ALERT
To The ....
Regulation Juggernauts

‘Say it is not so, - No, Not in my Country. This can’t happen here.’

WARNING – Regulations are being adopted to kill economic growth and ultimately curtail freedom. Regulations are under the public radar screen and not addressed enough in detail to alert the public.

NEED TO KNOW – The consequences from an uncontrollable assault of regulations on society in the U.S.

PROLOGUE
-- ‘To regulate is to rule, and to impose absolute rule is dictatorship’--

- From the teachings of Karl Marx (1818-83), Vladimir Lenin (1870-1924) and Mao Tse Tung (1893-1976) on ‘Dictatorship of the Proletariat’, in the takeover of society. – These early communists along with others, e.g., Joseph Stalin, Ho Chi Minh, Pol Pot (Cambodia), Fidel Castro and Kim Jong (North Korea), caused deprivation, poverty, starvation, lost freedom and the death of millions of people. Hopefully, Americans will not endure to the same extent societal carnage in their current march to further socialism.
- Those Americans not aware of the history of Socialism have a tragic void in their education – And likewise Americans should beware of what could happen to them. ---

Getting to the Heart of the Matter

First
A Primer Recap: There is justification for appropriate regulations by need in a complex society.
- To ensure the public safety
- To protect the environment from activities that can potentially harm life and property
- To serve as rules of conduct among individuals, groups and for commercial pursuits to enable equal and fair play
- To establish procedures to implement and follow laws
- To protect and enhance generally accepted values and standards in society

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There are three kinds of regulations that impact our lives -

ONE – **Appropriate Regulations**
*Good rule making comes about after demonstrating verifiable proof for need*, where benefits exceed costs, and without undo influence from unsubstantiated self-interest biases. Regulations must be based on merit.

TWO – **Poor Regulations** – many from ill-conceived liberal Democrat sponsored laws.
*Regulations not based on good rule making principle for verifiable need, but instead limits and jeopardizes opportunity and available choices by those affected. Burgeoning overbearing self-interest groups demand favor and advantage in business, group and individual activity.* This is especially evident during the past three decades by the sheer volume of regulations adopted by municipalities, and state and federal governments. Political manipulations by self-interests in the Regulatory Scheme have been and continue to be costly for society. Opportunity, enterprise and freedom suffer by unwarranted restrictions to initiative and competition. Moreover, crony capitalism gains unfair advantage and thus real economic growth suffers.

THREE – **Intolerable - Regulations to Destroy Opportunity, to Destroy Individualism, and to Destroy the Freedom to Choose – A new kind of unfolding tyranny**
*We are now engaged in a radical ideological ‘rush’ to promulgate regulations (on purpose) to fully control procedures and outcomes in society. Objective is to curtail ability to choose and to deny opportunity for individuals, groups and businesses.* (creeping communism?) This is what the current radical activist liberal Democrat power structure (estimated to be 5% - 7% of U.S. adults) stands for today - an agenda to gain control over all human activity. These leftist Democrats already dominate affairs in many municipalities, state legislatures, and departments and agencies throughout the country. And not to forget, the biggest freedom robbing entity of all is the Federal government under the Obama Socialist Administration. It is clear these leading Democrat ideologues want nothing less than a collectivist conformist society. If not stopped, their dictated rules ultimately lead to Communism with all its miseries.

   Leftist Liberals are working via Regulations (and the taxing authority) to take control in the producing of all goods and services. Just look at the Federal Government take over of the student and housing loan markets. Economic growth is stopped and reversed! What we have is a new kind of evolving dictatorship.

As of 2012, Regulations currently on the books are about to be joined with thousands of more pages of rules meant to cripple opportunity and freedom of choice for millions of people and businesses.
Frightening consequences that undermine our economy and curtail individual freedom to make choices are mounting from punishing regulations.

