

How Do We Get Past “Occupying” and On To “Regaining Control” of Our Jobs and Our Future?

The Occupy protests in both big cities and in small towns throughout America and the world have a common thread: People feel so out of control with their lives that they feel that they have no other recourse than to hit the streets with their complaints. The sheer numbers of people that are involved in these protests shows both the validity and the gravity of their complaints. While I cannot address all of these complaints, the most dire complaint that I see is the lack of jobs and the stifling of American dreams and ingenuity. Many people that I have talked to thought that their unemployment would last for mere weeks, and that time has grown into months and years for many.

Politicians at all levels seem to “talk the right talk” when it comes to discussing a solution to these problems. What is clearly missing is needed action, and needed action **NOW!** Politically, this issue is neither Democrat nor Republican—this is an AMERICAN issue, folks!!! Let’s put our politics aside and get to work to solve these problems.

Our “culture of entrepreneurship” has been long overlooked and it is now time to move this to the front and center of our future economic development. We are in a world-wide competition for ideas. We are in this competition to win by making use of our superior ability to think critically and use our analytical abilities to create and invent.

A huge issue that needs to be recognized is the fact that we seem to be looking to the same corporations that we are cursing on Wall Street to provide missing jobs. We need to come to the realization that those jobs have left and are not going to return any time soon, if ever. The real solution for “Taking Back the American Dream” lies in our ability to foster and create a new generation of visionaries and entrepreneurs who will create gainful small businesses that will become leading enterprises in America’s future. Realize this very important fact: A significant number of us do not work for major corporations. The U.S. economy is by no means dominated by giant corporations. According to statistics provided by About.com, fully 99 percent of all independent enterprises in the country employ fewer than 500 people. These small enterprises account for 52 percent of all U.S. workers, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Some 19.6 million Americans work for companies employing fewer than 20 workers, 18.4 million work for firms employing between 20 and 99 workers, and 14.6 million work for firms with 100 to 499 workers. By contrast, 47.7 million Americans work for firms with 500 or more employees. The Kaufmann Foundation for Entrepreneurship states that on average firms that are less than 5 years old create 3 Million jobs per year. America and the world will as long as human beings walk the planet need innovators, inventors and entrepreneurs. The real potential for job growth in this country lies in the development of entrepreneurship and in the

growth of small business. As these business ventures grow they will create jobs and futures for Americans.

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