



Business in America is operating in a difficult economic climate. High unemployment and poor job prospects have become a way of life. The stock market swings like an erratic pendulum. In order to grow business, the economy needs equilibrium, but it is flirting with chaos. Instead of growing out of the recession, we are sliding back. Many think the economy is "out of control." Citizens ask, "Who is responsible and how do we fix the situation?"

Responsibility

Business people everywhere know the burden of responsibility. When we screw up, we admit it. Good leaders take responsibly for what happens in their organizations, poor leaders point the finger.

It is time to assign responsibility for this fiasco. It started when congress succeeded in repealing the laws put into place following the great depression. Laws established to prevent meltdowns like the one we are experiencing. Congress forced the lending institutions to make sub-prime loans. It continued when congress failed in its basic task of oversight. The housing mess had harbingers but no one wanted to listen. Perhaps the pigs at the trough were making too much noise.

The Bush administration with a democratic congress blew out the budget and started the steep climb of the federal deficit. He started two wars that were unfunded by revenue increases. The banking crisis came to a head on his watch, and his administration is responsible for the recession. The TARP plan is also the responsibility of the Bush administration.

The American people voted in an inexperienced Barrack Obama, who had never created a job or run a company. His qualifications were marginal at best. For voting in an inept administration, the American people must take responsibility.

The TARP execution is the responsibility of the Obama administration. They set the rules and administered the funds.

On Feb. 17, 2009, President Obama signed a massive economic stimulus bill totaling \$787 billion dollars – all going directly into the deficit. The bill was nearly 1100 pages, so big that no one read it. That includes our Senate, Congress, and the President. Regardless, they approved it. To the positive side, it saved many states from financial chaos. It failed its primary purpose, to stimulate job growth. President Obama and congress used the money for partisan politics and to fund a rash of extreme initiatives. He promised that unemployment would not exceed 8.0%. It is currently stuck at 9.5. When he approved the bill, he lost the ability to point at others, "It wasn't me, it was him." That is a schoolyard mentality unworthy of a law professor and beneath the dignity of a President of the United States.

President Obama appears to be pursuing his agenda at the expense of the people. His whipping post is American business. It defies logic to understand where he is going to get the money to continue his agenda while strangling the means of production and blocking the road to wealth. Until the private sector is generating jobs, the economy will not improve.

Projecting the future based on the past, President Obama is going to continue working on his own agenda. He promised to focus on jobs and the economy. Instead he worked on expensive healthcare and social programs, neither high on the voter's priority list.

In the last two years, congress and the senate have approved every massive spending initiative by the president, including the healthcare bill and the stimulus package. That makes them equal partners for the bad economy and for mortgaging the prosperity of future generations.

Solution

President Obama is halfway through his term of office and is untouchable. Voters have one opportunity to restore balance and practicality. To change the President's direction, we must change congress and the senate. Do this by voting for responsible people with experience and a passion for growing business, creating jobs, and building a healthy America. Vote for people that show sound financial judgment and an understanding of how the world really works.

To get responsible government we must be responsible citizens. Study the issues and understand the consequences of staying on the current path. If you believe it to be correct, vote your belief. If you want to change, vote for those who will take the country in a positive economic direction.

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