

Hello, this is Tom Cookman with a Community Comment.

In two weeks, we Americans will make a decision at the ballot box that will determine the future of our country. Will we vote to continue down the path to Socialism, or will we vote to change course and head towards a capitalistic society once again? Barack Obama is not a Democrat: he is a Socialist. If you support him, you need to realize this FACT. This election will likely be looked at by historians as a pivotal point. It is simple. Re-elect Barack Obama, and he will continue to tax and spend our way to collapse, or elect Mitt Romney, and see if he can turn the ship around.

Throughout this campaign, I've asked every Obama supporter the same question: What has he done to deserve my vote? There hasn't been one single Obama supporter who can defend his record. They always bring up Obamacare as a feather in his cap. When you ask how that is working out, they can't point to any positive outcome from this massive legislation. For me, my premiums to Blue Cross have nearly doubled and my medical coverage is far worse. They say that Obama has created jobs, and when I point out that over 500,000 fewer Americans are working today than when he took office, they have nothing to say. The population of the United States has increased over six million since he took office, so if you take that into consideration, our employment situation is even worse. In just four years, Obama's Administration is responsible for over 40% of the entire debt this country has accumulated in 236 years. In fact, our government spends seven million dollars a minute. The Obama campaign cannot stand on what Obama has accomplished, so they characterize Mitt Romney as a greedy businessman who doesn't care about the poor. Mitt Romney gives over 20% of his income to charity: that sounds fairly generous to me. A recent email I received sums

up the irony of our politics perfectly. Only in America, could politicians and the Hollywood elite talk about the greed of the rich, including Mitt Romney, while they are at a \$35,000 per plate Obama fund-raising event. Only in America, could people, like Mitt Romney, who believe in balancing the budget and sticking to the country's Constitution, be thought of as "extremist". Only in America, could the rich people, who pay 86% of all income taxes, be accused of not paying their fair share by people who pay very little or no income taxes at all.

Here's the sixteen trillion dollar question: Are we better off today than when Obama took office? I say no! When Bush left office in January of 2009, the average price of gasoline was \$1.78 per gallon. Today it is \$3.67 per gallon. This fact alone is reason enough to vote President Obama out of office. We have more oil than the Middle East, and yet we have a President who has done nothing to bring relief to the American people when it comes to filling up our vehicles. NOTHING!!! If you put in twenty gallons of gas into your car, you are paying \$37.80 more than the day George Bush left office. Remember President Obama REJECTED the Keystone oil pipeline and this would have lessened our dependence on Middle East oil and lowered the price of gas. Obama didn't think it was necessary. Each individual's net worth has decreased by 40% under Obama's leadership. I cannot believe that the polls are virtually tied during such economic turmoil. When Jimmy Carter campaigned in a similar situation, he lost by a landslide. Please be smart and think about what is in your wallet, or more importantly, what *isn't* in your wallet when you vote in two weeks: **WE CANNOT AFFORD FOUR MORE YEARS OF RECKLESS OBAMA GOVERNMENT SPENDING.**

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