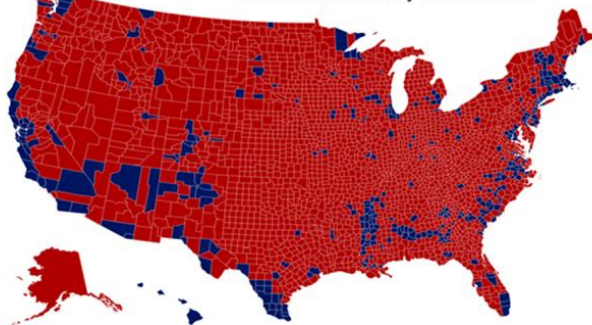


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Liberty Alerts:

As we draw closer to April 15th (Tax Day) and April 30th (Property Tax Day) please remember that elections have consequences. It is the responsibility of all of us to vote our conscience and not our own pocket book. We must leave a bright future for our children. That bright future does not just include clean air and water, it also includes the ability to own and use property to our personal advantage in a lawful manner. That means we need regulations and laws that also consider economic impacts as an integral part of the action they take. A negative economic impact does equate to a more polluted world, because the ability to pay for it and having the leisure time to enjoy it means that there must be an economic component to protect it.

Common Cents:

*** RULE 12:** Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.” Cut off the support network and isolate the target from sympathy. Go after people and not institutions; people hurt faster than institutions. (This is cruel, but very effective. Direct, personalized criticism and ridicule works.)

Recipe for a disaster:

When politicians become financial analysts and advisors; where does that leave freedom and liberty?

A nation that has the ability to rack up \$10 Trillion in debt in 8 years (2 terms) as opposed to the previous debt accumulated over 232 years (58 Presidential terms) of approx. \$9 Trillion.

The good people of the United States deserve a government that understands the difference between growth due to honest, increased productivity and growth due to monetary policy that devalues currency and changes the meaning of the word “unemployed.”

When America returns to her roots of free markets, based on consumer needs and wants as opposed to highly regulated social policies...there will be a return to what has made America a great place to work, live, and play.

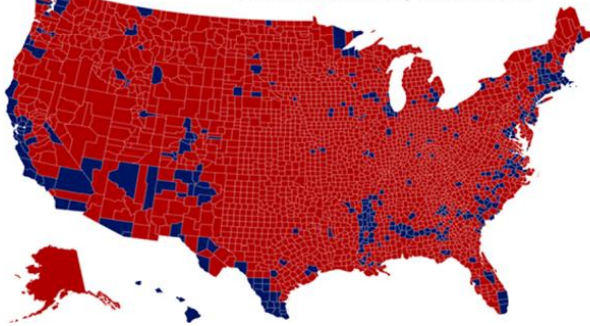
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Introduction of Dr. Robert (Bob) Patton

In a nutshell, for the lay person, what is your understanding of the Q1 2017 fiscal reality for the US Economy?

KIS(S): Keep it Simple (Stupid):

What is the makeup of the Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (DIJA) vs. the Standard and Poor’s 500 (S&P 500) vs. New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) vs. NASDAQ 100?

Price Earnings Ratio (P&E) what is that and why does it matter?

Why should people care if the estimated vs. actual is lower than expectations?

Today’s P&E ratios are 1.6x’s the normal average of 15. Approx. (PE ratio of 25 vs. 15) What’s the concern?

Interest rates are on the rise. Federal Reserve Board is projecting to raise interest rates from the current 75 to 100 basis points (.75% - 1%) up to 300 basis points (3%) over the next three years. Can they accomplish this?

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And, will that be good for the economy based on today’s costs of living needs?

What does it mean to the average consumer when the Federal Reserve makes plans to “unwind their 4.5 Trillion in bonds?”

Why do commodities (specifically precious metals) increase in value during inflationary times?

Oil prices have been fairly steady even with OPEC production quotas. Good or bad for the US economy?

Your article talks about the three or four embedded forces within the US government.

Congress (specifically the Democrats)

A fractured Republican Party (aren’t the Democrats fractured, too?)

Career bureaucrats (who are these people and how can they be identified?)

The Courts (now that Gorsuch has been confirmed will that improve things for those who value the rule of law?)

Obamacare? What’s the significance to repeal or replace it? How does this tie into tax reform?

Electoral College vs. Popular Vote (Representative Republic vs. Direct Democracy), what’s your take on that?

The last election has a whole lot of red vs. blue, yet the popular vote went to Hillary...why should people care?

Is there a quiet revolution on the horizon? Do the voters need to drain the swamp, or will the Trump Administration be capable of that? How’s it looking so far?

Suggestions for the average citizen on planning for their future?