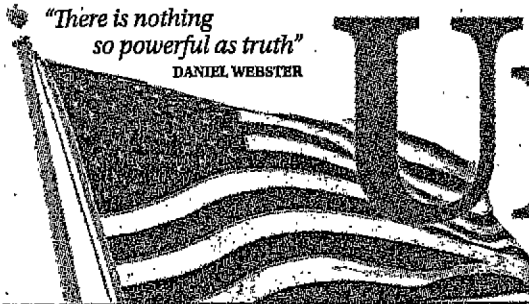


"There is nothing
so powerful as truth"
DANIEL WEBSTER



NEW HAMPSHIRE

UNION LEADER

☆☆☆ STATE EDITION • 75 cents

UnionLeader.com

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Vol. 148, No. 216 • 48 Pages

Opinion

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 • NEW HAMPSHIRE UNION LEADER • Page A17

We're getting no leadership from our Campaigner in Chief

CENTRAL Manchester has returned to normal now that the Campaigner in Chief has taken his political road show to another state. He stated that the trip was not political, he just wanted to talk about his jobs bill and rail against Republicans and Tea Party members while continuing to support the Occupy crowd.

As President Obama continues to talk about the failure of Washington, it is the only thing he has said that I can agree with since Jan. 20, 2009. What he fails to understand, or admit, is that the President and his administration are key cogs in the Washington failure that gets very little accomplished. The constant finger-pointing and the constant singing of that same old song, "Raise Taxes on the Rich," and blaming every-

one else for all that is wrong in Washington is wearing thin.

Now just the facts: the \$825 billion stimulus, aka job-creating/recovery plan, was to be the key to getting the country out of the recession. Fact: Even his own vice president, in a moment of complete honesty, stated that we really don't know how many jobs were created. But we kept teachers, firefighters and police officers from being laid off, as always, playing to their base — no politics here.

One important reason so very few jobs were created is the federal regulatory burden, which has grown exponentially under Obama. These regulatory issues kept many shovel-ready jobs from ever getting started. Thousands of jobs have been lost in the energy field, and the White House has done

Another View

James Adams

nothing to get this country more energy independent. In fact, this administration has made the nation more dependent on foreign oil.

Fact: A major cause of the recession and present-day bad economy was the housing industry collapse. The process Obama put in place to stop foreclosures has been a complete failure. Once again, all of the new regulatory requirements put in place, i.e. Dodd-Frank, made it even more difficult to acquire, keep or restructure a home loan. And, under the heading of you cannot make it up, all of these new regulatory changes did not affect Freddie Mac and Fannie

Mae, the catalysts of the housing collapse, once again playing to special interests.

The supercommittee, with absolutely no leadership from Obama, has failed because the Democrats will not touch the entitlement programs and the Republicans do not want higher taxes. Obama will be very pleased to take \$600 billion from defense and put the nation potentially in harm's way. At Central High, he said, "Tell your legislators Washington is not working."

Especially not you, Mr. Obama. This trip was entirely political, and so was the Solyndra loan, putting off the Canada-to-Texas pipeline decision until after the election, and making certain the drastic effects of Obamacare do not kick in until after the election.

The real question is, where

are the jobs? More importantly, where is the leadership?

The reason Congress can't get anything accomplished is simple: no compromise. Remember how this administration, the Democratically controlled House and Senate compromised during Obamacare's passage. It is his way or no way, and then he blames everyone else for the failed economy.

The real reason Obama can't get anything done is because he is raising a billion dollars for his reelection campaign from big banks, Wall Street and unions, all the time encouraging class warfare to keep the spotlight off his administration's failure. Should that be the behavior of the President of the United States? I don't think so.

Working men and women have had it! The Obama admin-

istration has been a train wreck of incompetent economic management and pandering to the special interests as well as apologizing to the world for America's arrogance.

The country does not need new and more taxes. It needs a new President who will relieve the burden on small business and in turn allow them to get Americans back to work again. It needs a President who will do the right thing, and not the politically correct thing. It needs a President who will never apologize for the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and all they have done to maintain freedom and democracy in Europe and every corner of the world for nearly 100 years.

James Adams is chairman of Granite State Taxpayers.