

Let the Light of Freedom and Liberty Shine Brightly

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More than sixty years have passed since WWII. My parents defended the nation with great sacrifice. I have defended our Nation with 3 years active duty in the Navy. I will uphold and defend the United States of America in the autumn of my life, defending the framework of the Constitution and honoring our founding fathers, including many Americans who have given their full measure, as history has recorded. We must have citizens founded firmly in patriotism...providing the light of freedom and liberty to shine brightly in the United States of America.

Fiscal Responsibility

Federal out-of-control spending will bring this Nation to collapse. Fiscal responsibility requires common sense, budget restraint, and the ability to say no. Voting demonstrates resolve...this is my position.

Economy within the U.S.A. over the last forty years has changed from industrial manufacturing to a service industry. Detroit demonstrates how badly this trend has damaged the economy. Unions demanding higher wages and privileges, work stops, slowdowns, and trivial union steward demands drove business and industry overseas. The Federal Government contributed greatly to this national weakness. The establishment of workman's compensation further required more costs to every type of business and industry (Example: A \$10.00 per hour employee costs the business \$20.00 an hour to hire).

The EPA

The Federal Government also developed the Environmental Protection Agency. Good intentions of the EPA have slowed and disabled free enterprise, forcing companies out of the country. A good example is what happened to the San Joaquin Valley, California, in 2009, halting water into 80,000 acres of nut and fruit trees and vegetables. The EPA is empowered to have unbelievable authority over our lives, and the left supports the power completely.

Energy

Energy is another source of concern. Alternative energy is fine to a degree. How much money is enough to develop ideas? Twenty years ago California believed 20% of their needs would be met by wind energy. They would be lucky to say 2% today is produced by wind energy. Still we pour money into development of wind energy at costs unrealistic for their production of electricity. Common sense is being overlooked.

We need energy independence in the U.S.A. Drill in Anwar, drill in North Dakota now, and allow new refining facilities. Let's get real – our National Defense needs oil. We Americans want energy independence from abroad.

Common Sense

Unions, EPA, and Federal Government workman's compensation programs all were intended to have a positive influence in America. Cause and effect! We all want better wages, a clean environment, and clean energy at costs we can afford. Forty years of unions overreaching, and the EPA has been authorized excessive powers during the same period. The judicial branch of Government was never intended to hold power – only judgment. Between unions, the EPA, Congress, and the Judicial Branch of Government, you can understand the lack of common sense in the U.S.A.

Realign Our Course

These ideas continuously move further left in political philosophy and are warning us that our Nation must realign our failed social left-wing downwind course! Socialism must not be our future! Turning into the wind may slow our initial progress, but will afford our Nation numerous opportunities. Lower inflation and a functional free enterprise system, where business can flourish again and again at all levels, will improve employment opportunities and lower taxes.

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