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More of the Same: Yet Another Disappointing Economic Report

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*Americans have now been conditioned to expect nothing more than mediocrity in the persistently sputtering job market.*

Mallory, with half the country (mostly Republicans) actively fighting to prevent America's recovery ... what did you expect?

*And like many of the job reports that have preceded it, the latest news on the state of the economy was largely met with another collective shoulder-shrug.*

Mallory, until Americans wise up and throw the most unproductive congress in history out of office they will continue to see very little improvement. Congress (specifically conservatives) have been doing everything humanly possible to prevent the recovery of the American economy.

*Although the second quarter saw GDP grow at 4 percent, the average for the first half of the year (given the negative growth in the first quarter) is depressingly modest at .95 percent, well below previous expectations.*

Mallory, that's solid proof that conservative obstructionism has been succeeding.

*Over 200,000 jobs were added, but the gains were not distributed broadly and this is far from the boom most economists expect to follow the recession.*

Mallory, that might be because in the past, people worked together to fix the system (google: the Great Depression). Unfortunately, America is currently plagued by the most seditious group of politicians since the Civil War ... the Tea Party. Their ability to control America's dumbest citizens is mind-boggling.

*Economists and observers have begun to learn to temper their expectations and accept long-run mediocrity. The Weekly Standard called the jobs report “a Goldilocks report” while Commentary magazine characterized it as “so-so.” The New York Times declared there was “little to rant or rave about” given the “glacially slow” pace of growth. Vox was more direct, calling the latest economic news “boring” and “meh” with growth “just slightly north of tepid.”*

Mallory, guess what those reports looked like by the end of Bush's reign?

Oh, I'm sorry. I wasn't supposed to mention that, was I?

*To the 9.6 million unemployed, 3.1 million of them without jobs for over 6 months, the slow recovery is more than boring—it’s downright painful.*

Mallory, do you remember how many were unemployed at the end of Bush's reign after he had 8 years to develop the economy?

Well here's a link to remind you:

<http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2009/jan/wk2/art02.htm>

Mallory, do you think it was downright painful for those 11 million; or just painful for those during Obama's tenure?

*Their hope for finding employment and supporting their family shrinks with each new day that goes by and leaves them remaining jobless.*

Mallory, yet conservative lobbyists continue to get laws passed that make it profitable for the big corporations like Apple to ship American jobs overseas at an alarming rate.

*This hopelessness has prompted many to leave the labor force entirely, with a million people checking out since last year.*

Mallory, what makes you think they are leaving the labor force? Is that your new euphemism to describe people who have been forced out of jobs?

*Of the 90 million people not in the labor force, most are women – shedding a different light on the all too familiar “war on women” rhetoric so common among operatives on the political Left.*

Mallory, how do you figure that sheds a different light on the conservative war on women? If anything, that statistic only reinforces the fact.

*The job market also remains especially terrible for young people, who have been struggling in recent years with some of the lowest employment and labor force rates posted since the government began keeping track in 1948.*

Yes Mallory, conservative trickle-down economics has indeed been the greatest failure in modern history. Thanks for helping provide a vivid picture of the world "you people" have created.

*Despite a slight drop in the overall unemployment rate last month, the rate rose for blacks and women.*

See Mallory, conservative tactics are working. Blacks and women tend to vote democratic. Take away their incomes and you take away their power. Now they are just trying to survive and represent a far smaller threat to conservative domination.

*For adults with an anything less than a full four year Bachelor’s degree, unemployment is rising as well. In addition, blacks and Hispanics are far more likely to have longer periods of unemployment than whites, putting them at a long-term disadvantage that will likely be hard to recover from even if the economy does begin to take off.*

Mallory, Hispanics are another big democratic voting bloc. As you just admitted, your policies have reduced them to the point that they are barely able to survive.

Ah, trickle-down economics - the greatest thing to happen to rich, white American males since the invention of golf clubs.

