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TO: Staff and program hosts

A warm thanks for your coverage of the budget. It was very enlightening for current and future reference to see what actually happened on C-SPAN, versus what was "reported" on news channels. Without having seen the actual speeches made, it would have been easy to get the wrong idea of what happened based on what standard news programs, including CNN, let us see.

I have several subjects that might be of interest for you to consider for future programs. I hope you will consider them worthwhile:

1. Provide a program showing the importance of personal savings in overall retirement planning. Social security and pensions were never designed to provide a fully comfortable retirement.

The reason many "elderly" are in financial straits has less to do with Social Security than with their own lack of willingness to put money aside for the future. Only taxpayer funded (i.e. "government") programs provide for cost of living adjustments in retirement benefits. Had most of these people put aside just 10% of their income, they would probably have little to complain about.

2. Provide a program on the pros/cons of a "corporate democracy", where, like a corporation where only those with money invested (shareholders) are permitted to vote for the people (board of directors) who run the company.

The only real purpose of congress is to allocate tax dollars to various programs. If those elected officials (representative is not an accurate word) could only be voted for by people who provide the funds (like a corporation where only stockholders can vote for the board of directors), there would be far less of an OPM (other people's money) attitude.

3. Educate the public on the term "fair". It is often used to justify taxing people who earn more at a higher rate. Check your Webster's Dictionary. The definition of "fair" means: unbiased, treating all sides alike, showing no more favor to one side (or level of income) than another.

If we are to have FAIR taxation, EVERYONE should pay the SAME DOLLAR AMOUNT.

4. Offer a program discussing the invasion of the government into the private

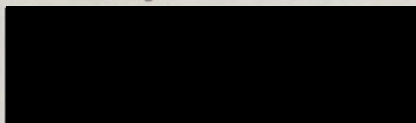
sector. 50 years or so ago, the government only provided 3% of the nations services. Now that is close to 25%. The business is taken from individuals using their own money to fund it.

Consider the child care situation. There are a number of private companies that provide these services. These companies also pay taxes. It is ludicrous that these businesses (and their owners) should pay taxes to the government that in turn will provide the services at a lower cost, taking business away from private industry because they have to charge more so they can pay taxes to fund their competition.

It is time to review ALL the programs funded by the federal government. Eliminate any that are or COULD BE provided by private industry. The only interference from the government should be the subsidy.

I believe these subjects need consideration on a national scale. I believe your program would be the best to deliver these ideas to the public, and get input. I hope you will find some, or all, of interest.

Sincerely,



P.S. The gentleman from Newsweek (whose name I have misplaced) who was on the program (October 8th or so), WAS FABULOUS. He really told things like they are.

#5. Why are govt pensions adjusted
for cost of living - private ones not.
See Oct 90 article in Reader's
Digest for Details