

GOING TO THE ECONOMIC MATTRESSES

I remember in the movie "The Godfather" when the son Michael killed the "bad" cop and the opposition mobster, how the male members of the Godfathers organization "went to the mattresses". Lying low and staying out of sight of their enemies.

I believe that if things continue on their present course in this country with business stifling regulations, high taxes and an all powerful and oppressive government we may see the "producers" in this country simply get fed up and go to the economic mattresses.

Large numbers of former taxpayers may just decide to adjust their lives in such a way as to remain below confiscatory tax thresholds and live simpler lives with lower economic resources.

I remember a happy young father who worked for me once. He had a large family and a stay at home wife. I once asked him how they "made it"? He told me that they did just fine. Had an older but serviceable car, a modest residence and that they lived their lives with a basic but wholesome diet using discounted and coupon items as much as possible. They rarely bought new consumer items. They felt no need to impress anyone. Whenever possible they shopped at thrift stores, yard sales and the like. When they did shop for "new" items they generally only purchased items at discounted or "sale" prices. Not a lifestyle for everyone but they were happy, had lots of time for each other, content with their lives and had no debts. They also paid very little in the way of taxes. Were they "poor"? You decide. It seems to me that they had figured out a way to "Stop Pulling The Wagon" to a large degree.

What would happen if large numbers of hard working, tax paying members of our citizenry were to adopt similar lifestyles?

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