- *Competitiveness is rendered unfair*; as industries linked to state largess are being favored.
- *Cuts the number and quality of products and services* that otherwise could be made available. The choice of options for members in society is reduced. Under emerging American style socialism, higher food costs, higher energy prices, higher health costs, and higher taxes result.
- *Business worker hiring slows, and lay-offs accelerate*. One consequence due to the added risk of overburdening costly regulations is companies will automate faster than otherwise would be under normal market conditions occurring from increasing labor productivity. Currently, *over restrictive wage, hour and other work rule regulatory mandates are killing entry level, apprentice, and youth employment opportunities*. Sadly, to reduce the impact cost of regulatory mandates, companies seek ways to reduce the need for workers.
- *Material resources and other assets are misdirected to non-productive uses*, or ways to avoid coping with costly ill conceived, punitive rules. Industry stagnates and becomes lethargic. In practice, this is part of classic Socialism to re-make society poorer and obedient.
- *Incentive to innovate is stifled and even blocked* by government dictates that severely limits the choice of options available to make decisions. Unfortunately this is to protect the status quo.
- *Rewards and benefits suffer as business people are deterred from taking risk*. Heightened uncertainty disrupts ability to measure risk in determining outcomes in planning. Hurdles and penalties for failure are judged too high a price to bear!
- *The human spirit takes a nose dive* as anxiety, frustration, and resentment becomes commonplace. Individuals and business can’t help but be demoralized.

AND
* Disincentive onerous regulations discourage economic growth that results in diminished tax revenue. Leftist politicians in order to make entitlement and dependency payments resort to deficit spending. History shows over regulation can be a cause for government debt.

**On our way to servitude, ---- Here’s a sample of Villainous Regulators causing a loss of enterprise and freedom**

Start with HUD, FHA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac where mostly liberal Democrats steered these regulatory overlords in a way to cripple much of the housing and real estate markets. They caused the mayhem we are experiencing. Liberal Democrats succeeded in nationalizing the housing financial market! Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are now under Federal Government receivership: - substituting Federal control and manipulation of the housing markets for normal
market supply and price demand. Federal government mismanagement served as the primary incubator provoking the 2007 to 2009 financial malaise and recession. The subsequent Dodd/Frank banking and financial services law is further exasperating the investment market by adding hundreds more of anti-growth misplaced restrictive regulations. Also, everyone knows EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has assumed a ‘god like’ authority over commercial and private pursuits. It seems EPA is single-minded to restrict and ban activities in which learned professionals contend too many directives are ideological and not justified on merit. Look at ill-conceived energy development and the overly protective wildlife stance taken under the Endangered Species Act. EPA is deliberately stopping growth and employment opportunities.


Well, it doesn’t stop with the Feds; it’s the same for rule-making bodies in municipalities, counties, and state governments. New York, California, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan and Illinois are especially noted for unnecessary, punitive, enterprise killing regulations. In New York, point to such departments and governing boards as Environmental Conservation, Transportation, Education, Health, Secretary of State (corporations), Zoning, Judiciary/Law, Taxation and Finance, Labor/Workers Compensation, Insurance and etc., etc., etc.

The proliferation of endless unwarranted regulations is the result of years of a liberal ideology. Today the Obama Administration is hell-bent with ‘gusto’ to super charge the regulatory ‘squeeze’. Look to a rollback by liberal Democrats from the rulemaking straight jacket? Are we kidding, forget it; for them rulemaking is necessary for bigger and bigger government to control peoples’ lives. To ask liberal Democrats to reduce and streamline regulations threatens to weaken their constituent power base of entitlement and dependency groups (currently in excess of 45% of U.S. population).

Is it too late to stop Ruinous Regulations which can only lead to ‘turning out the lights on freedom?’

**COMMENTARY**

**Is Doomsday Unfolding?**

Yes, if the present course of dictatorial regulations, coupled with debt spending and punitive taxation on producers continues. A national financial catastrophe is in the horizon. Regulatory abuse is all too rampant as we’ve seen by HUD, FHA, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
that wiped out trillions of dollars of value in the real estate market. How about the trillions of dollars in lost value in IRA and 401 retirement accounts!

To compound the plight, politicians claim more (insane) spending will cure our economic ills. They say; it’s OK to spend 3+ billion dollars more per day in debt to our already horrendous 15 billion dollar national debt. No problem for them if in the next 3 years over $4 Trillion will be added on the $15 Trillion! ‘Hey, what’s the big deal? It’s only money and we can print it!’

This is crazy; spending at the federal level exceeds revenue by 40%!! The financial situation is absolutely maddening! This is awful: Social Security is entering the red, Medicare and Medicaid are spiraling out of control (in part by continuing to add more regulatory mandates); Federal college student loan programs are approaching $1 Trillion dollars in debt obligations; the US Post Office is broke and asking for $5.5 Billion more from the public purse; Amtrak is at the trough for $1 Billion in aid, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac need more than $13 Billion dollars to cover 2011 losses, not to mention both are holding questionable loan security obligations of almost $200 Billion. Annual Interest to pay on the Federal Debt is now $240 Billion! And this is just the start of federal obligations! Now add on state and local government debt spending and contractual liability obligations (e.g. Public employee pensions/health benefits, other promises, etc. - billions upon billions). Who is causing all this debt and irresponsible spending?

