

# Harsh Words::Hard Times

## Open Letters\* from Danny Baker

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11/22/11

To our Congressional leadership, our AZ Congressmen, and the Kingman Daily Miner:

Did anyone really think the Super Committee - the scapegoat designed to find revenues without Congress taking a hit for tax increases - could actually find some equitable taxation and close wealthy and corporate loopholes? This should prove to all of us how seriously the GOP takes their pledge to Norquist. This pledge takes precedent over all bipartisan agreement, their oath of office to the United States and Our Constitution and over any obligations of Article I of the Constitution to 'lay and collect taxes'. Who is Grover Norquist and how did he gain false power to control our government? Could it be that important for so many of our Congressmen to protect their money river and theirs and their Masters' wealth? This whole bunch of liars needs to be replaced with Representatives of the People not representatives of wealth

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11/12/11

To our Congress and the Kingman Daily Miner:

Congressman, it is your responsibility to listen to the United States citizens and represent our needs and best interests as the majority sees fit and not as you or the moneyed few that control you want. Listen to the people marching in the streets and the voters in Ohio, Mississippi, Maine, Iowa and Arizona as representative of our people and not the few religious zealots and wealthy elites monopolizing the narrative recently. You must know that the real populist movement, not the long bought out Tea Party, is swelling in this country to bring fairness, equality and middle class values back to this United States. The current system of government by the money, of the money and for the money must die and a government of the people return. We, the people, will not accept the rule by Plutocracy that has been taking our country hostage. We will not be the slaves to wealth and power that those currently at the top want but declare now our stand for Democracy and the true values this country was founded on: Equality, Liberty and Justice for all.

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10/20/11

To Congress and the Kingman Daily Miner:

Congressmen, regardless of how you rationalize it you cannot believe that giving more money to your super rich non job creators, giving the big bankers free reign again after their stupidity and greed destroyed the economy and shrinking wages in this country to compete with slave wages in countries like India, Pakistan, China and Brazil is what the United States needs now. This once greatest country on earth should be leading the European countries in growth out of this recession. These countries that enjoy national healthcare, fair wage jobs and unions can still be our peers if you stop this stupid gamesmanship and obstructionism funded by your extreme right billionaires who want only more, more, more to sate their greed and need for power. Pass the American Jobs Act, either in its entirety or piece by piece. But you must fund this job creation with reset of your billionaires' taxes back to their fair share and elimination of ridiculous subsidies to corporations and tax dodges for businesses that offshore our jobs. Listen to the people pleading in the streets and do what is needed for this country now

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10/15/11

This is what I commented on Andre Cherny's Op Ed piece in the Arizona Republic, sent as a letter to the editor of the Kingman Daily Miner, to Governor Jan Brewer, Senator Jon Kyl and Senator John McCain:

Funny that the GOP would cry foul when they are actually getting more strong Republican districts than their voter registration would warrant. Four of nine strong GOP districts equates to 44% of the total while they have only 35.5% of registered voters. Democrats get 2 of 9 strong Democratic districts which is 22.2% while they have 31.1% of registered voters. Three competitive districts is 33.3% strong other or Independent while they have 33.4% of registered voters - the only equal distribution. Seems that Democrats should be demanding more strength or competitive districts. The GOP is way off base here and just howling because the commission is being fair and not biased in their favor.

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October 13, 2011

To our GOP leadership and Representative Trent Franks:

It's not fluoride in your water that is rotting your brains - see Pinellas County, Florida - it is the Tea Party tea that has taken over your GOP brains. You ignore and refuse to debate the most critical issue facing the United States right now - JOBS - to vote on banning Federal funding for abortion - something that is already doubly banned by law! While our country crumbles around our heads you fiddle! Get your heads out of that insular dark place of yours and hear the voices of the desperate unemployed and futureless marching in our streets. Do your jobs and vote to produce jobs for our United States working middle class instead of this ridiculous posturing for the far right minority.

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September 29, 2011

To our Congressional leadership, the President and Kingman Daily Miner:

Representative Darryl Issa would destroy our United States Post Office, established by our Constitution and vital to our nation for two centuries. He would – here comes the Republican buzzword – privatize mail delivery turning it over to huge GOP donors and lobbyists FedX , UPS and maybe some pet local start ups. The USPS has been required to be run as a self funded government business and is of no cost to the US government. The Postal Service was running well until the lame duck GOP Congress of 2006 passed a sneaky little bill that required it to fund 70 years of pensions in 10 years. No other government business or pension fund has ever had this requirement. Why is the GOP so hot to wreck this so important American institution? A few reasons are: breaking the Postal workers union, ability to give this service to moneyed and lobbied up donors and ‘smaller government’ – even though this is an independent business that does not affect our debt or deficit. Our Congressmen must stop this attack on the Postal Service and pass HR 1351 which repeals the ridiculous 2006 bill, saves our postal service and stops this evil game plan.

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September 28, 2011

To the congressional leadership of both parties and the Kingman Daily Miner:

The four stooges are at it again - no Federal Reserve action that might keep rates low, no kind of stimulus for you and me, nothing that might accidentally make this administration look good. John Boehner, Eric Cantor, Mitch McConnell and Jon Kyl sent a letter to Fed Chairman Bernanke to not try any stimulative actions at this time. Keeping rates low is a boon to all credit holders, businesses able to borrow and everyone but the big banks. But this might actually help us out of this recession and that would bode ill for GOP politics going into 2012. They must keep up their obstructionism so they can realize McConnell’s one stated purpose; they must get this Black Man out of their White House. Though the bridges between Boehner’s and McConnell’s states are crumbling down there must be no money for jobs and infrastructure repair in any state. You GOP leaders - bought and paid for by the misguided Teabaggers- should be shamed and ridiculed out of office. We need real help out here in the real world, not your lies and spin on every good policy that comes along. Think of the citizens of the United States for once instead of your ambitions of power.

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September 26, 2011

To the GOP leadership, our AZ US Congressmen, and the Kingman Daily Miner:

What has happened to the Republican Party? The Teabaggers, bought out by the wealthy rulers of this country, have captured your souls and unleashed a hatred in this country that is truly

disgusting. At these staged Teabag 'debates' we hear cheers to let a man in a coma die, cheers for 234 executions in Texas and boos for a gay soldier who had enough concern for where his country is going to have his questions heard by your so called candidates. Not one, NOT ONE, of these fine so called Christians had the gumption to stand up to the hatred in any of these forums. What happened to 'What would Jesus do?'

It seems your unparalleled hypocrisy has burst its seams and is flowing uncontained and with a long pent up vengeance and bile. Your hatred for anyone who is not you is amazing. Please stop for a moment and think of where this dark and ugly road is leading.