

A PRO BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT
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Almost everything else good in a society flows from its members being able to provide sustenance for themselves and their families. Most solutions to societal problems flow from citizens having work. Without it, there exists less pride, less money to spend, fewer taxes available, more governmental help needed, etc...

The more government interferes and limits the ability of business to succeed, the more problems are created. There will be more unemployed needing help from the fewer tax dollars which are then available. Government's typical and peculiar response to this dangerous trend is to raise taxes on the surviving places of employment. Thus driving even more of them out of business. It becomes a vicious cycle, heading downward. The government's increased taxation is an obvious attempt to retain a current level of power and profit. They give little heed to the long term consequences for those they were elected to serve.

When President Reagan was espousing the idea of government helping businesses succeed, his ideas were termed, "the trickle down theory of economics." Big government advocates tried labeling such ideas with a funny sounding verbal phrase to downplay their significance. History proved Mr. Reagan to be absolutely correct. History is unfortunately meaningless to governments seeking increased power.

The more city government works to help businesses and employers do well, the better off the citizens of that city will be as a whole. The opposite is also true.

Most business owners have justification for anger. They have fees, fines, privilege taxes, business taxes, inventory taxes, ad infinitum imposed upon them at every conceivable opportunity. They have no idea why they are paying taxes. But then they must still beg, and sometimes threaten, to get services such taxes were supposed to finance.

Some would say, stick it to them. It's not fair for business owners to succeed by taking risks and investing their hearts, souls, and minds into making better lives for themselves. Not if everyone else can't live just as well by doing nothing. Or by taking the fruit of any success business owners enjoy away by force.

Many business owners now contemplate the obvious. Why bother trying anymore? Many have looked ahead to closing down their businesses, as soon as possible, to just retire. When that happens, it will be too bad for their employees, their town, and everyone else fortunate enough to still have jobs with which to pay their increased share of taxes.

The current approach to governing businesses could learn much from an old story about geese and golden eggs.