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Short Takes by George McClellan Entitlements - Who should get them?

America has become a nation seriously divided into two groups of nearly equal size: Producers and takers. I don't use the word 'consumers' because we all consume. But the takers consume without producing and there-in lies the difference and the rub.

In 1985, national records show that 16.5% of all tax filers paid zero income tax. In 2009 that percentage has risen to nearly 40% or roughly 120 million people. Those same records show that the highest 50% of income earners pay 97% of all income taxes. The Democrats would have us believe that America has an unfair system of "haves and have nots". The Democrats have trotted out the dividing philosophy of "class envy" the theory that if "you" made it economically, through your own hard work and savings, then you were lucky and won life's lottery and, as a result, "you" should give back your "fair share". But, in lieu of you voluntarily giving back your "fair share" the government will tax it from you and disburse the funds themselves, as they see fit. It's only fair.

So, what happens to America when businesses start to shut down or move out because their "fair share" has doubled or quadrupled? Well, the "takers", long enslaved by government entitlements, suddenly start to become uneasy. They search around looking for other means of obtaining money. We will then face a serious upsurge of violent street crime, home invasions and armed robbery's. Actually, that has already started. It will get worse. It will morph into class warfare with the rising resentment of producers, who have not fled, slowing down their production to avoid paying more to the ever increasing class of bottom dwellers slopping out of the increasingly bare government trough. Producers will become further alienated by being called "selfish" and the fabric, that has long been the basis of our social stability and prosperity, will have been torn asunder. The principles and manners Americans have enjoyed for generations will degenerate into old world style feuds. The rule of law will be ignored (it is now by the Federal Government) and we will be rendered weak before our enemies.

It has been the people, not the government that has been Americas success. American's have been hard working, honest, given to easily sharing their personal wealth with the poor, patriotic and, with the generations of immigrants who have come and assimilated into the American culture, a successful homogenous society.

Government has usurped the role of charity giver and now demands ever more of our money to pay for their entitlements programs. Mounting debt by our first entitlement programs, Social Security and Medicare, are already bankrupting America.

When does it stop? I say right now! One solution, overlooked because it would be politically incorrect to say so, is to ask the question: why does any person who is not a producer have a right to vote? If 40% of voters are takers (non tax payers) why do they have a right to vote to take our money? When they get to 50%, were are done. Get involved! Do something! They are stealing us blind. (10 Dec 09)
