The Endangered Middle Class is on Life Support and the Republicans are Poised to Pull the Plug!

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Part 1: Don't Blame the President! Don't Blame the Congress! Blame yourselves!

It is January 2012 and the insanity of the 2012 Presidential Election has begun. I believe the word "insanity" is appropriate and succinct because of the axiom which defines the word. "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

This adage takes on an even more prophetic and Nostradamean meaning when you consider that this fall, once again, the American people are going to the polls and insanely attempting to elect a President to lead them out of the morass, muck and mire that has submerged our country and symbolized its politics!

I contend that "insanely" is the correct word because unless we do something different, we will not effect any meaningful change, no matter who wins the White House this fall. Moreover, the different thing we must do is pause for a moment and reflect upon our choices and the actions that we must take in order to save our country, which is dangerously teetering on the edge of the abyss.

First, we must vote according to our self-interests. This is usually what most voters do, but in this Presidential election we must intelligently re-define what our most important self-interest is. Because I am advocating for the endangered middle class, I assert that the most important and critical self-interest we have is survival! The Republican party is hellbent on destroying us, the endangered middle class. Why else would Congressional and Senatorial Republicans try to eliminate Social Security and Medicare through the Ryan Plan, in addition to killing almost every job bill that the White House has proposed. These are job bills that could have added thousands if not tens of thousands of high-paying jobs to a crippled economy.

The Democratic Party has been feverishly attempting to resuscitate a grievously ailing national economy and the Republican Party is withholding the critical assistance needed to heal the

patient. Why is this? You need only to recall Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's vow in 2008 when he said, "The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president."

Let's be real! The elected Republican party officials don't care about the economy because they've morphed into the party of the rich! The reason why they don't worry about the endangered middle class is simple: They can't relate to us! They don't know how hard it is to balance a shrinking paycheck against rising expenses. They don't know the pain of losing long-held, treasured jobs because of greedy avaricious bank-initiated financial recessions. They don't lose sleep at night worrying about staving off foreclosure on their homes, despite the fact that many of us have already lost their homes! So why should the Republican party care about the endangered middle class? The answer is they don't and they never will because it's not in their best self-interest to do so. Period!

This brings me to the crux of my argument: It is an important and irrefutable fact that it's not enough for us to re-elect President Obama. We must elect Democratic Congressional representatives and Democratic senators to aid President Obama in implementing his policies. It is not enough to just vote for the man with the vision. We must also put in place people who support that vision and the visionary who sees it! President Obama should not have to do all the heavy lifting! It is our responsibility to give him some help!

What's more, it's imperative we elect enough Democrats to regain control of the House of Representatives and maintain control of the Senate. Hello, endangered middle class America, are you listening?!! It is only by the regaining and maintaining control of Congress and the White House that we can thwart and undo the grievous damage inflicted upon our beloved nation.

Make no mistake. The Republicans are masters of distraction! Their current strategy is to portray President Obama as a promise breaker. They've said he hasn't kept his campaign promises. But what they don't say is that every promise he has attempted to keep--promises ranging from rescuing the economy to delivering jobs--the Republican party has thwarted, obstructed, or down right killed!

What we have to realize is that a divided government does not work when one faction is composed of zealous extremists who would destroy the country to win an ideological point. Remember the "Debt Ceiling Crisis" and how perilously close the Republican Tea Party Congressional officials brought us to defaulting on our national debt? If that had happened, it would have destroyed our economy and plunged the world into a global depression.

What did happen was that this unnecessary political posturing resulted in the downgrading of America's credit rating. Moreover, the Republican party has the audacity and malevolent cunning to blatantly lie and falsely attribute this debacle to President Obama.

An anonymous writer who wrote under the pseudonym General R. Never said, "People deserve the government they permit!" If we permit the Republican party to pull the plug on us by refusing to

wake up and vote in our own best interests and vote for President Obama and other Democrats who support him then we, the endangered middle class, deserve the inevitable pain, misery, heartache and death that will surely come.

I don't know about you, but I don't plan on "going gently into that good night." I'm going to vote for every supportive Democrat I can find!

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