It is primarily selfish, self-centered liberals, 15 – 20% of voters and their leadership elite. Although currently they may not presently advocate a Socialist tenet to nationalize industry (except for now part of auto), liberal Democrats are nevertheless full blown Socialists insisting on more dictative regulations and debt spending! There is no end in sight! They have no feeling of guilt or shame, even as they push for $10 Trillion more federal debt in the next eight years!

Liberal Democrats (hereafter Socialists) are ‘masters of deception’ claiming under a guise to do good, ‘feel good’ and to ‘spread the wealth’ to be fair. They claim to be the voice and solution to save the poor, to enable the disadvantaged, and to benefit the supposedly ‘oppressed’ middle class. But to the contrary, they are of a disguised Marxist mind set which robs all classes. By their own admissions, liberal Democrats (Socialists) want to claim even more of worker earnings, and a much larger slice of accumulated wealth from producers and savers to be turned over to government. This wealth transfer is to be used to employ and enrich their socialist rulemaking authority class in government; - and to finance the addiction to public support at poverty levels for growing numbers of people.

Here’s the Deal, - It’s All Political and It’s Not Pretty

The odds strongly favor much more regulatory dictatorship in American life with a correspondingly quantum jump in debt spending. Socialist Democrats also refuse to allow a normal deleveraging of depreciated asset values, further complicating uncertainty in financial markets and in economic decision making. Currently, Socialist Democrats in charge have captured the allegiance of over 40% of voters, many of which are glued to entitlement and dependency on government spending. Most of these people pay little or no federal and state income taxes, yet receive unearned government handouts and as recipients of other public services!

It’s an addiction built up over years to cater to the wants of a multitude of self-interest groups (Note: do not use the euphemized term ‘special interest’, because these groups are no
more special than others in society). Too much of our population is claiming necessity to be on the government dole. In the near term, it is probably impossible to reverse! Dependency greed and those that demand overly generous entitlements, but are unwilling to sacrifice for the country’s good is hurting all. In America it is a shame and despicable that adult parents on government largess choose to pass the cost of entitlements and humungous accumulative debt on to their children and grandchildren. When children and grandchildren start paying ‘the bill’, who can blame them if they show disgust for their parents. They will have nothing but contempt for what their parents and grandparents did to them! Quite a Legacy!

If a course correction in regulatory policy and debt spending is not made, expect a financial and economic calamity within 4 years. A depression with civil strife worse than 1930’s could evolve. Barring a European debt meltdown contagion to the U.S., inescapable inflation will raise its’ ugly head. The Federal Reserve will be forced to back debt spending by printing more ‘boat loads’ of dollars. People will begin to question the ‘worth in the dollar’. Should people lose confidence in the dollar, they will lose confidence in America and its institutions. (Imagine the horrendous adverse impact should foreigners, such as the Chinese, Japanese, British and others who own more than 1/4 of U.S. Government Treasury Debt instruments, suddenly withdraw their money from the U.S. Treasury!) Has anyone noticed how Socialist- Democrats turn a blind eye and refuse to acknowledge we are in a dangerous situation? No, they insist on a more government regulation and controlled society. President Obama has openly stated, “only government” has the means to confront society’s bigger problems. Nutty as it may seem, we could be experiencing our own self-induced unique form of American communism. The pain will be deep, the pain long lasting!

**The Only Alternative – And a Long Shot at Best!**

**Chart a radical course change in public policy where opportunity and freedom of choice in business and individual pursuits can flourish!**

The process has to start by increments (so people can adjust) to reduce entitlement and dependency programs. We must prioritize programs, cut spending, and reduce taxes. However, the most important and cost effective transformation for quicker results is to initiate a massive overhaul of regulations, including rollbacks galore! Change requires the public to elect uncompromising Conservatives to be in the driver’s seat directing government policy. Going from Socialist Democrats to principled Republican Conservatives offers a chance for salvation. However, there will still be pain to bear, but less severe and of shorter duration than under current Socialist Democrat controls on freedom.

