



## BEWARE OF POLITICIANS BEARING CHICKENS!

**Pay Attention! You must be an informed voter if you want to change things in Washington.**

We can change Washington, but first the American voters must start listening, giving feedback, and asking questions of the candidates.

Political clichés are nothing new. “Lower taxes” is a great one that politicians often offer, but what they neglect to tell voters is that BOTH PARTIES always make sure to leave the back door wide open for lobbyists and their Wall Street customers to walk right in and step up to the trough for their handouts—handouts that small businesses and the people living on Main Street pay for.

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**Politicians and even kings have relied on political clichés for years.** For example, we have the “Chicken in Every Pot” slogan that is often mistakenly attributed to Herbert Hoover. Actually it was Henry IV who began that one. He is reputed to have said that he wished that each of the peasants would enjoy “a chicken in his pot every Sunday.” [*Don’t you wonder what he also wished for them to eat during the rest of the week—a fine point that politicians and kings often overlook.*] The Republican Party did use Henry IV’s slogan in a 1928 campaign advertisement touting a period of “Republican prosperity” that had provided a “chicken in every pot and a car in every backyard to boot.” But Hoover reportedly never uttered those exact words. Then, of course, there is the hackneyed expression of “lower taxes” that politicians have been promising for over 80 years now.

**Lessons learned:** In 1929, Americans ended up with far less than the Republican promise of a chicken in every pot (much less a car in their back yard). Not even a year after Republican Herbert Hoover’s election; our nation experienced the crash of the stock market and the beginning of the Great Depression that lasted for ten years. George Bush was another Republican who promised lower taxes. What did those promises yield for the American people? During the last four years of the Bush Administration our Nation lost \$15.5 trillion dollars of its net worth. In the last 18 months alone of this Republican Administration we lost \$12.5 trillion dollars of our net worth as a nation. **That is \$40,000 for every man, woman and child in our nation.** Do you still want to listen to their continued promises of “lower taxes”? Every time a Republican who says that they will “lower taxes” gets into office, the American people seem to lose big time. In the last quarter of his administration Bush had Henry Paulson play Chicken Little in the largest heist so far of the American people--\$800 billion with no strings attached just before Bush and Republicans turned command of Washington over to the Hedge Fund Democrats.

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