# Third Saturday Seminar 2011-2012 Humanity at a Crossroads Session 03 19 November 2011

War, Taxes and Debt
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**Main Program Segment** 

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## Against all enemies foreign and domestic ...



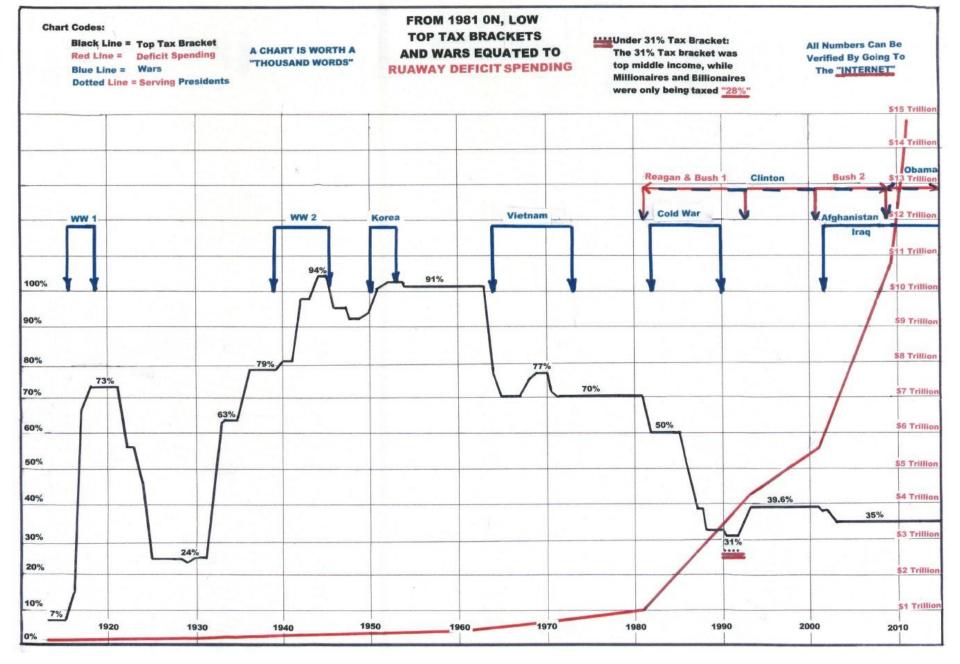


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SO HANDSOME THEN!



#### From: US Department of the Treasury

Source: Internet "US National Debt History to the Penny"

	<u>Intra Governmental Holdir</u>	ngs Total Public Debt
End FY 2009:	\$4 Trillion, \$358 Billion	\$11 Trillion, \$910 Billion
End FY 2010:	\$4 Trillion, \$539 Billion	\$13 Trillion, \$562 Billion
Increase:	\$181 Billion	\$ 1 Trillion, \$652 Billion
End FY 2011:	\$4 Trillion, \$663 Billion	\$14 Trillion, \$790 Billion
Increase:	\$124 Billion	\$ 1 Trillion, \$228 Billion
3 Nov. 2011:	\$4 Trillion, \$724 Billion	\$14 Trillion, \$998 Billion
Increase:	\$61 Billion	\$208 Billion

Note: In the those 34 days, our national debt went up \$208 Billion, an average a little over \$6 billion a day.

#### As of 3 Nov 2011

Another Source: Z Facts.com

#### Accumulated Debt/Savings In 62 Secs

**Borrowed by the** General Fund - \$ 14,735,025,419,825\* \$ 2,248,044

Income: Income taxes. Outgo: Defense 30%, Interest 19%, ...

Income: FICA Payroll taxes. Outgo: Benefits and disability

**Saved by all Gov. Trust Funds** + \$ 4,082,889,406,000 \$ -698,076

Income: FICA & gas taxes. Outgo: Medicare, highways, etc.

**Debt Held by the Public** (net debt)  $-\$ 10,652,136,013,824^{\dagger} \$ 2,946,121$ 

\* Gross National Debt † Debt Held by the Public Debt Clock Source Data

http://zfacts.com/p/461.html

http://zfacts.com/p/318.html

### SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE SOLVENCY

E-mailed out to 2571 recipients in January, 2011

#### Congress; 2 SIDES: Solvent versus Privatize

- \$4 Trillion, \$616 Billion Owed BY Congress
- \$2 Trillion, \$558 Billion is Social Security's part
- Came From Withholding Taxes
- Not Congress's Money to Use AS General Purpose Funds
- Social Security Act of 1935 by Roosevelt
- Medicare Act of 1965 by Johnson
- Reagan Increased W/H in early 1980's for "Baby Boomers"
- Republicans would like to get rid of
- Why? & If So?
- What about the \$4.6 trillion that Congress owes to programs.
- Where's the money coming from now?

#### Balance Budget Problems, UNLESS: (Sept. 9, 2011)

"US National Debt History to the Penny" Indicates:

FY 2009 Deficit was \$1.8 Trillion

FY 2010 Deficit was \$1.7 Trillion

With a FY 2012 Budget of \$3.65 Trillion

And Revenue Projected a near \$2 Trillion

**Leaves Short Fall of \$1.65 Trillion** 

**Balanced Budget Means "No Borrowing"** 

After Cutting Out the \$1.65 Trillion

**Less Income and Still Interest on Debt, Leaves** 

**About \$1.5 trillion to run our NATION** 

We Will be a "Third World Class Nation"

**Way Out: Raise Taxes** 

# What Should Be Done To Correct This Financial Disaster?

(Sent to the 12 Congressional Reps)

