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Pretty normal Americans

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Seems funny to me how so many people want to vilify the tea party. Why? I have seen letters to the editor calling them racists, bigots, gay bashers and extremists. From what I have read and seen they seem to me to be pretty normal Americans that are disgusted with the direction that the country is headed. That kind of puts me in the same boat I am also disgusted with free rides for people that are able to work but don't because it is so easy to get by without working.

According to the Cato Institute, the average welfare recipient is getting on average \$45,000 per year. Our over-funded, bloated liberal government now supports 126 separate programs targeted at low-income people, 72 that provide cash or in kind benefits. There are now 39 states that welfare pays more than an \$8 dollar an hour job and six that pay more than a \$12 dollar per hour job. In eight states, welfare pays more than the average U.S. teacher salary. This is sick. No wonder employers can't find people to work; welfare pays better. In Mississippi some of the political primary ads were saying don't vote for Mr. X he will reduce your welfare benefits. Guess what, X lost. What is this country going to do when the folks that work decide that they are tired of supporting those who don't. I suspect that we are going to have a civil war. I am not a tea party member or a member of any political Party I am a conservative independent. However I can identify more with the tea party than the Rhinos or the loonie liberal left. The kind of incompetence exhibited by Washington politicians is unsustainable; anyone with any sense knows that. The old saying is true, "give a man a fish you feed him for a day teach a man to fish and you feed him for life." It seems to me that both of the established political parties are afraid that the tea party is the awakening of the average American worker to the lunacy of America's two political parties. I hope if that happens there will be some different faces in Washington.

Friend of mine from Austin told me that the "loonie libs" were trying to raise money to erect a statue dedicated to the homeless. Why? I'll donate if they erect a statue to the American worker or perhaps a home for the homeless.

The blame game

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While our socialist president and Congress continue their debate on illegal immigration, the deliberate invasion of the United States is being allowed.

The point is that we do have a Constitution that enumerates states' rights and it's our governor's

job to protect the rights and security of those who elected him!

Gov. Perry recently appeared on Fox News firing a political shot at the president, saying he “is totally and absolutely either inept or making some decisions that are not in the best interest of American citizens, particularly from a public safety standpoint.” I agree with Gov. Perry’s statement regarding our president but how is he setting himself apart from our president’s inaction? Instead of taking action and addressing the problem with our state constitutional rights he is only playing a blame game and passing the buck!

I believe that most Texans would agree that it is time to stand on our own, just as the many great men that gave their lives at the Alamo, and take charge of our borders! Gov. Perry, you have the authority and power to call a special session and implement policy to immediately expand our Texas National Guard and Highway Patrol and put the people in place needed to end this flood of immigrants!

We also have a rainy-day fund that is to be used for crisis, and I cannot think of anything that would exceed the one we have now! Let’s show Washington that “Texas is a whole other country,” and we will unite and use our own funds and state’s rights to end this problem.

Once our border is secure, we should start an immediate deportation program. Instead of sending them back to their own Country I would strongly suggest chartering busses and dropping them off at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. It is time we give a corrupt Presidential administration and Congress a taste of what they are dishing out to the people who are paying their salaries. We are, and will remain, The Great Republic of Texas and “In God We Trust”!