Federal and State policy changes must champion a return to confidence and certainty so Business and individuals feel comfortable in making plans for the future. Likewise, change regulations to wean crony capitalist companies from government sweetheart deals! It is not governments function to decide winners and losers in the business world and add to bankrupting the public treasury!

**Unshackle Business and Individuals from Dictatorial Regulations**

The necessary ingredient to avoid a financial and economic debacle and return to opportunity and freedom requires a huge organized Business intervention into the political
world. Unusual, the Business community needs to enlist its' employees enmasse into an active, aggressive force for radical change. Business should mimic its organized labor foes persistent agitating tactics to pressure the ‘powers to be’ in government. Folks in businesses must become confrontational, not laid back. Business people must discard their traditional taboos against involvement!

Business timidity to protect its interests and influence policy is well known. Some business people are of Democrat persuasion (probably under 15%), still others beholden and submissive to government contract work. A majority unfortunately avoid politics out of fear of alienating customers who may hold differing views. Moreover, business people are very busy and unlike liberal activists have lacked the time to divert resources into political action. Sadly too, many are not up to speed on policy knowledge awareness, and lack presentation skills to be comfortable about expressing themselves in public.

Alternately, business people turn to trade associations to represent them when it comes to public interest issues. Trouble is that trade associations without mass human involvement (like that of unions) have limited sway in promoting truly worthwhile outcomes to enhance opportunity and freedom. At best they offer a ‘holding action’, - in many instances only to delay the inevitable leading to more regulations, more loss of freedom. Look at Europe, - Business not responding forcefully to protect its interests becomes afraid and caves in to the onslaught of socialism. For America the Business community has to become a ‘warrior class’. This is something new and alien in thought. The Business community must stand up as a unique example of American Exceptionalism; - to take on the challenge to save our prized economic system and democratic freedoms. Business to save itself must join the battle in order to defeat socialism!

EPILOGUE

To Halt Economic Growth…… And Cripple Job Creation …………

Here’s a sample for what many businesses must contend with!

Get this: especially if you are a shareholder, company owner, or business manager, here’s a new proposed regulation to add to the thousands more coming in 2012. It’s reported that OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), charged with regulating workplace safety to prevent hazards and accidents: - now claims authority to aggressively require employers to prevent violence or potential violence in the workplace. WOW! Note: Workplace civility is already covered by existing state and local laws, established police powers, insurance coverage, and long recognized good business practices. Now, OSHA wants our over burdened businesses to assume additional liability, and if infractions occur, stiff penalties.

The new regulations are to cover potential violence or violent acts, even if employers are unaware or not responsible for! Punishing for employers, incidences can occur to make employers financially and criminally liable ‘above and separate’ to the normal legal process. This is outrageous! Out of control, gone amuck regulator OSHA will look to employers to provide extensive training, metal detectors, panic buttons, and alarm systems: - to cover relations between all workers and former employees, customers and clients; persons who do not
work for employers but have relations with employees, - and persons who enter the workplace to rob or cause other crimes. Looks akin to big brother Stazi Secret Service in Communist East Germany during the Cold War. (Will OSHA next demand stress management be the responsibility of employers?) Can you believe it? Business may have no choice but to test the constitutionality of OSHA’s crime prevention in the courts. Is it any wonder, as a recent study reveals about 70% of small businesses with less than ten employees prefer not to expand. This lack of enthusiasm does not bid well for investing and the hiring of more people!

For the citizen taxpayer, another example to illustrate destructive regulations at work is forcing the use of corn ethanol for fuel. By regulatory mandate dispensing crony capitalist subsidies, the Feds have been successful in distorting the natural flow and pricing of some agricultural staple commodities. Leftist environmental ideology alleges human activities cause global warming and thus their demand to reduce fossil fuel use has brought this ill-conceived ‘ethanol for fuel’ regulation policy upon us. Regulators insist producers increase ethanol production by almost 1 billion gallons to substitute for oil in meeting a total 2012 target of 13.2 billion gallons of ethanol. Ethanol is mostly corn and sugar cane. The Feds indirectly dictate the supply of corn and sugar cane through back-handed price and supply manipulations in subsidy allowances granted producers and in tariff regulations. It is not good policy. Even farmers and ethanol manufacturers are left in a quandary when the government usurps the normal supply and demand determining structures for commodities. Curiously, the self-interest environmental activists originally pushing for regulations mandating ethanol seem to have had a change of heart! They now claim ethanol production causes more global warming than oil for gasoline use! How about that! Environmental activists now argue that corn for ethanol requires more carbon energy (fossil fuels) in agriculture to produce greater quantities of food for fuel: - And they note, depletes soil fertility, increases nutrient run-off to pollute waterways, and reduces available corn for food, fiber and livestock! Yes! More negatives, wild price swings strains alternative substitute commodity production and prices, such as for wheat, soybeans, sorghum and rice. Grievous as well, higher ethanol in gasoline can cause damage to numerous engines. The ethanol saga is a prime example (among thousands) of dictating regulations by government in a command socialist economy, where ultimately opportunity dwindles away and freedom of choice in enterprise ceases.

