

Wall Street vs Main Street?

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This financial situation started many years ago when corporate raiders took over companies that were heavily assessed simply to strip those assets and dump said corporations by selling them at rock bottom prices. This caused many "Main Street" losses which in fact translates to "un-insider" loses. I know, I was one who lost \$30,000 when Xerox stripped the assets from a company I held stock in only to dump the carcass on the street at bankrupt prices making it impossible to sell; this was very popular during those "Raider" days.

Corporations scrambled to hide or utilize their assets to keep from being such a lucrative targets, making a situation where no one had assets available when there was a crises. In other words, that syndrome created the greedy winner take all atmosphere that prevailed for many decades, allowing the present head to surface in today's financial crises.

I am a conservative and believe big government is the wrong direction to go, however, big bureaucratic groups of any kind are much the same and we have a proliferation of such today. In a perfect world people would treat other people well, yet we live in a world where "dog eat dog" prevails and therefore there are real needs for checks and balances.

Reagan said let the free market police itself, government needs to get out of the way. I believed him. it just made good sense. Unfortunately the greedy hate mongers have taken over this country in huge numbers and we, the "Main Street" are being fleeced rapidly on a daily if not hourly basses.

Now I see from a different viewpoint. You can't allow the fox to guard the hen house! That has been the case for centuries and we can't seem to learn it. As bad as it tastes, government regulatory agencies are needed in all facets of the business world. Free market will not police itself and we conservative have been stupid, or naive, to believe it would. I have refuse to look at our 401K accounts because there is nothing I can do about what has happened. Unfortunately for me, this time it probably won't be just five figure losses but rather six figure ones.

I like buying land. Why do I like buying land instead of stock investments? You can walk out on it and kick the ground you walk on, at least it can make you feel better. Under the present poor financial situation we have no one or nothing to kick but ourselves.

Bailout opportunities!!?? Speaking of greed and corruption... like maybe politicians... the \$700+ billion solution. I believe the liberal agenda was not able to put together a fast enough gouge, or pork barrel package, to attach to the bill so they played the public as patsies creating a charade that put forth the allusion of trying to pass the bill only to shoot itself in the foot by defeating it at the last minute. Now they passed virtually the same three page bill but with the addition of 450 pages of pork they classify as enticements.

Enticements... what a way to put it. They entice each other into voting by adding pet tax breaks for special business and corporations. Any taxpayer watch dog organization would call it pork. Politicians call it enticements. How many more billions of cost did they tack on to the bill? Some suggest over \$100 billion of pork... who knows?

Me I think I'll go kick the ground some more rather than kicking myself... its too hard to do anyway.

Who should we vote for... you got me. I'm still too pig headed to vote for a liberal agenda, but, no matter who gets elected the agenda seems to and will be the same: They in all actuality are saying take care of the party first, me second, the voter third, the country last. They, the politicians who operate with a 12% voter approval rating, have very little interest in protecting us, the real "Main Street." They are too busy with alternatives... feeding off us and while we in our beliefs hope that good will triumph and evil will end up destroyed. Hah! In the end maybe, but until then bend over, they are ready to get you for now.

Remember no crook will ever come up to you and say, "I'm a crook and I'm here to rob, rape and take anything from you I can, such as your dignity and even the hard earned money in your savings and 401K." No, and neither will a politician.

We elect them because we some how believe they are our friends and have our best interests at heart. Instead they are part of the fleecing of America with statements which we were warned about from our fathers who went through the great depression and came out the other side: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you."

God help us we are free to vote in any person who will give us more entitlements and protect our very own special interests.