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Videos: Main fiscal threat is government spending

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[Cato's](#) Dan Mitchell tells a Steamboat Institute audience that the main long-term threat to the economic health of the US comes not from deficits per se, but from the spending that creates them. Titled "Controlling Leviathan: The Battle for Limited Government," Mitchell expands on his series of videos intended to instruct people on the erosion of liberty and prosperity that comes with the growth of government. Tony Blankley moderated the panel discussion and the Q&A afterwards. These are long videos, but well worth it for both education and entertainment.

Pay close attention to Mitchell's dead-on accurate prediction about what will get the blame 30 years from now for the current economic crisis, and what will get the credit for its resolution.





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Doesn't he know that Obama has won the Nobel and that the Heisman Trophy Committee is trying to reach him as well!

God bless you and the USA!

Dread Pirate Roberts VI on October 9, 2009 at [10:58 AM](#)

The Obama Doctrine:

Beat the rush, surrender now.

MarkTheGreat on October 9, 2009 at [11:02 AM](#)

Another “well, duh” moment.

[Daggett](#) on October 9, 2009 at [11:03 AM](#)

The era of big government is over, but we can't go back to a time when our citizens were just left to fend for themselves. –Bill Clinton, 27 Jan 1996

Never forget the latter, it invalidates the former.

TwinkietheKid on October 9, 2009 at [11:07 AM](#)

Hello?? Mitchell is right on, but to whom is this new thought? God help us.

Christian Conservative on October 9, 2009 at [11:18 AM](#)

Harsh, but the the truth hurts sometimes.

Count to 10 on October 9, 2009 at [11:22 AM](#)

I like him.

Youngs98 on October 9, 2009 at [11:24 AM](#)

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Why not, Bill? Americans fending for themselves were the exact terms and conditions upon which America was built. It was exactly that dynamic that brought the best and brightest to the US and it was exactly that type of individual who won the west and pioneered the American empire.

keep the change on October 9, 2009 at [11:32 AM](#)

I always feel bad when I can't comment on these threads because I can't watch the video until I get home. Sorry, Ed.

Cindy Munford on October 9, 2009 at [11:36 AM](#)

The sad truth is that he should not be having to say any of this.

jdkchem on October 9, 2009 at [12:12 PM](#)

Bush was a welfare-warfare president like FDR.

Spathi on October 9, 2009 at [12:17 PM](#)

I find it ironic that the very people most apt to believe in Darwinism (survival of the fittest) and disbelieve in God are the ones who want government to take care of the weak. This seems a direct contradiction if you want a species to evolve into something better...or is this why they are so adamant about abortion and eugenics?

texabama on October 9, 2009 at [12:32 PM](#)

Always wonder about the thought processes of people who don't understand this. I remember trying to teach music to a little dyslexic girl, and she just didn't see the music on the page the same way, so it was almost impossible to communicate about it. Sort of the same, to us this seems so obvious, but to others it just doesn't look the same...

jodetoad on October 9, 2009 at [1:19 PM](#)

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— Christian Conservative

Umm, 52% of the US apparently.

chimney sweep on October 9, 2009 at [1:34 PM](#)

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