

Budget & Taxes

"Taxes, by their very nature, reduce a citizen's freedom. Their proper role in a free society should be to fund services that are essential and authorized by the Constitution, such as national security, and the care of those who cannot care for themselves. We reject the use of taxation to redistribute income, fund unnecessary or ineffective programs, or foster the crony capitalism that corrupts both politicians and corporations. Our goal is a tax system that is simple, transparent, flatter, and fair. ...To level the international playing field, and to spur job creation at home, we call for a reduction of the corporate rate to keep U.S. corporations competitive internationally. ...The massive federal government is structurally and financially broken. For decades it has been pushed beyond its core functions, increasing spending to unsustainable levels. ...Cutting spending is not enough; it must be accompanied by major structural reforms, increased productivity, use of technology, and long-term government downsizing that reduce debt and deficits and ignite economic growth. We must restructure the twentieth century entitlement state so the mission of important programs can succeed in the twenty-first century."

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