First Political Letter

Mismanagement of Trust Funds

**Income Tax Rates & Deficit Spending** 

## **Short Term Solutions**

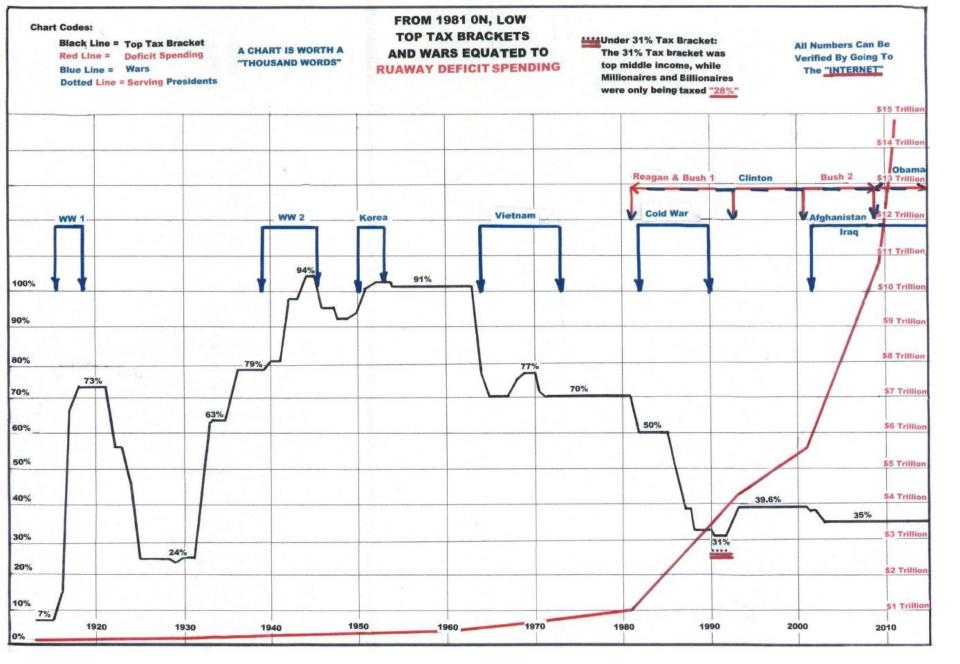
- A. Hands Off Trust Funds
- B. Cut \$1 to \$4 Trillion From Budget in 10 Years Ineffective
- C. Look at Crash of 1929 with top tax rate at 25%
- D. Hoover & Roosevelt raised to 79% by 1936
- E. Did not borrow from China & Other Nations Like Today
- F. Used Money to put people to work

# **Long Term Solutions**

- A. Bring All Troops Home From Iraq & Afghanistan
- B. Close foreign WW 2 bases with vast money saved
- C. A few base available for rotation training
- D. Reopening bases on US soil equal more jobs
- E. Bring US industrial back to US versus big fines
- F. US Treasury notes to US Citizens at higher tax free rate

### **Extreme Measures**

- A. Drop IOU's to trust funds (\$4.7 trillion off national debt)
- B. No top limit on salary W/H taxes immediately
- C. Recipients of these funds only below \$500,000 tax bracket



# **Questions?**



# Continuing from our last meeting... A perspective (1895) Gustave LeBon, *The Crowd*)

The true historical upheavals are not those which astonish us by their grandeur and violence. The only important changes whence the renewal of civilizations results, affect ideas, conceptions, and beliefs. The memorable events of history are the visible effects of the invisible changes of human thought. The reason these great events are so rare is that there is nothing so stable in a race as the inherited groundwork of its thoughts.

### LeBon (cont.)

The present epoch is one of these critical moments in which the thought of mankind is undergoing a process of transformation.

Two fundamental factors are at the base of this transformation. The first is the destruction of those religious, political, and social beliefs in which all the elements of our civilization are rooted. The second is the creation of entirely new conditions of existence and thought as the result of modern scientific and industrial discoveries.

# A "Head's Up" (A Caution)

The ideas of the past, although half destroyed, being still very powerful, and the ideas which are to replace them being still in process of formation, the modern age represents a period of transition and anarchy.

THE CROWD - A STUDY OF THE POPULAR MIND (La psychologie des foules (1895)) BY GUSTAVE LE BON, NEW YORK, THE MACMILLAN CO. (1896)

# Don't panic!

# Don't <u>be</u> Panicked!

# Welcome back to interesting times!

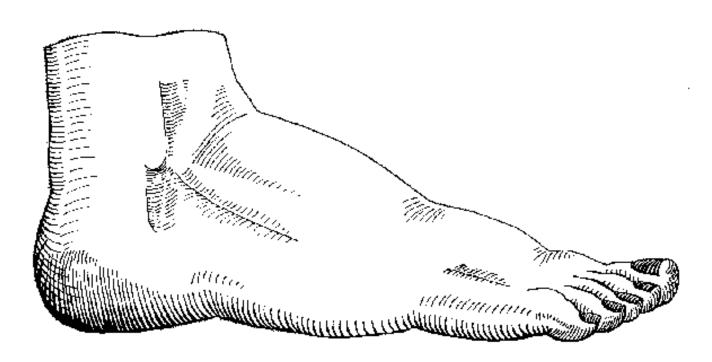






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The Monty Python Foot, a convenient way to end something that would seem to go on for ever accomplishing nothing.... (*See deus ex machina*)





The famous Python Foot can here be seen in its original format in the bottom left corner of "An Allegory of Venus

and Cupid by Bronzino (~1545)

When Monty Python had no ending for a skit, this foot would appear out of the sky and squash whatever was on screen with a rude noise. Allowing the show to move on.