

Re: Bush's Rising Tide Not Lifting All Boats

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> "Phil Scott" <philscott@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
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>> Focusing though as you haveis focus on the symptoms
of a
>> larger cause... which I think is fully warranted.
Symptoms
>> need to be addressed fully... particularly in light of the
>> apparent fact that the starving hords and compressed
middle
>> class is not up to addressing the actual causes of its
ongoing
>> experience... especially in America.
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>> Now....do I, your gentle correspondent here, have a clue
about
>> what to do about this particular mess and the larger mess
we
>> call humanity ? No.
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> I agree, the screwing of the Middle Class by the
Corporate-Bush alliance
> isn't just political, it's a manifestation of a culture
change in the
> United States. I believe that America has completely lost
certain
> philosophies and beliefs that were the bedrock upon which a
greater
> prosperity was built. Examples:
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> - the Social Contract. It used to be, many years ago, that
if a wage earner
> worked hard for a company and the company did well, the
worker was rewarded
> by the company with job security, wage increases, a pension.

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Stable middle

- > class suburbs grew out of the job stability the social contract provided.
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- > – Faith in Government. It used to be, many years ago, that the Middle Class
- > believed the government would invest in projects and programs that
- > benefitted the greater good, the community as a whole. It was out of this
- > faith that brought public works projects such as dams, highways, power
- > plants, universities, and so on. This infrastructure, built largely from
- > 1930 to 1970, is the foundation on which the great American economic
- > expansion grew. These public projects stimulated job growth, wages, and
- > future economic growth.
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- > Now what do we have today?
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- > – "Free Agency." The social contract is dead. Employers think employees are
- > expendable and employees are always on the lookout for other jobs. In the
- > long run this employment instability isn't good for either the employee or
- > the company.
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- > – Distrust of the Government. No matter how worthy a government project is
- > for the common good, Americans have been so conditioned by Rush Limbaugh
- > that any such project is automatically assumed to be a boondoggle or a
- > commie liberal scheme.
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- > – Profits over the Common Good. The primary consideration of any government
- > program or project today are corporate profits first, social benefits
- > second. Take Social Security reform for example. Bush's top contributors
- > are the large brokers and underwriters; in exchange for their support, Bush
- > proposes "private accounts" to make sure Wall Street gets a huge windfall
- > in commissions and fees to manage private accounts. How this actually helps
- > SS beneficiaries is completely lost on those with dollar

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signs in their

> eyes.

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> Current trends are unsustainable -- as the Middle Class shrinks and wealth

> concentrates at the top, corporations are losing customers for their

> products. You can't have growing revenues and profits if your customer base

> is shrinking. When social attitudes in the U.S. change from "all for me,

> me, me" towards "some for me, some to help the community" then there's hope

> for the future. Corporations and the government need to invest in the

> Middle Class and nurture it -- American prosperity depends on it.

Indeed those are the key issues..but historically do not reverse ...it seems because they are the result of a larger decline in human values or whatever.

Finding the real cause would render the problem reversible.

It may be that this is just human nature in action...seeking to maximize ones own postion... period. And not looking beyond that. So you get all this net destructive acvity.

Mother nature however provides what has been seen to be a near perfect solution... the corrupt decimated themselves as you noted in this case by ruining the middle class economic engine on which all the scum floats... with the middle class gone the scum gets to stick to the bottom of the barrel and rot.

So that handles it.

Next come the new barbarians.. who rise on strong arms and a survival ethic..support for the tribe.

in 5 generations it too becomes corrupt and is over run by the new barbarians.

Humanity has not come up with an answer.. but mother nature has.

the corrupt are apparently rendered 100% unable to cure its self... all these can do is make it exponentially worse.

hastening the correction.

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