

# Political Philosophy

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**1. Income Inequality.** Why is it that more than 70% of governmental income transfers feature Middle Class and below taxpayers, funding programs which mainly benefit wealthy Americans (the top 30% of earners)? These include private bills, pardons, crop subsidies, defense contracts, private prisons, and corporate welfare.

The bedrock of my political philosophy is that the rich should pay their fair share of taxes, and the poor should receive their fair share of government pork barrel benefits.

There is a time tested saying, from one of the many religions, which I revere. "If the mountain won't come to Muhammad, Muhammad must go to the mountain." To date, a National Debt Busting, Progressive, tax and spend liberal Democratic candidate has not appeared to represent New Mexico's Second District, so I have concluded, that I need to run for office, and rattle the halls of Congress myself.

**2. Political Philosophy.** As a Professor of American history, I have a real problem, when politicians, from the richest nation on the face of planet Earth, tell me that they cannot fund a worthy project, because we cannot afford to solve our own problems. When Americans faced the twin financial burdens of pulling themselves out of the Great Depression and winning a two-front war, during World War II, our Greatest Generation did not say that this was a mountain too high for us to climb. Instead, they pulled us up, by our own bootstraps, raised the top tax rate to 90% under the Progressive Tax System, and they got on with the business of doing what others said could not be done.

Austerity, tax cuts, cutting governmental waste and red tape, and funding wars by boosting the National Debt, will not now, nor will it ever, result in shrinking the National Debt, by even one ten Billion Dollars.

The only other alternative is hiding in plain sight. Raise Taxes by reverting to the Progressive Tax System, and by adopting my Gross Transaction Tax for all business and corporate sales. We do not lack the Ways and Means to solve these problems, but instead only the political will to see them enacted into law, and then adopted into our Constitution.