NEWS FLASH (A) ..... It’s been reported that after May 1st businesses will be required to notify by workplace posters and online, workers have the right to join a union. For private sector companies this regulation foretells workplace strife and is job killing. National Labor Relations Board, now packed with Obama Socialist leaning appointees (same dictatorial body that tried to stop Boeing aviation from expanding to ‘right to work’ state, South Carolina) has created a poster mandating employers inform workers their right to join a union and act together to increase wages and working conditions. (Poster does state workers may decline to join a union; - thank you) This action by the NLRB is dangerous, - a travesty. It is Socialist to instruct businesses that they must show as a way to improve wages and working conditions can happen by joining a union. (There are no assurances by working together or joining a union will do this!) AND it is wrong to force a legitimate business to openly denigrate itself, - or portray itself so unfavorably! What the hell goes!! Is this Russia? The NLRB has no constitutional or congressional authority to force employers to obey. The info poster should be challenged all the way to the US Supreme Court. In the meantime, take a page from leftist activists to gain attention. Businesses by the hundreds of thousands might well show a bit of civil disobedience
by putting notification posters in the circular file. That would be something to behold, and for the Feds to enforce!

**NEWS FLASH (B) …..** Socialist Democrats will not stop at trying to regulate every aspect of our lives, including religion (e.g. where, when can pray in schools, at public events, on public property and use of religious symbols in public, etc.) Add to the fray, is Obama’s Despair Care Socialized medicine commanding those of right of religious conscience to abide by the contraceptive birth control mandate against their will! From March 6, 2012 Wall Street Journal, Cardinal Dolan of New York responds that religion is separate and is not under the domain of government control. It is a … “bureaucratic intrusion into internal life of the church …..to define what constitutes church ministry and how it can be exercised” And …. “Trespassing upon religious freedom. Religious freedom is our heritage, or legacy and our firm belief.”

**NEWS FLASH (C) …** Exxon chief fears Regulators can curtail energy output. W.S.J. Report, March 8, 2012, CEO Rex Tillerson came down hard on regulators. “Our regulatory process has become so complicated by so many duplicative agencies, by so many mandates from Congress, that now it is become a way to stop things from happening.” …. “There are a 1,000 ways you can be told ‘NO’ in this country. So people who want to stop activity have a willing partner in the regulatory process and court system.”

Deception is everywhere. Case in point, Socialist Democrats and their adherents usually call for a moratorium to stop a development project, particularly if it is environment related. They crow more time is needed to appraise and review impacts; - more studies need to be done! Translation, when they call for a moratorium (reasonable sounding public relations for ‘delay’) they really mean ‘A BAN’. Stall, and do whatever is necessary to stop a growth project from going forward, including engaging disruptive activists and pursuing protracted litigation.

**Complying with Regulations is Costly**

According to the SBA (Small Business Administration) the yearly price tag for regulations is $1.75 Trillion, yes trillion – and rising! (Can we get by on half of this amount?) Outrageous, this is almost twice as much as all individual income taxes received in 2010. A recent national poll showed 55% of the public believes regulations need to be greatly reduced and the size of government reduced as well.

**Country Needs to Show Some Gratitude!**

It is time to stop Socialist Democrat brain-washing propaganda to poison the public against achievers who create wealth. Better that Republicans shout loud to the public that we appreciate and give thanks to the creators of wealth and the benefits they’ve given society! A ‘Madison Avenue’ public relations approach to spread the ‘good news’ needs to be activated by Republicans!

Of those Americans in the top 10% of wage earners, a majority are in the business world who must disproportionately deal with the preponderance of regulations. They also pay the majority of Federal Income Taxes (nearly 70%). Time to stop demonizing these folks! They are due a huge thank you. They should be appreciated more!

