



THERE ARE FOUR THINGS THAT REALLY **TICK ME OFF!** - AND THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL TODAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011!

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Are you ready for an unfocused, un-researched rendering of things that I just don't "git"? I need to "git" this off my chest or I won't be able to work on other important, loftier projects! Of course, there certainly are more than these four, but I find these to be terribly distracting. I'm reacting viscerally to these and can best describe my emotions with the statement: **"This defies all common sense and logic!"** and that's the way I feel today, November 15, 2011! SB

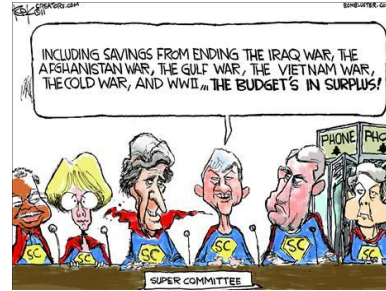
ONE - 'da democrats on 'da "Super Committee" (SC) have come up with one budgetary measurement that boggles my mind! As "one of my favorites" Mark Steyn proclaimed, they somehow can find savings by **"ADDING TO THE DEFICIT!"** Please follow this explanation closely:

- George "W" had certain stated goals for ending/downsizing/withdrawing from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan (I & A).
- Obama has held to those, perhaps more aggressively than "W" would have, but nevertheless, the approximate timetable/goals were initiated by "W."
- All financial planning and budgetary discussions in recent months have anticipated the impact of disengagement in "I & A." Again, whether you agree or disagree, 'dat's 'da facts.
- A bi-partisan suggestion from outside of the SC is to be BIG and BOLD in the deficit reduction legislation. I obviously agree!
- And now, "The Hill" (a publication for "C-Span warriors" like me) reports that democrats on the SC have "proposed that the savings from the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan be used to pay for a new stimulus package ..."
- According to the CBO, the budgetary savings from the exiting "I & A" approximate \$1 Trillion over the next decade. And remember! that fact was already a done deal and included in most of the deficit projections we have seen.
- In what sense are these savings? They've already been factored in! Yet 'da 'dems want to use those savings to spend more dollars!
- i.e. - they want to grab those dollars that are already considered in most deficit projections and spend them again!!! That ADDS to the deficit. YES IT DOES!!!! Yet they claim it doesn't!
- Why stop there? Why not include such fictitious savings for another 10 years, thru 2031?
- Why stop there? Why not include such fictitious savings for the long ago concluded Gulf War, Vietnam War, "Cold War," Korean War, and "the Big One," (as Archie called it) WWII.
- Think about it! With this stream of logic, one could ask CBO to "score" the effect of all these wars that have been concluded and create a great deal more "stimulus" spending which "doesn't add to the deficit" according to 'da 'dems - **BUT IT DOES!!!!????**
- Why not go back to the Civil War, The War of 1812, and even the Revolutionary War. Think of the programs we could cheaply fund using the same logic.

GOOD GRIEF! and SO HELP ME HANNAH! (as my Ma always said in frustration!)

Am I really being absurd? YES! But my absurdity is nothing worse than 'da 'dems on 'da SC suggesting that already established savings can once again be spent on stimulus, entitlement reinforcement, or whatever - without any impact on the deficit and national debt.

If a U.S. corporation were to report such **CRAP** in their financial statements, forecasts, and earnings releases, the President and CFO (at least) would soon be “peeking out between prison bars.” **Trust me, they wouldn’t be spending much time in the sun!!**



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TWO – Obama is a real “jobs killer” – plain and simple! Consider the following facts:

- Oil/shale oil/natural gas discoveries in recent years, yea even months, has been huge!!
- It is absolutely essential to our national security that we truly move toward energy independence, both for consumer use and for national defense.
- There are many more potential sources of carbon fuel but, for this report let me focus on the development taking place in southern-west-central Canada and (to a lesser and more regulated degree) in North Dakota and points west.
- There has been a major project underway in recent months which would include building a pipeline from southern Canada into the U.S. and through 6 states to a Texas refinery.
- The oil is going to be distributed, it just has to be determined to whom.
- If we don’t permit the pipeline through the U.S., the oil will be sold to China by the Canadian oil interests.
- The project in question is named Keystone XL.
- This would **significantly** reduce our dependence on the Mideast for our carbon fuel.
- The State Department was given authority to investigate and determine if this should be approved. My friend and yours, Hillary Clinton, recently put the State Department’s seal of approval on this project – or so it seemed.
- Environmental interests and “President Equivocate” decided that the project should be examined further, and that the decision would come oh shortly after the next Presidential election.
- It is fairly well established that this is NOT an unusually dangerous project from an environmental perspective.
- Property tax revenue would be enhanced by at least \$5.2 billion in the 6 states affected.
- If not piped to the U.S. and sold here, **it WILL be sold to China!**
- The delay is likely to kill the project as it relates to the U.S.



But how much difference would this project really make to our economy?

- This would require **NO federal funds** for tax incentives, guarantees, or anything else as far as I can determine.

- Immediately! I repeat, **IMMEDIATELY!!** there would at least 20,000 jobs (check it out) created in “getting the ball rolling” – construction jobs and whatever.
- Realistic estimates of enhanced employment over the longer term (I hesitate to even mention it but I can’t refute it) is in the hundreds of thousands of jobs.

This all occurs without federal subsidy, federal loan guarantees, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT! Go Figur’!!

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THREE – I just can’t understand the dismissive attitude many progressives have for the United States Constitution. I’m sick of their eyes rolling back when someone suggests the continued relevance of our form of government, its brilliant system of checks and balances, and its insistence on limited federal government, and on individual freedom and rights. I’m sick of their insistence on making judgments using the rubbery yardstick of moral relativity and moral equivalence.

Do you remember when I did some ranting about a “disclaimer/warning” preceding a recently published copy of the United States Constitution?



Here is the warning on page 3 – the copyright page:

This book is a product of its time and does not reflect the same values as it would if it were written today. Parents might wish to discuss with their children how views on race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and interpersonal relations have changed since this book was written before allowing them to read this classic work.



Can you believe it? The implication is that our youth should be cautious about taking the original Founding Documents literally, or too seriously. This is expressed in the “all too common” language of apology and relativism. **“PLEASE HELP ME I’M FALLING!!”** Yes I am, or I’m about to – catch me!

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FOUR – I must be recovering and calming down, because I can’t remember the last one!?

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