

Democratic Credo Essay

Benjamin Franklin once wrote in a letter to Jean-Baptiste Le Roy, “Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” This adage becomes more interesting when set alongside a Democratic Credo which strives for ‘a society where taxes are clearly based on ability to pay’. It appears that dear old Ben Franklin didn’t account for the vagaries of politics.

The Democratic Credo states that Americans must not only be free but must live in a fair society. This fairness is certainly being challenged in today’s political climate. Corporate Welfare, the practice of issuing government subsidies to major corporations is a common practice. Large corporations also make use of IRS loopholes, regulatory policies that oftentimes are detrimental to the public, and trade decisions biased toward these corporate entities. Together, these unfair mechanisms allow the corporations to dodge their tax liabilities.

Large corporations that regularly make billions of dollars a year are not paying their fair share of the tax burden. In fact, some pay no tax at all while still collecting subsidies from the United States government. We Democrats need to regain power once and for all and put an end to these discriminatory practices and policies. Until that day, we do not truly live in a fair society and cannot regard the Republican government as a force for good nor a source of hope. Vote Democrat!

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