*In short, President Obama’s economic “recovery” is leaving behind many of those in the so-called “99 percent” that he and many of his backers were so vocally campaigning to help.*

Well Mallory, in a democracy you need both teams working together. When you have one team that fights against America by obstructing every attempt to recover the economy, nothing can happen until the people finally wake up and make changes. Unfortunately, the conservative propaganda machine is so effective with the less-educated masses, that prospects don't look very good.

*Obama might be patting himself on the back and expecting us to praise these numbers and six straight months of jobs growth above 200,000, but the American people deserve better and are right to be asking for more.*

Mallory, so did the American people deserve better when our economy lost 4.4 million jobs during Bush's last year in office?

Not to mention that we lost another 4.3 million the next year before Obama was able to stop the bleeding and get us turned around. When put into context, +200,000 doesn't sound as bad as you are trying to portray it.

<http://www.factcheck.org/2011/08/reid-wrong-on-bushs-economic-record/>

*Over the past several years, the American dream has become less and less attainable for huge segments of the population that have waited patiently for an economic boom that has yet to materialize.*

Mallory, until the smart half can find a way to convince the dumbass half to quit voting against their own self-interests ... things are unlikely to change.

*The Wall Street Journal reports that 76 percent of adults now lack confidence that their children’s generation will have a better life than they do – an all-time high.*

Mallory, that's because they have learned that it is nearly impossible to reason with brainwashed people. If you've ever argued with a Fox News fanatic then you know what I mean.

Oh, my mistake ... you *are* a Fox News fanatic.

*It’s been five years since the recession officially ended, but you’d never be able to tell by looking at the plight of the average American in the Obama economy.*

Mallory, and there was your biggest mistake. We are not living in the Obama economy - we are living in the George Bush economy: the economy created by the policies of George Bush, and then maintained by a Republican party determined to regain control of the government ... at ANY cost.

*It’s not working, and America needs a change of direction.*

Mallory, we finally agree on something ... but not in the way you think.

<http://americansforprosperity.org/legislativealerts/more-of-the-same-yet-another-disappointing-economic-report>

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THE SCIENCE SEGMENT

Four billion-year-old chemistry in cells today

Parts of the primordial soup in which life arose have been maintained in our cells. Research reveals how cells in plants, yeast, and very likely also in animals still perform ancient reactions thought to have been responsible for the origin of life – some four billion years ago.

The primordial soup theory suggests that life began in a pond or ocean as a result of the combination of metals, gases from the atmosphere, and some form of energy such as a lightning strike, to make the building blocks of proteins which would then evolve into all species.

The new research shows how small pockets of a cell continue to perform similar reactions in our bodies today. These reactions involve iron, sulfur and electro-chemistry and are still important for functions such as respiration in animals and photosynthesis in plants.

Researchers said that cells confine certain bits of dangerous chemistry to specific compartments of the cell.

For example small pockets of a cell called mitochondria deal with electrochemistry and also with toxic sulfur metabolism. These are very ancient reactions thought to have been important for the origin of life.

Research has shown that a toxic sulfur compound is being exported by a mitochondrial transport protein to other parts of the cell. We need sulfur for making iron-sulfur catalysts, again a very ancient chemical process.

The work shows that parts of the primordial soup in which life arose have been maintained in our cells today, and is in fact harnessed to maintain important biological reactions.

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FAMOUS QUOTES

Farley Mowat (1921 – 2014) 92 years

He was a Canadian author and environmentalist. His works were translated into 52 languages, and he sold more than 17 million books. He achieved fame with the publication of his books on the Canadian north, such as People of the Deer (1952) and Never Cry Wolf (1963). The latter, an account of his experiences with wolves in the Arctic, was made into a film of the same name released in 1983.

“On my 70th birthday,

I was asked how I felt about mankind’s prospects.

This is my reply:

We are behaving like yeasts in a brewer’s vat,

multiplying mindlessly

while greedily consuming the substance of a finite world.

If we continue to imitate the yeasts, we will perish as they perish,

having exhausted our resources and poisoned ourselves

in the lethal brew of our own wastes.

Unlike the yeasts, we have a choice.

What will it be?”