It is equally important to remind John Q. Public that 50% of tax filers do not pay Federal income taxes and yet are the ones getting a free ride from government services afforded by those who do pay. It gets less fair for the highest top earners, where top 5% pays nearly 60% of taxes, and top 1% taxable income over $380,000 pays 40%!! The free ride covers a multitude of government services, such as providing for defense, debt service and endless entitlements (i.e., food stamps, Medicaid, unemployment
insurance, etc.). Much of this welfare is undeserved and given to millions of citizens who make virtually no contributions. It is un-American. It is immoral. It is unfair and it’s shameful.

**Liberal Democrats Attack the ‘Golden Egg’ – Business**

Liberal Democrats-Socialists, claim businesses use loopholes to escape paying taxes or pay no taxes at all. (Except they say it’s only right for the government make direct taxpayer support payments, and waive or postpone possible income taxes to finance favored green industry projects!) Their hyped assertion about loopholes needs a withering rebuttal so the public understands what is going on! For oil and gas companies, loopholes are referred to as ‘subsidies’; - a falsehood, and to the contrary are heavy corporate income taxpayers both Federal and State governments depend upon, - $38 billion annually to the Feds alone! More than any other kind of business, gas and oil pump more than $90 million per day of revenue into government coffers! In truth, the so called loopholes are legal tax concessions to entice investments and spur growth: i.e. depreciation reserves set aside to replace equipment, buildings, etc.; depletion allowances to recover development costs; license agreement payments for resource extractions; and State sponsored investment tax credits to assist development. And not to forget, businesses and wealthier individuals are the primary contributors supporting charity and philanthropy in the U.S.

To say businesses or larger industrial companies pay no taxes is deceitful, and an atrocious lie. Liberal Democrats-Socialists perpetuated this falsehood on a largely ill schooled, uninformed public. Although some businesses may pay little or no Federal income taxes (in total about 8% of Federal Income taxes), they nevertheless more than make up the difference by paying hundreds of billions in other mandatory taxes: such as Social Security and Medicare taxes (7.65% of payroll) that goes for employer’s contribution to the FICA (Federal Insurance Contributions Act) fund for employee retirement. Not to nitpick, the employee’s portion of payroll withholding to Social Security has been misnamed and mischaracterized by politicians ‘as a tax’. More appropriately, the payroll employee portions withheld was originally understood to be insurance premiums dedicated to disability and later to be their retirement income. not a tax!

Businesses pay additional billions of dollars in countless other taxes and fees. People fail to acknowledge and appreciate that businesses pay disability taxes, workman’s compensation taxes, unemployment taxes, sales taxes, use taxes, property taxes, all kinds of license/regulation taxes, permit taxes, excise taxes, franchise investment taxes, state income taxes, and apportionment taxes, etc. Billions more in taxes come from business owners via income withdrawals from MLCs, LLCs (Limited Liability Corporations), Subchapter S Corporations, smaller Chapter C Corporations, and of course business income attachment schedules (i.e., schedule C) to Individual Form 1040.

**Business needs to be defended and honored.** Honest, prosperous and unencumbered business enterprise is the salvation of America. The country must loosen the regulatory vice-grip stifling business, and get the socialist anti-business bias cancer out of politics, out of government, and out of many of our public schools. This will take a crusade far exceeding the noble cause of demanding more freedom and less government shown for example by the Tea Party. It will take a massive effort by Business and the Republican Party. Here’s the rub, and a huge problem. The Republican Party and the traditional Business approach to influence favorable changes in regulations, tax policy and debt spending - Stinks! The public understanding of what the Republican Party stands for and advocates - is dreadful. What is needed is an agreed upon agenda for all to get behind to correct the mess, to promote opportunity for growth, and enhance freedom of choice to pursue worthwhile endeavors. The message must be simple,
easily understood, persuasive, and talked about over and over to gain public acceptance. For our survival, we must make a change from the straight jacket Socialist course we are on!

**What to do? For the Republican Party, Start a Crusade against Freedom Robbing Dictatorial Regulations!**

A. **Establish a ‘Republican Information Truth Site’** - Similar to the effective immediate issue responses shown by the Clinton campaign propaganda team (and later in the Clinton White House ‘War Room’), Republicans should stop being bashful, but get out and do the same! Clichés’ will not suffice; personalized messages will have to be! Republicans need more vigorous attacks on Democrat propaganda.

