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I am very concerned with our Country and the direction our economy has been moving

I was born in 1914 and married in 1936. It is from the experience that I have gained over the years as a non-working wife, mother of three girls, that has led me to reach the conclusions that I will state in this letter. (lower middle income)

From our earliest years the Federal Gov't. was intruding into our lives, the Social Security act had been passed. The theory behind having a compulsory insurance program was that people were not saving during their working years, which caused them to be penniless when they were too old to work. This seems to me to have been a case of "one half not knowing how the other half lives," the cause of so many mistaken ideas and theories. The real reason for their plight was not because they were spendthrifts but because they wouldn't take the bread out of their children's mouths to benefit themselves.

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Organized labor had already heroically subdued "The Robber Barons of Industry" and secured better wages for themselves. As the years went by, sadly much of the labor movement became a form of "Robber Barons" in their own right. They demanded higher and higher wages, not based at all on productivity gains. This caused prices to rise higher and higher. They were aided and abetted by laws on the Federal books. People on the lowest rungs of the economic ladder were badly hurt by the inflationary policies. Their buying power became greatly diminished, to compensate for this lack of ability to buy needed goods and services many men took on extra part time jobs and many mothers went into the work force to the detriment of their children. This temporarily raised their buying power but it has been a losing battle.

The labor unions themselves have paid heavily for ~~the~~^{their} wrong headed policies

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It has wrecked our Industrial base, by causing businesses to fail, to downsize, to move around, to move out of the country. I don't doubt that business ~~itself~~ doesn't have ~~dirty~~^{clean} hands in the pricing ~~area~~. The loss of jobs caused by any and all inflationary practices has been horrendous. We have had "A Dog eat Dog" economy with plenty of social consequences.

Years ago the Federal Government jumped in to try to stem the bleeding of our economic system, ^{since then} they have subsidized rich and poor and in between (they don't discriminate) anything and everything, mandated the states to do every good thing, the states in turn mandated the Towns & Cities, all this out of taxes and deficit spending. Now we are all broke. The Federal Gov't can't help because it will destroy the economic system no matter which way it jumps. The only way we can shrink our bloated Federal Gov't is to correct the wrongs in our Private Enterprise System.

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I know there are other contributing factors, such as greed, dishonesty and the natural shortsightedness of the human being. We only achieve far-sight when knowledge is ^{pooled} brought together.

I think the change the American people are looking for are the corrections needed to bring our Private enterprise Sys. into the full bloom of maturity. If our past is put under the microscope, we will come up with the answers and with "American Know How" be able to have everyone climbing up the Rungs of the economic ladder, which is as it should be.

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I am a C-Span watcher but not a caller. I enjoy it very much. I would so like to hear a discussion on your show along the ~~the~~ lines I have written you about.

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