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Services

This topic gets into some of the more controversial for some people. There are some people who do not want the federal government to help pay for services to help what they deem to be otherwise capable people.

I can attest that, sometimes, capable people have problems and need temporary assistance. This will also be so. The question is how do we help them?

We can help them in several ways:

The churches can help.

Yes, but this leaves a smaller fraction of people with the responsibility.

Random wealthy people:

Yes, but that can stop anytime.

Non-governmental organizations and 501(c) 3 Corporations:

Yes, but again, these organizations are beholden to donors. Donors are fickle and the money comes in haphazardly. Anyone who has EVER fundraised can tell you how truly difficult it is. There is tremendous competition, partly because our federal government does not do a good job with funding what it starts.

Those are the top three ideas that come to mind. Should these be considered a type of tax to a small group of people rather than be spread out over the entire tax paying population?

My idea is that if we can have more people paying taxes by taking care of their needs in a timely fashion then they spend less time on programs like Medi-Caid and even state welfare programs, saving everybody money. But as they say in business, it takes money to make money.

The federal government never wants to do it that way currently.

The federal government, and state governments as well, like to spend money on the back end. When there is a problem. I say spend money on people before everything is out of control.

Prisons would be emptier if we only paid more attention to at risk children and young people when they really needed it and followed through with it to the real end of their story.

Risky pregnancies that cost the taxpayers a lot of money can be dealt with sooner if the government had national healthcare that can take care of ALL women sooner in their pregnancies.

All of this need not cost a fortune. Like I said, proper taxation and getting people to a good paying job sooner also will help.

Again, I said it on other pages. This takes voting for a candidate who is a bit of a maverick and does not always look to the Party for guidance and may in fact take the Party to task once in a while.

My allegiance is to my people, my constituency, first and foremost, not to any party. I am a Democrat, but you know, I have the backs of the people first.

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