

Throughout recent history are examples of strategies that attempt to destroy the free market and private enterprise.

* In 1939, Rexford G. Tugwell, one of the original theorists of the New Deal, stated, "It seems to me that we are now engaged in a more or less conscious process of reassigning and redistributing powers and controls---in certain spheres, no doubt, where enterprise is affected with a public interest we shall be forced to resort to an increasing degree of public authority to achieve the necessary control."

* Liberal economist, Robert Theobald, stated "---In the ideal future, each person and each pressure group would be willing to concede that the interests of the community as a whole---once they were known---should take priority over their own interests."

* The fact remains that the control is there. Its chief instrument, chosen by the New Deal and wielded vigorously by Liberals ever since, is the economic analysis of John Maynard Keynes. Keynesian theory assumes government should manipulate the economy. Keynesian economics incorporates the central objective of the Socialist.----in short, that Keynesianism comes out precisely where modern Socialism itself has come out---securing control over the economy to government, leaving private citizens only the formalities of their own estate?

Editor's note---Stimulus money is Keynesian economics. It redistributes wealth, causes inflation and cripples the market place.

* 1960, Arthur Schlesinger, drafted a document, "The Shape of National Politics to Come." Since this memorandum was prepared for the edification of the Democratic leadership, there can be little doubt that President Kennedy chose Schlesinger as his advisor-----. Schlesinger writes, The fact has to be faced that private interest and the public interest often come into harsh conflict. The test will lie in willingness to take on the private interests whose aggressive pursuit of their own advantage imperils the general welfare." ----"The assertion of the public interest will therefore mean, in particular, a determination to prevent special interests from absorbing the communal surplus which ought to be dedicated to communal, not private, purposes." ----"We are not spending enough on government (this at a time when the national budget stood at the highest point in history). ---His answer to both problems---cracking down on "private interests" who want to spend their own money on consumer goods, and building up the "public sector", or the amount of money available to government---is therefore obvious: Increase taxes. In his 1960 memorandum, Schlesinger writes, ---we have become "the affluent society," awash with gadgetry, oblivious to the plight of worthy bureaucrats. He thus makes it clear that "the affluent society" is entirely the fault of capitalist free enterprise.

* Socialist and liberal philosophies and their goals to improve societies have been consistent. "----In 1964 the platform for Americans for Democratic Action states, The blind forces of the market place cannot be depended upon either to achieve full employment and vigorous growth or to direct economic resources in accordance with national priorities. For these purposes we need democratic national economic planning to evaluate our resources and our needs and to develop an order of priorities for the applications of resources and our needs---" The dominant urge, in short, is to get---control---to plan, direct, manipulate. Control, to be sure, for the best of purposes---as defined by Liberals. But then Socialists, too, want control of the best purposes---as defined by the Socialists. The object is to put government in charge of everyone's destiny; to have economic and other decisions made, not by private individuals according to their own lights in the employment of their own energies, but by political authorities wielding the mace of power.

In closing, taxation, subsidies and stimulus money destroy individual sovereignty placing control in the hands of the federal government. The liberal, Socialist and Statist ideology focuses on control over private property and production to fulfill the distribution of wealth according to their plan. It places 'them' as direct political, social, and economic enemies of capitalism and the free market. It erodes conservative American ideals.

* The Liberal Establishment, Is it Socialism? by M. Stanton Evans---pg. 77-89



LET CAPITALISM AND THE FREE MARKET WORK!

Liberalism is a powerful foe of freedom because guilt, lies and manipulation of emotions are its sword. An example of liberal strategy was Raum Emanuel’s statement, “You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it’s an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before.” It sounds harmless, however, exemplifies a cunning strategy to use emotions to accomplish reliance on government. A strategy that disguises their liberal agenda; to control the sovereign rights of the individual.

The free market works, it corrects itself naturally, where as; government interference creates unbalance in the market place, promotes political favors and increases taxation to cover exorbitant costs that only the federal government can incur and still remain in business. The housing market is one of endless examples. In reality, had the government not been involved in the mortgage business by mandating banks to loan to unqualified buyers, the crisis would not have happened. Therefore, the taxpayer lost, the home buyers lost, the sellers lost and the market is crippled.

A free market allows success and failure in a healthy, competitive environment. In a statist or socialist society we all lose, due to debt, joblessness, inflation and lack of production.

America’s strength diminishes, economically, politically, socially and morally because of government intervention into the creative pursuits of the individual. The stability and strength of America is in direct relationship to the purity it embraces as a Republic—a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives---. .Let the free market work!

By Nancy Armsrong



IDAHO FREEDOM FOUNDATION

By Wayne Hoffman

I am pleased to tell you that Obamacare has come to a virtual standstill here in Idaho. How? Today, Gov. Butch Otter signed an executive order that prohibits implementation of the unconstitutional federal law in Idaho. In writing his executive order, the governor used language from our anti-Obamacare measures, House Bill 117 and House Bill 298. Upon signing his executive order, the governor vetoed House Bill 298. While I would have liked to see our anti-Obamacare measure put into statute, the main priority for us this session was to block the implementation of the unconstitutional federal law, and now that has occurred. Much of the credit belongs to the legislators who worked with us on this issue, namely Sens. Pearce, Vick, Nuxoll and Reps. Boyle and Barbieri.

We must push on in our fight against Obamacare, and I want to thank everyone for supporting the Idaho Freedom Foundation in our efforts to get to this point.

Yours for freedom,

Wayne

P.s. Thank you also to those of you who showed up for the hearing on precious metals in Meridian. As a result of the outpouring of opposition, the council rejected the ordinance.

BOOKS

[THE TEA PARTY GOES TO WASHINGTON](#) By Rand Paul

The newly elected senator and self-described ‘‘constitutional conservative’’ explains why his party has to stand by its limited government rhetoric and why the federal government must be stuffed back into its constitutional box. Given the problems our nation faces, these are not mere suggestions, but moral imperatives.



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The threat against the very essence and core of what the United States of America exemplifies, is real. Our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were written to prohibit political and judicial manipulations that bespeak oppressive i.e. big government. This is a Republic (A state in which supreme power is held by the people---). We are a nation suffering a threat from within.

If we, in our home towns, our state and nation, are subjugated by the government, our dollar weakened, property diminished, and spirit depressed, does it not indicate that we must act with stronger resolve and greater passion to dismantle the foes of freedom. Contact your congressmen and senators in Idaho. Let them know how they are doing and what you believe will promote freedom from big government. Invite them to join us at Tea Party Boise. Encourage your friends to do the same.

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The Tea Party Boise website, newsletters, communications to our state representatives and public leaders, the annual membership meeting, rallies, special Email announcements to members, and coordinating efforts with other freedom based organizations are just part of the activities that promote 'our' message that "We will not trade our freedom for statism". We all know that the federal government is on a power binge. Those that support big government have invested in that end and we have an enormous battle ahead to stop and reverse the damage.

We must expand the 'reach' and impact of our voices that resonate "our passion and our allegiance is to the republic (a state where supreme power is held by the people--).

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