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Cato: Tea Partiers Should Get Serious

This article came out today from the always interesting Cato Institute:

Tea Partiers Should Get Serious

Anyone who's been to a Tea Party rally knows this is no Astroturf movement. These are ordinary citizens, rightly furious that the federal government has sold the country a junk mortgage on its future, sticking America with an unsustainable debt.

Yet there are those who doubt the new activists' sincerity, asking, in effect, "Where were you when George W. Bush was spending faster than Lyndon Johnson?" It's a fair question.

The Tea Partiers insist they're nonpartisan, devoted only to staving off our looming fiscal apocalypse by any means necessary. If so, they can prove their authenticity by backing substantial cuts in entitlements and defense.

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The Ghost of Christmas Past (national, and state debt) along with the Ghost of Christmas present (deficit) will do more than haunt the Republic. They will emasculate the future. The problem transcends politics as it can only be ignored or downplayed by the innumerate, never mind partisanship. The only question for Americans is do they want foreign creditors to call the shots or will they do it themselves. I believe that the US will be refinancing about three trillion dollars this year. It could get real interesting. Can anyone imagine the irony of the Chicoms holding a (financial) gun to Obama's (sophomorically Marxist) head ordering him to shrink the state.

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