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Congressional Candidate Lt. Col. Allen West (US Army, Ret.) Contends Job Creation Starts By Transferring Wealth from Washington DC to Private Sector.



Colonel Allen West (US Army, Retired) who after more than twenty years of service in the US Army, moved to Broward County, Florida with his family and is taking on incumbent Democrat Ron Klein for the congressional seat in the 22nd District, who he characterizes as a "puppet of Nancy Pelosi".

"we're still in charge of the political process."

"I think America is sick and tired of the entitlement class in Washington, and wants to see wealth transferred from Washington to the private sector. We have to elect people in government who believe in the trickle down economy, not trickle up poverty. We need to empower the American spirit, not enslave it," said West.

"At times like this, America needs principled leaders ready to defend the Constitution and uphold the time-honored values of service, sacrifice and commitment. I followed these in the military and now it's time to take off my uniform and put on a suit and tie and empower people to take back this country from the elite ruling class in Washington DC that is trying to make us dependent on the government instead of promoting free enterprise," said West, who served as an advisor to the Afghan army while in the military and served in two combat zones: Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Military leaders have historically been chosen to lead the country and I'm ready to accept this responsibility," added West.

Host Neal Asbury and West spent time conjecturing about the lack of support Republicans get from the African American community. This crystallized around an impassioned letter that West composed in response to a book excerpt that revealed that Senator Harry Reid thought President Obama was electable because he didn't "sound like a negro."

"I wrote the letter because I was incensed that Black leadership gave Reid a pass on his comments because he was endorsing Obama. It is obvious from his comments that Reid thinks Black people are inferior. Yet, we seem

Kicking off his nationally syndicated "The Neal Asbury Show" on WZAB-AM, Neal Asbury opened the show by condemning the Obama administration for "declaring war against free enterprise." He proposed that there are millions of entrepreneurs like him who are sitting on the sidelines when it comes to job creation because there is so much uncertainty about the direction the country is taking. The first step, suggested Asbury, is for the administration "to trash Obama's socialist agenda, and at the same time, stop trashing financial companies, energy companies and healthcare companies" that are all in a position to create jobs.

Neal's first guest was Lieutenant

West noted that the senate election in Massachusetts that installed a Republican to take over a long-held Democratic seat shows that the grass root voters have taken note and want to send a message that Washington is not listening to the American people and



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to have lost the Black voter, but that will change. I think they are waiting to hear our message. They will like what we're saying: limited government, return to traditional values, and support for our national security. Already, the Black political movement is revitalized and there are 17 black Republicans running for office. I think that in the mid-term elections, 30 percent of African American voters will return to the Republican party," predicted West. He invited voters to visit his website at allenwestforcongress.com.

Joining the discussion was Bruce Bartlett, a noted book author and a columnist for Forbes.com, the online side of Forbes, the Nation's premier financial magazine. In the 1970's and 1980's, he worked closely with Congressman Ron Paul of Texas, Congressman Jack Kemp of New York, and Senator Roger Jepsen of Iowa, helping to draft the famous Kemp-Roth tax bill during that time. He also was an economic adviser to George H.W. Bush. His most recent book is: "The New American Economy: The Failure of Reaganomics and a New Way Forward".

"People familiar with my new book think I have changed my mind about Reaganomics. I haven't, but the political scene has changed. Things we were fighting for back then are now accepted as conventional wisdom among economists. But Reagan today has become a characterization. There is no truth to the current philosophy that all tax cuts are the same and that

all tax cuts will raise revenues," said Bartlett. "We need to adopt valid supply-side principles."

Despite what many people think, Bartlett does not agree that Americans are over taxed. He points to data that suggests that tax revenue only represents 14 percent of GDP, the lowest rate since the 1950s; and the lowest among most Western countries.

"Fifty percent of Americans pay no taxes or get refunds. This is a system that can't be sustained. People need to pay something in taxes so that the tax burden doesn't fall on the rest of us. The Bush administration's tax policies were a disaster. And now it's politically unrealistic to reverse eight years of tax credits," he added.

The recent decision by Oregon voters to pass higher taxes onto the rich is an indication of what is likely to happen on the Federal level, predicted Bartlett. He thinks that voters will have only one choice: to vote for a tax increase that "soaks the rich." Bartlett favors a broad-based consumer tax.

"You can't blind yourself to thinking that a tax increase is a bad idea. We tried passing a flat tax in the 1990s but it didn't take and we have lost that opportunity. I think its chances of passing today are zero," said Bartlett.

Neal asked Bartlett to explain how a Republican could vote for Obama for president.

"I liked Obama and didn't think that McCain would make a good president. I still don't. I think a stimulus bill would have been passed no matter who won the election. We couldn't live with the deficits that were baked into the cake during Bush's administration. That's not to say I endorse everything President Obama does. I don't. He has not carried out the policies he proposed when he was campaigning. I think he will be a one-term president due to his political ineptitude. I can't understand how he has become so tone deaf after running a perfect election. I would compare him today to Jimmy Carter," concluded Bartlett.

The Neal Asbury Show tackles free trade and enterprise issues every Friday from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM on WZAB-AM 880 and is co-hosted by Richard Roffman, a veteran 30-year publisher with extensive domestic and international experience. The show is streamed live on line at WWW.880THEBIZ.COM, which is affiliated with Bloomberg Radio and CNBC, and can be heard nationally on 920-WGKA (Atlanta); KSEV (Houston); 1500 AM (Washington D.C.); 1220-KDOW (San Francisco); and 1300-KKOL (Seattle).



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