

REAL SOLUTIONS WITHOUT RAISING TAXES? Yes, but only if BOTH sides are completely willing to face truths that may embarrass them.

Stop using the Homer Simpson/John Wayne Problem Solving Methodology and get smart!

Both parties of Congress have been following this dysfunctional puritanical problem solving method for the past 30, if not 250 years:

- Assign blame
- Punish the guilty
- Declare mission accomplished

We must change our dysfunctional problem-solving approaches

For example, many people mistakenly believe that making abortion illegal will solve the problem.

This won't happen. The hard core facts show us this truth. There is no correlation between the legal status of abortion in a country and the rate of abortions performed. The Netherlands have very liberal abortion laws, and also the lowest abortion rate in the world. In fact, the top 12 countries, including the USA, with the lowest abortion rates also have the most liberal abortion laws. Chile has the most restrictive abortion laws in the world and also an abortion rate twice that of the USA.

These are facts that you can check out for yourself. If we care about reducing the rate of abortions, we must examine factors that are related to high abortion rates and address those factors. The legal status is not what we should be looking at if we want real change.

Health Care for poor Americans and displaced persons is to our advantage!

But can we have health care for poor Americans and displaced persons and not raise taxes?

Yes! But only with new leadership.

For this particular solution we must recognize the mistakes that we have made as a nation and correct them. As the 8th step of the famous 12 Step Programs states: "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all." This is what we need to do as a nation.

Who have our elected officials harmed and how?

#1 Congress has harmed the Mexican and American people with their corporate welfare to Wall Street agribusinesses.

We have allowed our Congress to make a mockery of the real intent of the farm subsidy bills for the past 30 years. These bills were originally created to assist the small family farmers who lived on the land that they farmed. This is the limited scope to which this taxpayer largess should return.

Today the benefactors of farm subsidies are large agribusinesses like **Archer Daniels Midland Corporation (ADM)**. ADM and its chairman Dwayne Andreas have lavishly fertilized both political parties with millions of dollars and in return have reaped billion-dollar windfalls from taxpayers and consumers. ADM has cost the American economy billions of dollars since 1980 and has indirectly cost Americans tens of billions of dollars in higher prices and higher taxes over that same period.

At least 43 percent of ADM's annual profits are from products heavily subsidized or protected by the American government. Moreover, every \$1 of profits earned by ADM's corn sweetener operation costs consumers \$10, and every \$1 of profits earned by its ethanol operation costs taxpayers \$30. Do you want to foot the bill for corporations like ADM? I don't!

Between 1996 and 2002, **an average of \$16 billion/year was paid by programs authorized by various U.S. farm bills** Only 2% of this money goes to small farmers who still live on the land that they farm. Today we spend \$19 billion a year on this. Source: WIKI

#2 Congress has harmed the Mexican and American people with NAFTA

Prior to NAFTA the USA did not have the immigration problems that we face today. In 1992 we had approximately 2 million Mexicans illegally in the USA. This number had been stable for years. After the passage of NAFTA, displaced persons began to flood into the USA at an alarming rate. Today it is estimated that we have between 12 and 20 million displaced persons from Mexico in our Nation.

How was NAFTA involved?

NAFTA removed the tariffs that kept the heavily U.S. government subsidized corn away from unfair competition with the Mexican farmer. The small Mexican farmers could not compete with the prices offered by US government welfare recipients like Archer Daniels. Over 2 million Mexican corn farmers were driven off their land by NAFTA. This of course had a domino effect on all of Mexico's economy. NAFTA also shipped several million jobs out of the USA.

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO VOTED FOR THESE PEOPLE! YOU CAN CREATE A BETTER OUTCOME WITH YOUR VOTE!

Emma Berry for your Representative

Displaced Persons—not illegal immigrants or illegal aliens

Elected officials need to remember that Mexicans illegally in our country today were displaced because of legislation for Wall Street that Congress has been passing for 30 years.

Nations all over the world face problems with the issue of displaced persons. In all cases these people were literally forced off their land either by wars or by trade agreements such as NAFTA that have the cards stacked in favor of multinational corporations. You will not have change in Washington as long as you have Wall Street investors representing you.

I HAVE SOLUTIONS NOW

Immediately renegotiate NAFTA and put some of the tariffs back in to protect the Mexican people. We must stop subsidizing agribusinesses with our tax dollars. After a few years, their prices will rise in alignment with the reality of companies who do not have billion dollar handouts from the government.

No more knee jerk Homer Simpson/John Wayne approach to problem solving. Our problem with displaced persons from Mexico has not happened over the last week. It has taken 15 years for it to rise to its current crescendo and it will take several years to correct the situation.

Limit the current allocation of \$19 billion in farm subsidies to only 2% of that amount (\$380 million). This would only be distributed as needed to small family farmers who still live on the land they farm. They currently get 2%.

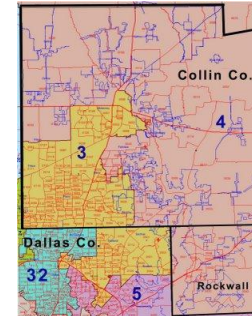
Use the remaining funds from that annual \$19 billion pool to build the needed medical facilities first in the border states with the highest populations of displaced persons—Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico.

Gradually this annual amount would be reduced and finally phased out or at least kept at less than half of the \$19 billion that we are throwing away today. **Locally, in the Third District, this solves a problem that Collin County is facing today.** They have no County Hospital and they are either going to have to use taxpayer money to build one, or they are going to have to start paying Dallas County in excess of \$2.7 million a year for using the services of Parkland. More taxes baby.

We could build that needed hospital without selling a single bond or raising taxes by one penny. It's a matter of priorities and re-allocating money that is already there for a better purpose.

Don't let them tell you that there are no solutions without raising taxes.

The money is already there to strengthen our support for public health. The quality of our public health affects us all and we should care that communicable diseases such as TB are on the rise in the USA --for no other selfish reason than the fact that we may become infected.



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EMMA BERRY
as your
U.S. Representative

A TEXAS INDEPENDENT
3RD U.S. Congressional District

Real solutions for social problems
that work without raising taxes?

Yes it is possible, but not if you throw away your vote on people with a vested interest in the status quo instead of a vested interest in the majority on Main Street.



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I also have real solutions for the economic problems that we face. Ask me. All my solutions are directed at wisely using the resources already in place by sensible re-allocation of taxpayer funds to better serve the majority.