

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**  
**WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY**  
**"AMERICA GOING UP"?**

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*Here's what provoked me:*

*A writer insisted on bragging about Obama's success and accusing the Republicans of not wanting the U.S. to accomplish what the writer calls "GOING UP."*

*Here's my response:*

**What do you mean by "America GOING UP"?**

Doris Brown, in "Boehner disinterested" on 1-26, tells us: Republican comments are "meaningless and irritating," while the country is "'going up' under the leadership of Obama" – and Europe is now following suit. She asks why Republicans are against "America GOING UP."

Not being a Republican, I only respond for myself: "What in blazes is meant by "going up"? What I see:

- Obama trying to be Europe, NOT vice versa.
- Decades of programs that haven't improved the relative plight of the poor – record numbers on food stamps.
- Reducing inflation adjusted wages.
- Obama herding people into groups and calling them hopeless victims.
- Conservatives wanting to provide hope by helping people solve their OWN problems.
- Unemployment statistics improving because people quit looking for work, creating a false prosperity because the percentage of Americans working is at a 30 year low.
- ObamaCare failure – needless costs with the number of citizens without insurance close to unchanged.
- Crushing debt with no reduction plan.
- Inequality encouraged by artificially low interest rates and stock market inflation.
- Obama creating barriers to energy independence.
- International chaos enhanced by recent U.S. actions and alienated allies.

And so on!