



An apology to future generations

Posted: Wednesday, December 20, 2017

As Congress sends the federal deficit even further into the stratosphere, I'd like to be the first to apologize to our kids; i.e., those who will have to deal with the inevitable consequences of my generation's inept financial stewardship.

Specifically, I apologize for the way we mortgaged your future in order to keep our lives from being disrupted. The truth is, we knew we were on the road to disaster, but we were too self-absorbed to make the hard choices required. Sure, we could have been more realistic with our budgeting, but what fun would that have been? Remember, it was all about us – not you.

I apologize for our steadfast refusal to sacrifice for you the way our parents and grandparents did for us. While we were inspired by stories of their noble and altruistic crusade to leave the world better than they found it, we were not motivated enough to do the same for you.

I apologize for our unwavering election of representatives who were preoccupied with their own self-preservation and partisan ambitions rather than working for the common good. We should have voted for politicians who wanted to genuinely resolve core problems instead of superficially addressing their symptoms.

I apologize for our obsession with commerce to the detriment of the environment. I know the planet we left you is barely inhabitable – but we were too busy denying science and pointing fingers to care about the ramifications of our unsustainable policies and practices.

Finally, I apologize for the way we talked a good game when it came to faith, hope and charity – but seldom walked the walk when it came to living out the beliefs and values we could articulate so well. Our hypocrisy was only surpassed by our narcissism and lack of humility.

Aaron W. Hughey
Bowling Green

www.bgdailynews.com