

DOES THE GOVERNMENT OWE YOU A JOB

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My family was displaced from their homeland during the mid 1930s. They, and others like them, were fortunate enough to locate to the most wonderful country in the world. God Bless America wasn't just an anthem, it was a religion.

Uncle Walter was a dentist when he departed Germany. As the eldest son he took it upon himself to provide for the family. He studied and became an Optometrist which took less time than recertifying as a Dentist. He was a successful optometrist the remainder of his life. Did he regret not having been a Dentist...you're damn right he did.

Al Rowen came to America with his family. Al sold cheese door to door. It was an immediate job. There was no salary or benefits. He simply went to work! Eventually, Al started a food distribution company with other family members and sold out 40 years later for millions of dollars.

My mother was a seamstress. She walked from store to store to get odd jobs doing alterations. She settled at an upscale apparel store. She married my father, who became incapacitated, and supported our family doing alterations out of our home, to be there for her child.

We all know people like these. We rationalize "those were different times". Yeah they were. You worked or you faced the consequences...not guaranteed comforts.

Can you imagine our American cowboy heroes like Wyatt Erp, Wild Bill Hickcock or Buffalo Bill taking a hiatus and waiting for their third year of unemployment checks?

People today are relegated to the 'level' of poverty and receive government subsidies, such as food stamps, multiple years of unemployment insurance (entitlement), and Medicaid. They drive new cars, have flat screen TVs, and of course, require cable. Best of all...they don't pay income tax and demand more entitlements. As the comedian said: "What a country"!

No one says it's fun to lose a job and fear losing your home and possessions. It's the nightmare of our time. Even those with jobs are fearful.

Solutions are simple. If you are out of work and haven't been able to replace your job, recreate yourself. You must develop a new career. I'm not suggesting picking strawberries; but, there are multiple jobs available offered by legitimate companies. Create a need for whatever you do or take courses at your local city college to learn a skill you enjoy (My favorite, beer drinking, excluded). You probably will have to take a 'cut' from your last job; but, get in the door! Just do it!

My friend Bruce, who was one of the best salespersons I know, went to work soliciting newspaper subscriptions. Bruce had worked in the furniture industry representing top fabric mills. He later became a very successful owner of a large health food company. At the ripe young age of 67, he applied for a commission position selling newspapers, and is now among the top producers for that paper.

My friend Peter was happily retired. He recognized that retirement spending and 401k losses were eroding the gold in The Golden Years. He contacted his last employer and requested going back to work part time. That happened and eventually it became a full time position again.

My niece Vivian bounced around. She was destined to become a waitress at Hooters. No way! Vivian 'walked and talked' with friends and people she respected. She eventually went to Court Reporting school to learn a trade. This was not what she studied in high school or college. I'm filled with admiration and love for Vivian and her success both as a professional and as a wife and mother of two (no prejudice) of the most beautiful children ever! It can be done, folks!!!

Stop gaming the system. Not for the sake of the “system”; but, for your financial and mental wellbeing.

The government can't create jobs. Industry can't create jobs.

Demand creates jobs. A healthy economy creates jobs.

Training fills jobs. Taking an available job for the time being fills jobs.

We can't wait for the shovel ready 'dig the hole, fill the hole' jobs. Sitting on ones arse...doesn't do a damn thing except for the occasional hemorrhoid (trust me on this one!).

Government can create an environment that will help improve the economy. So far the vitriol and politicking from our elected officials is disappointing, at best. Rather than throw money at green company start-ups; contract to purchase the finished goods so it may be determined whether or not we can produce a quality product at a competitive price.

Does the 'government' owe you a job? No! Just like a top ranked football team, it's not enough to keep cheerleading "we're number one". We the people have to behave like we're number one or we're going to walk through a lot of number two!

We shall overcome! God Bless America and her peoples!