



## LETTER: OK, now what?

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A whistling teapot (letter, "Let me clarify," Nov. 16) always requires a response.

Eight years of George W. Bush's catastrophic incompetence have been equaled only by this last election. Clearly, many have succumbed to some libertarian, dog-eat-dog vision for our nation.

OK, when government has finally shriveled away, who will protect "producers" from mobs of "parasites" at the gate? Rupert Murdoch and Rush Limbaugh will be safely stashed away on private islands. Fox News will be rerunning movies while the Cato Institute and the Heritage Foundation will have morphed into creative-writing academies.

One seriously wonders how many tea partiers ever made payroll or rolled their Social Security checks into the stock market. And Okaloosa County? What a place for the letter writer to be bad-mouthing dependence on government as "un-American"!

Surely our young people, donning uniforms, have considered the health benefits, pay and pensions often associated with "non-producers." At present, our country's "redistribution of wealth" for such youngsters lies principally in military or medical careers.

And speaking of medical, only a lifetime of skilled physicians and "socialized" medicine has fended off frequent grim reapers from my own waning years. Otherwise, I'd be dead, dead broke or bankrupt.

It's also somewhat sad to contemplate religion's inadvertent role in so much impoverishment and violence plaguing our planet and its people. The meek hardly seem ready to inherit, and church steps certainly are incapable of rescuing all of society's failures. The fact is, these are times of immense change and challenge such as we've never encountered before!

Tea partiers resemble barking dogs chasing trucks. They catch them. Then what?

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