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The upper crust Americans by KEITH EATON

Americans are appalled at the unequal pay between the upper crust elements of society and ordinary working Americans. Those with extraordinary benefits in sick pay, vacation or leave, medical plans, savings and retirement plans and such are certainly worthy of our scrutiny. Now if we could only identify this overpaid, under-performing group we could give them their due comeuppance.

Hooray! This group of arrogant scoundrels has been found out, in no uncertain terms.

The universally respected Washington think tank, the CATO Institute, in their recent study titled “Overpaid Federal Workers,” has identified these scoundrels.

Here, they are working for the taxpayers and doing such wonderful and good things on our behalf to perfect everything from the environment to the regulations on how to properly package salted peanuts. But do these people really deserve salaries and wages of \$80,000 annually compared to the \$50,000 the average Joe or Jane makes in the real world, the private sector of the economy?

And do they merit their benefits of vacation, sick pay, retirement, medical, savings and such that average \$41,000 a year compared to about \$10,000 for us ordinary Americans? And how is it that at a time when million of American were thrown out of work that the federal payroll swelled by more than 150,000 people? You can't make this up in a movie script.

Of course, the liberal, progressive Democrat party — champions of the highest possible taxes on everyone, enabler of big and evermore intrusive federal agencies — has endorsed the anarchists, economic terrorists and tent Gumby's now occupying Wall Street, Main Street and every public park or retail parking lot convenient to a WiFi source for their iPads. How's that working out for you?

One would think that, eventually, people would start to think rationally: “I think I'll stop voting for the party that takes more and more of my money, spends it on bloated bureaucracies that meddle in every aspect of my personal and economic freedom, and then tells me how much better off I am unemployed and dependent on food stamps, unemployment benefits and Medicaid.”

Maybe people will decide that lowering taxes, promoting business investment, cutting spending dramatically and letting the Federal snub bunnies compete out here with the rest of us citizens is a pretty rational idea and might let us avoid the complete meltdown of our economic system.

But that would be thinking rationally, in your own best interest and not some party line liberal idealist's idea of utopia via Washington, D.C.