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PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY
 PANEL
 ON FEDERAL TAX REFORM

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1. The first \$20K of earned income/profit should be income tax free for ALL working citizens for Basic Human Needs

Philosophy 101 - early 1950s - A whole semester spent discussing "What is man?"

The most salient point - man has BASIC NEEDS in order to live in DIGNITY and SELF-RESPECT.

Those needs are: food, water, air, clothing, proper temperature, protection from the elements, shelter, healthy, poison-free food, water and environment, socialization, health care.

We might add protection, education, guidance, freedom ... and the PROVISIONS NECESSARY to meet THEIR BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

2. In the United States of America, what would these BASIC needs COST per person? per family?

3 I suggest, for people who WORK for wages or profit, that the 1st \$20,000 of income/profit be income tax free to provide for these needs.

Our economic experts can determine a % for each level above this, ie., \$30K to \$30 Billion.

4 Every Christmas season, I hear and read "Spend, spend Our economy DEPENDS upon a high retail sales volume."

Who would "spend" MORE year round, but the LOWEST levels of income, IF they had any money left over after paying for basic needs and taxes?

Poor and working families could afford MORE clothing, toys, food, entertainment, vacations, TVs, cell phones, etc., autos, education, - a HOME.

It may even motivate people to WORK It would BOOST the ECONOMY! And there would be fewer STRUGGLING people MORE could AFFORD their first home.

People of SUBSTANCE just don't see or understand the suffering and struggles of people who work CHECK TO CHECK to pay their living expenses - their BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

There's NO MONEY for the extras. It's almost like SLAVERY

(If CONGRESS helped the poor and the working class as QUICKLY and EFFICIENTLY as they vote themselves an increase in pay every year, we'd have a more HUMANE nation

And the millionaire politicians who run this nation are the FIRST to CUT BENEFITS for veterans, the poor and working class, all while they TOOK MONEY out of SOCIAL SECURITY to balance budgets! SHAME!

Democrats have ALWAYS won elections by appealing to the lower ranking citizenry of the working class and the poor, promising help and care

The Republicans gave us: " Pull yourselves up by your own bootstraps " (Reagan) And the GIFT of the "street people "

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Rich and powerful Corporations take ADVANTAGE of the NATION and the WORKING CLASS: cigarette companies, Enron, Worldcom, corporate WELFARE, stadiums, tax-free benefits ...

And the MEDIA focuses on Martha Stewart to DISTRACT us from the WORST FELONS who have HARMED MORE PEOPLE!

If the Republicans don't reach out to the poor and working class, we'll have 2 PRESIDENTS in 2008: Hilary and Bill Clinton!

This is also WHY BLACKS are loyal to the Democrats

I would like to see the 1st \$20K of wages/profits - income tax free for ALL (the rich and the poor) for BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

If we REALLY are the RICHEST NATION and most powerful in the world, make it \$30K!

This can be W's LEGACY!

Re: THE DEFICIT!

I am sick and tired of hearing about the deficit - and "our grandchildren will pay - sob, sob!"

Why can't you come off of your high horse and ASK FOR and TAKE UP A COLLECTION!?

We made millionaires of the 3K victims of 9-11 (protecting the rich from lawsuits?) - \$2 Billion to Egypt - ? Billion to tsunami (who told us to GET OUT!) and STILL COLLECTING.

WHY can't we do ANYTHING FOR THE DEFICIT? WHY IS IT TABOO?

SURE there will be naysayers and those with tightened lips, purses and wallets, but MANY WILL contribute and the WHOLE NATION will cry out IN RELIEF from hearing about it! Remember the WWII War Bonds! Americans stepped up to the plate to help out! And they WILL AGAIN!!

WE DO IT FOR OTHERS, WHY CAN'T WE DO IT FOR OURSELVES? I think we look FOOLISH!

Put the Banks in charge to collect it and wire it to Greenspan. People could stop into a bank, drop off the cash and/or "pay by internet" to the government. Quick and Easy!

Have a Daily Media Announcement: "We LOWERED THE DEFICIT BY \$ TODAY! GOD BLESS THE USA!"

Have George Herbert Walker Bush and Bill Clinton repeat their tsunami collection for the "WAVE OF THE DEFICIT!"

Re: The SCHOOL SYSTEM and EDUCATION!

What do the school districts do with the Teacher's Manuals and Answer Sheets for each text book?

I know that DuPage County, IL had a teacher's library at the airport where certified teachers could come and make use of these books, some old and outdated.

I think these teacher's manuals and the answer sheets SHOULD BE AVAILABLE to the PUBLIC, the PARENTS of children in school and ALL interested citizens.

WHY HIDE THIS STUFF? The families and kids would LEARN!

And people who dropped out, or adults who did not finish grade or high school could LEARN BY THEMSELVES, free from

embarrassment

Discontinued text books, teachers manuals and answer sheets should be FREELY AVAILABLE to the PUBLIC. What are you AFRAID OF? That someone may LEARN SOMETHING on the Kindergarten to college levels?

There would be a run of learning, unless of course, it is preferred to keep the lowly low and the foreign nations high!

If you think about it, the poor have something we "higher levels" DON'T HAVE! PEACE AND QUIET AND TIME to sit and ponder and maybe even do some self-taught lessons.

I hope you find some of this of value. I hope I'm not just some ranting nut!

Sincerely and Respectfully Submitted,

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The text books, teacher's manuals + answer sheets should be available at all public libraries, levels K to PhD.

I also think there should be a cabinet-level position to advise + inform the President of issues + problems of the poor + working classes who do not have Harvard lawyers or lobbyists (highly-paid) to present their interests. It could be the answer to unions, and an effective resource. GLL