

## Washington's Snow Job

By Daniel L. Gardner

*Washington is on the precipice (gotta love that word) or cusp of breaking the camel's back with ever increasing spending. TEA Party groups are becoming more active and promise to play a major role in next year's elections. The mainstream media has followed Washington's lead in ignoring TEA Parties in hopes they will go away. They won't.*

The last Saturday before Christmas I attended a little Tea Party in Starkville. About 500 people came, one from as far away as New York! Actually, the young man from New York was walking across America to protest out of control spending in Washington and happened to be in Mississippi.

Others came from our state capital as well as surrounding towns and communities. All in all, I was surprised at the whopping turnout on the coldest day of the Christmas shopping season in our little town.

Most of the folks were older (50+), grayer, more patriotic (everybody sang the national anthem and recited the pledge to the flag enthusiastically from memory), more conservative, and much more...I

mean, very much more concerned about the direction the Washington triumvirate (Obama, Reid, and Pelosi) have led us this past year.

All the polls show it, even the ones doctored to slant the answers toward favoring so-called health-care reform. While the Senate votes 60 – 40 for

ing the past century or so. Even Mississippi's Republican Senator Cochran voted for the \$1.1 Trillion spending bill loaded with thousands of pork-barrel earmarks and raising federal spending in multiple bureaucracies by an average of 10 percent! That's the problem!

Of course, candidate

gluttonous federal bureaucracy, not to mention all the little state and local taxes.

Just the national debt alone: at \$12 Trillion, every American owes close to \$40,000 in federal debt! EACH! This is what we are passing on to our children!

Message to Washington: Stop Spending More Than You Tax Us!!!

Taxes are high enough, or as the new party says, "TEA: Taxed Enough Already." President Obama predicts annual federal deficits of \$1 Trillion for the next ten years.

These numbers are so huge, a few yet growing number of us are beginning to understand something's got to change or America is heading toward a huge crash under a

full head of steam.

Can you imagine what would happen if you and your neighbors who receive money from Washington stopped receiving checks? From Social Security to unemployment, Medicaid and Medicare, food stamps, military pay, and on and on. Americans would witness widespread panic.

The money has to come from somewhere, and the federal government can no more write checks for money it doesn't have than anyone else who is broke.

Even the most optimistic economists estimate unemployment will remain above 10 percent in the coming year. Washington promises to keep spending as much as \$1 Trillion more than it collects in taxes every year.

Historically, federal fis-

cal policies like President Obama's have led to double-digit inflation. For those who didn't cope with inflation during President Carter's administration, that means you'll see all prices (gas, groceries, Wal-Mart stuff) going up every week, while your paycheck remains the same. What will you do then?

In 2009, Americans witnessed a record-breaking snow job in our nation's capital. While Democrats rallied together boasting how historically beautiful snow could be, a little group of Tea Partiers feared what the 2010 meltdown would leave behind.

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2,000+ pages of new bureaucracy masquerading as healthcare reform, the American people poll 2 – 1 against current health-care reform legislation. There's the disconnect.

One would think a nation governed by democratically elected representatives would have lawmakers who were more in tune with their constituents. But, politics is about power as the Democrats have proved over and over again this past year. They are in charge, they are doing what they want to do, and they alone will hold the credit or blame for what they do.

To be fair neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have shown fiscal responsibility dur-

Obama promised he would not sign a bill with pork-barrel earmarks.... He also promised no lobbyists in his administration.... Uh, he also promised transparency as opposed to Washington business as usual.... And, uh, he, uh, promised bipartisanship.... But, that was candidate Obama, and he's just about finished campaigning for the presidency. I figure he'll stop campaigning against Bush some time in late 2010, maybe after those elections.

Americans are witnessing taxation without representation on a scale never seen before. Hundreds of millions of Americans who have not even been conceived are being taxed to pay for our bloated and

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