

Hello, this is Tom Cookman with a Community Comment.

It's no surprise that my kids are politically conservative. I am blessed that all my children, their spouses and their kids all attend the same church that my wife and I attend. On Sunday evenings we try to have a family dinner at our house and it borders on blissful chaos when we are all in town and under the same roof. As of late, as with many families, our conversations tend to eventually get around to discussing the 2016 Presidential race. My family is more passionate about this election than any other election. The younger generation isn't jumping on the Donald Trump bandwagon, two of the couples actually talked about moving to Canada if he wins the election. I asked them what they would do if Hillary wins the Whitehouse and I got the same answer. My question to them was, who are you going to vote for if Trump and Clinton are our only choices? They threw their hands up and said they weren't going to vote or they would plug their nose and vote for Trump. If Trump can't get everyone in my immediate family to support him, I don't think he can win, regardless of the polls. Hillary Clinton has such a long laundry list of scandals; I believe she will be crushed during the final months of the campaign. She really should be indicted, not elected President. Where does that leave us as a nation? We have a very unique situation brewing politically. Donald Trump is gaining support beyond logic. I believe this is happening because of our total disgust with politicians on both sides of the aisle. We hear all these promises and yet nothing changes. The only thing that is getting accomplished is that the government is getting bigger and bigger and bigger every year. Taxes are always headed upwards. They nickel and dime us in every aspect of our lives with increases in every fee imaginable. Our elected officials have their hands in our wallets with virtually every single thing we

buy. The problem with this, and the reason we are so disgusted with our government, is that government employees are getting better wages and benefits than workers in the private sector, the gap between the rich and the poor is continuing to expand. The amount of money the government is spending is escalating beyond anything we can ever recover from and yet there are more people in poverty than at any time since the Great Depression. Under President Obama's watch our deficit will have increased from nine trillion dollars to over twenty. If spending money solved our problems, Obama would've taken the United States into a state of Utopia, instead of bankruptcy. Yes, we are going bankrupt as a nation. With that said, we are disgusted and what Donald Trump is saying makes sense. He has never been elected to public office and that is the number one reason he is getting so much support. We are sick and tired of our government. I don't particularly like many of the things Donald Trump says or the way he says them, but we really need someone who is fiscally responsible at the helm. This is the year an Independent can win the Whitehouse. Michael Bloomberg is getting close to jumping into the race. This will muddy the waters so much that none of the candidates will win the 270 Electoral College votes it takes to win the election. If this happens, the House of Representatives will select the President and the Senate will select the Vice President. The fireworks from that situation will be fun to watch.

This has been Tom Cookman with a Community Comment