

## **The Republican Party is Well and Determined**

A major problem with the Democrat Party is that they spend time trying to define the Republican Party. We recognize that President Obama needs time to implement some of his policies, and we wish him well because it is imperative that he succeed. Republicans are willing to help and support those ideas that we believe are for the good of the country.

I am not going to try to critique the Democrat Party because that is not my concern, but I will say that Mr. Burt's recent Op-Ed evaluation of Republicans was wildly inaccurate. I know that his is not the Democrat Party of Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Jackson. It is the party of President Obama, Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid, Chuck Schumer, Barney Frank, Chris Dodd and the liberals who believe that government is always the solution to our problems. They believe that government can run our individual lives better than we can.

Our problems cannot be solved by our government spending which is now forty percent of the GNP. Even some of the Socialist countries of Europe are only responsible for fifty percent of the GNP. Quietly, without fanfare, the Democrat Administration, supported by a liberal Democrat Congress, is rapidly moving this country to Socialism.

Let us all agree that we need a stimulus package to react to our fiscal problems, and to help those of our people who need assistance. President Obama began with a number of good suggestions, but allowed the Democrat Congress, supported by Pelosi and the liberal appropriators, to write a package that includes all of the programs that the liberals have wanted to fund for years and could not justify.

Even so it wasn't deficit spending that got us here; it was a collapse of the credit markets as they reacted to poor mortgage investments dictated by the Democrat Congress and Presidents Carter and Clinton.

It would be helpful if the President and the Congress would do the following:

1. Talk positively about our future. We have come through many difficult times, and we have always used American ingenuity, determination and strength to turn around difficult situations;
2. Use the second part of the TARP appropriations to buy out the bad assets of the banks and create a turn-around agency that will sell these assets to private investors so we could recapture some of the funding;
3. Stop Senator Dodd's attempts to nationalize the banks which would only destroy the confidence of the investors, and the markets would respond proportionally;
4. Stop the proposed spending of \$75 billion on a bail-out program for mortgages when over ninety percent of us pay our mortgage on time and accept our responsibilities. The American people and the government have to encourage and even require personal responsibility;
5. Stop providing the auto Industry with more bailout money unless the unions are willing to destroy the contracts that guarantee the benefits that no one else has.
6. Stop calling the American people cowards;
7. Cut the cost of government by eliminating unnecessary mandates on local communities;

8. Have the strength to tackle the entitlement programs where so much of our tax dollars are spent;
9. Stop the blame game and do your jobs.

The Republican Party believes in the rights of individuals to determine their future and not have government do it for them. If Mr. Burt's approach is to move it to Socialism, then we do not support it. We are here, we are Republicans, we have ideas, and we will fight the Democrats ideas if they are socialistic.