



## 545 Politicians & Judges Control Everything

Tim Hawkins is a very funny guy. He sings a great song, "The Government Can," with body movements that tell the story in a truly hilarious way. I watched it the other day on a website with an incredibly simple but potent message: that 545 people in Washington are responsible for all of America's woes. Charley Reese, the writer, explained in an essay posted at [LewRockwell.com](#):



One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president and nine Supreme Court justices — 545 human beings out of 235 million — are directly, legally, morally and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

He explains further:

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them. Have you ever wondered why, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits? Have you ever wondered why, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does. You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does. You and I don't write the tax code. Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy. Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy. The Federal Reserve Bank does.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered but private central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it.

No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes

Who can argue against what Mr. Reese has written? What we have in Washington is a political three-ring circus performing its various functions on the hugest pile of money ever assembled in one place in all of human history. Indeed, there is so much money that there is no way that anyone can keep track of how it is spent, or who gets what, or who steals what. Solyndra is just one small example of legal theft of a mere half billion dollars.

And among these 545 people who run America, the Democrat majority and the president believe they



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don't have enough money to play with. They want more. Lots more. And that's why they keep calling for higher taxes on the "rich," meaning anyone who makes a little more than a subsistence income. But as most sane human beings believe, it's counter-productive to raise taxes in a recession. The only way to pay off our trillions of dollars of debt is to grow the economy and get rid of the political circus in Washington.

As Steve Forbes has written in a letter sponsored by an organization called the Club for Growth:

Our country is not near the brink of an economic crisis, we've arrived.... Everything from ObamaCare, massive new government regulations, a weak dollar, uncertainty about taxes, rogue government agencies dictating what businesses can and can't do...it all points to the White House. These reckless big government policies have put the U.S. economy in a perilous state.

And that is why the Tea Party has risen out of nowhere to protest the grotesque political machinations in Washington that are ruining the nation. And, of course, the Republicans must share the blame. There has not been a genuine conservative Republican administration since Calvin Coolidge. What we've had since FDR's pro-socialist regime is Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush. While Reagan was as conservative as any Republican dared get, he was reined in by statist Republicans like his vice president, Bonesman George H. W. Bush, who had called Reagan's free-market economic plan "Voodoo Economics."

In fact, the Republican Party has been pretty much controlled by the Skull and Bones cadre who promote their New World Order agenda when they are in positions of power to do so. They also love big government because they expect to use the government to drive reluctant Americans into the New World Order.

In the election of 2012, conservatives have the first opportunity since Coolidge to elect a real Constitutional conservative to the presidency. And that is why this election will be the most important one for America's future since the 1920s. Remember, it was Coolidge who said that "the business of America is business."

Meanwhile, the world's financial system is in danger of falling apart. Why? Because of debt that cannot be repaid. Greece is just the tip of the iceberg. Not only is the United States up to its eyeballs in debt, but the mixed economies of Western Europe are in the same pickle. They are run mainly by socialists who think that a highly regulated private sector, a form of crony capitalism, can pay for the lavish spending on social programs to keep the workers happy. In short, debt is the albatross that is causing financial chaos. Socialists do not create wealth, they simply devour the wealth made by the private sector.

And what are socialists like Obama doing to solve the problem? Nothing. Obama simply wants to bleed the public more for additional trillions to spend on maintaining his socialist policies. And because the Tea Party conservatives have put some backbone into many Republican congressmen, they are trying to thwart Obama's total dedication to imposing socialism on America. Meanwhile, the American people are patiently waiting for November 2012 to see if American greatness can be restored or will be finally destroyed, and with it individual freedom.

No one I know ever dreamed that America would, in our brief lifetime, reach a situation in which its very existence as a free society could be lost or saved by one election. Recent local elections seem to indicate that the American people will choose to renew America rather than relegate it to the trash-bin of great political experiments in freedom. The world depends on Americans making the right choice in



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November 2012. Our men in Iraq and Afghanistan are fighting and dying to promote the ideas of freedom, while at home our president is trying to destroy them. If we lose on the homefront, then all the efforts of our soldiers will have been in vain.



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