

# Legislative Report

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While searching my sources this month to get ideas for my *President's Newsletter* article, I ran across this article by Bobby Eberle, explaining Obama's socialist approach to fixing the economy. I couldn't say it better so decided to run it as is.

### Obama's Socialist Agenda -- Is Anyone Listening?

Outside of stump speeches, carefully scripted responses to reporters, and the endless recitation of talking points, there are a few moments when a politician speaks from the heart. It is in these moments when true motivations and core beliefs are often revealed.

Such a moment occurred this past weekend, when Barack Obama unveiled his socialist leanings and gave a clue to the American people about what Obama is all about. But, are the American people listening? Have they become so duped by the rhetoric of "hope" and "change" that they don't see the train wreck that's about to happen? Our freedoms are already being taken away as government continues to grow. If Obama gets elected, the subtleties will be thrown out the window, as blatant socialism will rule the day. Just read Obama's response to a plumber's question in Ohio...

As reported by Fox News, during a campaign event in Ohio, Obama was peppered with questions from a local plumber who asked, "Your new tax plan is going to tax me more, isn't it?" The plumber was complaining (as I often do) that he is "being taxed more and more for fulfilling the American dream."

Obama's response? **He gave the plumber a classic dose of socialism:** "It's not that I want to punish your success. I just want to make sure that everybody who is behind you, that they've got a chance for success too," Obama responded. "My attitude is that if the economy's good for folks from the bottom up, it's gonna be good for everybody ... **I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody.**"

Spread the wealth around? This is America, isn't it? Redistributing the "wealth" is a classic tenant of Marxist philosophy. Communist China, the former Soviet Union, Cuba, and so on.... they all believe in government ownership of basically everything. Hard work, initiative, expertise... none of that is rewarded. Instead, the efforts of the talented and the hard working are taken from them and given to those who don't work as hard. The result is a decrease in productivity, not to mention the self-fulfillment that comes from being rewarded for a job well done. And this is exactly what Barack Obama wants to do!

John McCain needs to get the message out on EXACTLY how he and Barack Obama are different. Yes, there should be tax cuts, and they should be for all Americans. Every time Obama speaks about tax cuts, he only talks about cutting taxes for a particular group or segment of society. It is social engineering at its worst. Obama and the "government" will decide how to redistribute the wealth of this country. McCain needs to hammer this!!! My question to Obama is this: **How do you make the economy good "for folks at the bottom up" without injecting more government into the picture or letting capitalism work?**

Does Obama really understand the essence of America? It is strong because of the American spirit of invention and the bravery to undertake new endeavors. Those at the economic bottom DO NOT create jobs. Those at the economic bottom get hired for jobs. When the economy is robust, more jobs are created, thus more people get hired. There's not a business existing in America today that doesn't want to "do more business." In order to grow, more workers must be

hired, and more capital purchased... both of which benefit the economy. Doesn't Obama understand this???

Let's just do a little simple math to see how taxes really work. Let's say there is a person making \$50,000/year and paying 15% in federal income tax. Thus, the person's yearly tax burden is \$7,500. If someone making \$1,000,000/year paid at the same tax rate, they would pay \$150,000 in taxes. So, the person making \$50,000 pays \$7,500, and the person making a million pays \$150,000. Those who make more money, pay more in taxes. It's only logical.

However, that is not how a socialist thinks. Rather than each person truly paying "their fair share," the socialist says that the "rich" person should not only pay more because he or she makes more, but they should also pay a higher percentage. So, the person making \$1,000,000/year instead pays 35% in taxes for a tax bill of \$350,000. That's an extra \$200,000 that the government takes out of circulation to pay for their social engineering.

My contention is this; there is basically nothing that the individual with an extra \$200k as his/her disposal could do that is "bad" for the economy. The person could save it, thus giving banks more leverage to do business. The person could invest in, thus helping new or established companies grow. The person could donate some to charity, thus help organizations at the grassroots level do things more efficiently than the federal government could ever hope to. Or, God forbid, the person could simply go out and buy stuff. Two hundred thousand dollars of stuff is a lot of stuff! Imagine all that cash injected into society. Talk about a stimulus package. More goods being purchased, whether it is cars, clothes, furniture, food, or whatever, means that more jobs will be needed to produce those goods. It's as simple as that.

The problem is that Obama uses the politics of "trickle down economics" to pit one socio-economic group against another. It is typical class warfare, and it is un-American. Someone (McCain) needs to meet this head on and use some "straight talk. There is no "trickle down" theory. The more money that is in the hands of those who make the money, and outside the clutches of government, benefits the entire society instantly. There is nothing to trickle down.  
**When all Americans are treated fairly, we all benefit. That is the American way!**

Investor's Business Daily describes Obama as "the most anti-capitalist politician ever nominated by a major party." In their editorial, IBD describes the Obama/liberal agenda as follows: It starts with a tax system right out of Marx: A massive redistribution of income -- from each according to his ability, to each according to his need -- all in the name of "neighborliness," "patriotism," "fairness" and "justice."

It continues with a call for a new world order that turns its back on free trade, has no problem with government controlling the means of production, imposes global taxes to support continents where our interests are negligible, signs on to climate treaties that will sap billions more in U.S. productivity and wealth, and institutes an authoritarian health care system that will strip Americans' freedoms and run up costs.

All the while, it ensures that nothing -absolutely nothing -will be done to secure a sufficient, terror-proof supply of our economic lifeblood -oil -- a resource we'll need much more of in the years ahead.

**All people are capable of abusing the system, and as we've seen lately, both Republicans and Democrats are capable of greed and corruption. But it is not the American way to punish initiative and ingenuity. It is not "patriotic" to pay more taxes. All Americans should pay fewer taxes! In tough economic times, the last thing you want to do is hurt business producers. Who is going to create the jobs? The government?**

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