

Obama Facilitating Will of the People

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It is no secret that the Republicans are rallying against the sweeping changes the Obama administration is making in an attempt to remedy, and perhaps even revolutionize, the current American economy. Many are crying "Socialism!" at every opportunity while pining over the plight of the multimillionaire business tycoon. While it may be true that the government is growing while the pockets of these corporate fat cats are shrinking, it seems that these Republicans are pointing their fingers in the wrong direction. Much of this social shift is being pushed into place by the will of the American people. President Obama is merely acting as a facilitator, working hard to ease us through these necessary changes as painlessly as possible.

For example, look at the stock market. As the dirty deeds of Wall Street and its bedfellows become glaringly obvious, Americans everywhere are making conscious decisions to wash their hands of the whole thing. Why spend their hard earned dollars increasing the stock of irresponsible, bloated and ultimately risky corporations when they could invest in sure-fire certificates of deposit, or perhaps a garden to lower their food costs? Of course, this causes the market to sink lower and lower as everyone trades his or her stock for peace of mind. The thinking is that times may have been simpler before a stock market ever existed, let alone become such a weighty factor in our every day lives.

Americans are growing tired of working long hours for moderate pay in an essentially unstable work force. Gone are the days of corporations as saviors. Now we must save ourselves from the corporations. We are beginning to peer beyond the walls of our cubicles and service counters, catching glimpses of a nearly forgotten life based on self-sustainability and personal simplicity. As we make this shift, willingly or otherwise, a way is paved for the tools that support this reality. The fast food and sport utility vehicle markets of old are soon replaced with new and improved markets for solar paneling and farm equipment.

The irony here is that this new direction will allow for a rebound in the overall economy, regardless of the current and possible future failings. There will always be Americans with an eye for capitalizing off current trends. It will be many of these same people who pulled out of the old markets that will reallocate that money to the new ones. The current economic crisis is nothing less than a shedding of America's dead skin, which will be replaced with fresh epidermal cells. As with all organic entities, such atomic reconfiguring is inevitable. The Obama administration understands this and is doing its best to usher in this new body as smoothly and naturally as possible. Consciously or subconsciously, the majority of Americans also understand this and that is why we chose Barack Obama as the man for the job.