

Government spending doesn't help economy

Governmental spending does not help alleviate our economic problems – it exacerbates them.

First, it has never been proven that job creation by the public sector stimulates anything other than a larger deficit.

If governmental spending actually helped, we should be seeing more jobs in the private sector by now.

That is not happening; in fact, the unemployment rate has risen slightly and is projected to remain around 10 percent for the foreseeable future.

Government-created jobs only produce a momentary illusion of economic recovery. They offer millions of Americans false hope and provide a bogus sense of security for some while causing long-term harm for most.

And padding the recent numbers with census workers only insults our intelligence.

Second, deficit spending during bad times and repaying it during good times is built on the assumption that we will actually

pay the money back when conditions improve. But in case you haven't noticed, our government is not very conscientious about paying anything back under any circumstances.

Remember about a decade ago when the stock market was setting new records every week? Projections were that the economy would be generating a huge windfall for the government. Some suggested that we use this anticipated excess to pay down the deficit or at least shore up Social Security.

Unfortunately, these individuals were almost universally ignored by those who always seem to have "better" plans for any surplus revenue.

As you will also recall, in the end it was a moot point anyway. The estimates were built on false premises – as we all found out when first the tech bubble burst, followed by the housing bubble.

The bottom line is that many Americans want more than they are willing to pay for, and unless

we come to our senses soon, this will be our ultimate downfall.

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