

The Debt Ceiling and Exposing Obama What nobody is saying.

“You got a problem? I have a speech for that!” (Obama between the lines)

So in yet another speech Obama continues to blame others for his failure to reach an agreement on the debt ceiling negotiations.

That Democrats want tax increases by all means is no surprise. That they continue to demonize “millionaires and billionaires” (Full Disclosure: I am neither a millionaire nor a billionaire, I am not a “fat cat” and I could not even dream of owning a corporate jet, yet I would be affected by those taxes “on the rich”) and play the “elderly and middle class” fear card. And almost every analyst, pundit and politician is discussing the validity of this argument.

But there is one thing that nobody is talking about. Nobody I’ve heard has pointed out the following theory, so I will.

Obama’s strategy is NOT TRULY to raise taxes. It goes beyond that and has a perverse rationale.

Obama is trying by all means NOT TO BE EXPOSED for what he really is and what he really wants precisely now when he already started his re-election campaign.

What do I mean by this?

Well, we all know that despite the fear mongering we hear from the president, from Geithner, from Harry Reid, and the rest of their pack, the fact is that if we do not raise the debt ceiling, the country DOES NOT HAVE TO DEFAULT.

We all know that the government’s debt obligations WILL be met in full and in time....

And here is where Obama’s conundrum lies.

For sure, there will be some government payments that will have to be deferred and Obama does not want to be exposed by having to show precisely HOW he will prioritize government disbursements when faced with limited funds. He does not want us to see how he would decide who gets paid and how.

He does not want to show us his game and at the same time he does not want to hurt his standing with his core support groups.

So, when faced with a finite amount of resources and after paying our debt obligations...

Will he continue to fund union-friendly programs? Or will he have to start to seriously look at his administration’s bloated bureaucracy and start doing something about it?

Will he continue to fund giveaways and handouts to Liberal groups and projects? Or will he start demanding more efficiencies, the reduction of waste and the elimination of duplicities and inefficiencies in government?

Will he continue to fund entities like NPR and other “friendly” outlets that guarantee the delivering of his campaign message? Or will he finally demand the different government departments to become more rational in their spending?

Obama clearly does not want to be exposed and would like nothing more than to not have to make these decisions in the open, in front of the American People.

He would much rather get a deal and raise the debt ceiling in a way that would allow him to keep funding his base rather than show us where his priorities really are.

But to fulfill this goal, he has to rev-up the demagoguery, point fingers at the “villainous rich” (i.e. job creators, people that put their capital to work in productive activities, the very group that keeps the country running), and distort public opinion.

We all know that not raising the debt ceiling is not the end of the world; we know that the predicted “catastrophic consequences” are nothing more than talking points designed to exert pressure on responsible Republicans by scaring the People and put them against the GOP.

Still, it would be most interesting to go through the exercise. I do recommend Republicans do not yield to ANY tax hikes precisely now when the economy continues to struggle and unemployment is a problem that will not go away with this administration’s policies.

It would be most interesting to have Obama show his true colors, without the possibility of spin, by demonstrating openly where his priorities are in terms of using limited funds and showing the American People if he is “for America”, or only “for his re-election project”, his base. Moreover, he cannot afford to be seen as “the boy who cried wolf” if no agreement is reached and we all see that America does not default and that all their threats were as empty as a “hope and change” slogan.

And this is what nobody is talking about.

He just does not want to be exposed as a promoter of cronyism nor does he want to lose the support of those who are (still) unconditional to him.

If Republicans do the right thing, Obama just won’t be able to “vote present” out of this one. So lets do it.

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