

Fall Kickoff

While fall typically ushers in an enthusiastic wave of football fever, this year the anticipation is skewed toward the November mid-term elections. Labor Day is generally the official kickoff for the fall elections, however, this writer, along with several million people in this country, has thought for sometime that this fall could not get here soon enough. Polls show that most Americans are desperate for a change in the way that Washington has refused to listen to the will of the people. And a change is definitely coming!!

And even though the current administration rammed through a terrible stimulus & health care reform bill that was anything but stimulating and reforming, President Obama's Labor Day speech, made primarily to labor union supporters, once again calls for spending more money that will do nothing but throw more money toward his favorite people (labor unions).

Will Washington ever get it? The economy is stimulated when PRIVATE SECTOR jobs are added. The focus must be on doing the things that will encourage PRIVATE SECTOR employers to hire new employees. This can only happen when it is advantageous for them to build up inventories, purchase new equipment, and hire new employees through tax policies that encourage them to do so. This will only happen when business has the confidence that lawmakers believe that this is truly the solution to correct the problems that we now face and will not pull the rug out from under them by passing legislation that will provide this encouragement with one hand and take it away through massive increases in other sectors (i.e. cap and trade legislation).

Unfortunately, the elephant in the room is the burning desire of this president to pass cap and trade legislation. Until a death nail is driven into the heart of this terrible legislation, I don't think anyone in business will believe that there is a real passion in Washington to allow the free market to correct the problems we now face in this country and allow capitalism to once again produce the exceptionalism that has made our nation the greatest on the planet.

Why is it that Washington seems hell bent on doing the things that push this country further and further into debt? What is it that motivates Washington to create a societal atmosphere of mediocrity and entitlement? There can be only one reason. That is to create a society that is so dependent upon the government for its every need it would be willing to allow the government to drag it to hell itself. Why? Because it's all about the power to control the lives of others.

Do you think this thinking is somewhat farfetched? Then why is it that with a solution to our current dilemma so obvious before us, this administration still insists that the Bush tax cuts should only be extended to those making less than \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples). Only problem is that if you increase taxes on individuals and businesses making more than the arbitrary number set by this administration, those tax increases have to be passed on to all in the form of higher costs of doing business.....and you guessed it, everyone is penalized. It is obvious that this is a back door tax increase for everyone.

The problem with tax increases is that historically they have never produced more revenue for the federal government; in fact they have produced just the opposite effect. Why? Because business slows down, personal income is reduced because of reduced production hours, and inflation reduces purchasing power that all of us have.

On the other hand, tax cuts tend to increase revenues to the federal government because business gets stronger, personal incomes are increased due to increased production demands, and purchasing power is held in check because of increased personal incomes.

The answer to turning this economy around is to increase domestic output and reduce federal spending. This can only happen through personal accountability of the representatives that we elect. It is obvious that the same old methods that have failed in the past cannot continue if we want to take our country back and restore the prosperity that we once had.

So as we prepare for the upcoming mid-term elections, we must realize that we can no longer sit back and wish our problems away. We must take responsibility for those that we elect to help to correct that this nation faces. We must use every resource available to understand the positions of each of the candidates running for election. And that doesn't just mean getting our information from the six o'clock news from the mainstream media. The internet blogs, alternative news media, talk radio, and personal research are available to all of us.

Please take the time to become completely informed of the choices that you have. The upcoming mid-term elections may be the most important elections in your lifetime because of the ramifications that can result from them. Never before have we faced such a critical period in our history.

Till next time,

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