



The Truth

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“He who is surety for a stranger will suffer, but one who hates being surety is secure.” (Proverbs 11:15)

“Our national debt is the fault of any representative, both in Congress and the White House, who placed their name in support of TARP I & II and the debt increases. This makes all of these public servants devoid of trust and should be fired.”
—Dave



lose money...” The [article](#) goes on to read that WE the People, aka US taxpayers, “are unlikely to get all their money back from a \$700 billion bailout...”

Gee, I never saw that coming! Actually I did. As far back as September 26, 2008. Writing in the New Media Journal, my [article](#) “America’s Real Anxiety”, I asked President Bush three questions, with number three coming back to haunt us:

3) How will the recovered assets be returned to the taxpayers? Taxpayers have a right to fear what Congress might actually do with these recovered assets?

In any court of law, in any country in the world; at any diner across the fruited plain, this is an open and shut case of fraud, embezzlement, and theft.

Regardless of the good intentions of the government, when a government program fails to perform the taxpayer is always left holding the bag. It was this knowledge that caused me to not trust President Bush’s plain in 2008:

The President promises the rescue plan “would remove the risk posed by the trouble assets—including mortgage-backed securities—now clogging the financial system.” How? That needs to be explained to the American people before the bill is passed and signed into law. The plan also promises to “be designed to ensure that taxpayers are protected.” Again, how?

This was a bad deal from the start. How did I and others know this going in? Because the US Government’s credit history with the US taxpayer is one of bankruptcy.

Our Founding Fathers, and more importantly, our Bibles, warn us against excessive debt. Read on...

FROM THE FOUNDERS



During the ratification debate for and against the newly constructed US Constitution, the argument over taxation was one of the most divisive. States were concerned over the over-reaching powers of the federal government to tax its people. Hamilton rightly pens that if taxes were to get too high, then consumption and productivity would decrease as would the revenue from them. That is exactly what has happened with our current economy.

"If duties are too high, they lessen the consumption; the collection is eluded; and the product to the treasury is not so great as when they are confined within proper and moderate bounds. This forms a complete barrier against any material oppression of the citizens by taxes of this class, and is itself a natural limitation of the power of imposing them." Alexander Hamilton, *Federalist 21*

"Too big to fail" spoken by any elected official is grounds for immediate dismissal. In a free market society, no business is too big to fail. If for some reason a particular market niche is being artificially propped up by taxpayer dollars, then the only remedy is to remove the support and allow it to collapse. Bankruptcy is not always a bad remedy; General Motors and Chrysler would have been okay without a bailout. Ditto the banks.

The sad and wicked truth is, both in the Bush and Obama Administrations, and the 110th, 111th, and 112th Congresses, that crony capitalism was on ugly display for all Americans to see. And unfortunately, as was the hope of these cronies, too many Americans were not paying attention. Just ask most Americans if they remember how much TARP was and how our taxpayer dollars were to be recouped.

Thomas Jefferson is quoted as saying "To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

No truer words were even spoken nor the truth of those words so evident as today.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Friend, you cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. And what one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government can't give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody. And when half of the people get the idea they don't have to work because the other half's going to take care of them, and when the other half get the idea it does no good to work because somebody's going to get what I work for. That, dear friend, is about the end of any nation.”
Dr. Adrian Rogers, [1984](#).

The Bible is replete with wisdom about ill-gotten gain. One would be hard-pressed to think of a more insidious case of ill-gotten gain than what our government has done when it comes to bailing out the auto and banking industries. It is simply wicked and sinful.

Many 21st Century Americans have no idea of the reasons we became a nation. While it was not the overriding reason (contrary to what you learn in government schools), taxation without representation was indeed an issue for our Founders. More importantly, it was pre-revolutionary preachers who identified the sinfulness of godless taxation. Jonathan Mayhew is credited with coming up with the term “taxation without representation.” In his [sermon](#), “A Discourse Concerning Unlimited Submission and Non-Resistance to the Higher Powers,” Mayhew states:

“Here the apostle argues the duty of paying taxes, from this consideration, that those who perform the duty of rulers, are continually attending upon the public welfare. But how does this argument conclude for paying taxes to such princes as are continually endeavoring to ruin the public? And especially when such payment would facilitate and promote this wicked design...Thus, upon a careful review of the apostle's reasoning in this passage, it appears that his arguments to enforce submission, are of such a nature, as to conclude only in favor of submission to such rulers as he himself describes; i.e., such as rule for the good of society, which is the only end of their institution. Common tyrants, and public oppressors, are not entitled to obedience from their subjects, by virtue of any thing here laid down by the inspired apostle.”

Some may argue saving businesses “too big to fail” is “for the good of society” but one man’s good is another man’s evil. A cursory look at just the Book of Proverbs renders our government’s wasteful spending as nothing short of evil.

And it must stop...now!

TO THE STREETS

WE the People have been left holding the bag, so to speak, on our national debt for far too long. And guess what? It is our fault. I know we bemoan Barack Obama, the Democrats, Republicans, RINOs, Demicans, and Republicrats, but the old adage, “We get the government we deserve,” is never truer than when it comes to how our elected officials vote. It is up to us to be ever vigilant to our elected officials’ voting records. We congratulate them when they vote for good and castigate them when they vote for evil. Here is a great way to let them know you’re watching them:

1. Contact them and then you’re watching them. Do not do so in any ominous way, but let them know that you have decided to take your civic duties as a US citizen serious and are beginning just by contacting their office.
2. Send them (better yet fax it) the BBC [article](#) and then call and ask your US Congressman and Senators if they were aware of this finding? Then ask them what they are planning to do about it?
3. Send them a copy of Jonathan Mayhew’s [sermon](#) and ask them to read it. After a few days, call and find out if they agree with Pastor Mayhew’s sentiments. This will reveal to you their worldview. If it is biblical they will embrace the discourse.
4. Be sure you get this BBC article into the local community discourse. With just over six months until we hold national elections, and with the campaigns ramping up, WE the People need a reminder of the wasteful spending of our elected officials. They need to be held accountable.
5. Carrying on the last point, make plans to attend all the campaign events you can. Additionally, be sure to begin, now, learning about all the state and local election issues, as well as the national ones. None is more important than the other.

Our time is short, our burden is great, and our success as a nation depends entirely upon us. It will not matter who wins the White House if we fail to reform Capitol Hill, the state houses, and our local governments. If we truly love our nation, then we will do what it takes to save it.

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