An ‘Information Truth Site’ is imperative to counter the massive liberal bias present in much of the media, i.e. news wire services, (Associated Press, Reuters), Gannett Newspaper chain (includes USA today), New York Times, Boston Globe, Washington Post, Atlanta Constitution; in New York, Buffalo News, Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, Syracuse Post Standard, Albany Times Union, Newsday, etc. and CBS, NBC, ABC, MSNBC, CNN, etc.

Here’s a typical and recent example of distorted, inaccurate news reporting that begged a responsive challenge. From the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle (a Gannett Newspaper), January 28, 2012: AP news wire service story, **Why is Investment Income Taxed less than Wages?** A tenor of bias emerges in this article – Romney’s tax return raises questions about ‘equity and fairness’ of those paying at the lower 15% tax rate than what otherwise would be higher if income is paid on wages. ‘President Obama and the Occupy Wall Street Movement are challenging that value system!’ The AP goes on to editorialize (counter to the wire service’s function – just report the facts please!) to mold opinion: ‘His (referring to Romney) tax rate is comparable to one paid by most middle income families.’ ‘His income however is 420 times higher than the typical U.S. household!’ (A not too subtle inference that higher income people like Romney should pay a higher rate.) The AP news article is disguised Socialism and grossly misleading. Response from the Romney campaign and other Republicans was that a lower 15% tax rate is not from wages, but on income resulting from investment funds coming from business growth opportunities.

This response to the 15% tax rate was wholly inadequate and like so many Republican responses to public issues, actually pathetic. Republicans have a hard time identifying with much of the public in order to change erroneous perceptions and gain acceptance. On this tax issue, Romney folks missed a rare, golden ‘teachable’ opportunity to discuss in detail, and more favorably, income tax variances including inequities when the media and citizens were paying attention. At a minimum, the AP should have been ‘dressed down’ by noting most middle income families on wage income do not pay a comparable tax rate to Romney’s, but rather an appreciably lower rate. Missed by AP (intentional?) the typical married household of 3 earning $51,523 per year pays $3,492 in Federal Income Tax for a rate of 6.8%! On this basis, Romney’s 2010 tax (from IRS data of $3,009,766) is 861 times the typical family household.

For the lesser single taxpayer group, the typical middle income tax is $7,260, at a rate of 14.01%, making Romney 415 times the typical singles tax paid. **Noteworthy, appreciation should be shown by the 861 families, or 415 singles to Romney for the much higher taxes he paid that makes up in part the difference to support services**
**enjoyed by these typical households.** Additionally, the AP should have reminded readers that millions with 401s, IRAs and other saving investment vehicles are commonly taxed at the non-wage 15% or lower tax rate, as compared to Romney. Full, accurate reporting by the AP? Not often enough.

B. From the endless number of Federal and State regulations each week, **focus on one or two illustrating no justified need but rather harm being done.** Point to how the regulation curbs economic growth, curtails employment opportunity and often actually forces laying off workers.

C. **Broadcast to the public examples of economic growth and job creation (even in a climate of Federal inhibitions) occurring in Republican states instituting regulatory reforms.** Some examples could include Texas, Indiana, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Louisiana, etc. It is absolutely necessary to show the public, as opposed to popular conception, that it is possible to make changes in regulations. Positive benefits can happen and need to be identified.

D. **The Republican Party must not let Obama’s falsely claim credit for any up tick in the economy or in jobs.** *Any up tick if happening is not from his policies, but in spite of him.* Our economy is large, diverse and still exhibits some resiliency. Republican information outlets have to refute each and every asserted propaganda claim by Obama. Republicans must set the record straight with the facts and broadcast the truth to the public, - Loud and Clear!

**The purpose of this paper is to inform and persuade for a drastic change in policy.**

**We must unshackle the Socialist squeeze being imposed on us.**

It is conceded (at least for now) 40 – 45 % of voters are predominately ill-informed Democrats. To reiterate, many hooked on government dependency programs will vote for more regulating Socialism. 40% of voters, mostly Republicans, know better and will cast their ballots based on traditional time honored principles calling for a less obtrusive regulating government. The balance of the electorate call themselves Independents. This group of about 20% generally decides the winner in national elections. Republicans have an ‘in’ with Independents because they usually lean more conservative than liberal. Making information more available can help influence Independents. Not as doctrinaire, Independents often will take time to review issues and policy options. This paper is aimed directly at them! Republicans have got to make the case that it is in the best interest of Independents to join Republicans in halting Socialism. Time-honored ‘American Exceptionalism’ is going to be put to the test.

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