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1 Changing strategy for economic prosperity

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4 Our economic systems — and our entire society — are
5 built on some assumptions; key of these is the notion that if
6 ordinary people were provided comfortable housing, income,
7 medical care, education, and transportation, they would not
8 work.

9 The wealthy, of course, never have to deal with these
10 issues, and they claim to work hard. Greed, we are told, when

11 used by rich folks, builds economies and creates wealth for all,
12 just a lot more for the wealthy.

13 The evidence does not support this.

14 What if we started with an alternative point of view, that
15 every person should have adequate housing, health care, income,
16 education, and transportation? It is not some totally idiotic idea.
17 In fact, it has been used successfully in Scandinavia, where there
18 are successful economies.

19 What if we adopted a constitutional amendment that
20 says, in effect, that the nation has suffered because of racism,
21 classism, nationalism, and an addiction to unfettered capitalism,
22 which we now renounce and reject? Instead, we will seek to
23 provide resources to meet the material and social needs of every
24 person while taxing the wealth of the super-rich.

25 I rather doubt the situation for most people would be
26 worse than what we see now. Looking back to the 1950s, there
27 were very high taxes on the rich and efforts to promote general
28 well-being for white folks that worked. If we did similar things
29 now — for everyone — I expect general economic prosperity as
30 well as social stability and inclusiveness.

31 Just a thought: Maybe doing the same thing over and
32 over again and expecting a better result is not that smart for most
33 people.

34 This could be why so many people supported MAGA
35 candidates in recent elections — they promised change. Now
36 that the fraud of their leaders is exposed, let's join hands with
37 them to work for a better society that benefits everyone.

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