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**Blame corporations, not government**

The tea party blames big government for our nation's woes. In reality, big business is the culprit.

Black & Decker was on Fountain Avenue and is now in China. Hershey Foods has a plant in Mexico.

Big business, folks, has shipped millions of American jobs overseas. On top of that, the wealthiest Fortune 500 companies pay no tax at all, claiming their headquarters are in foreign countries where they have a P.O. box only and no employees.

President Ronald Reagan said if you help the rich they will help the poor. During his years of "trickle down" economics, the gap between rich and poor widened. This is the same philosophy the Republican Party is espousing now. As Ike would say, "This is poppycock." He also said "Beware of the military industrial complex."

President Barack Obama inherited two wars and a recession fueled by the greed of the rich, who have bankrupted America.

Obama is trying to get the big companies and rich to pull their fair share. The Republicans cater to the rich. Remember that well when you vote next year.

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