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Letter to the Editor

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Subject: Re: New Essay Expose on Our Federal Government & What to Do About It

Dear Sir,

Please convey my best regards to Haven; our friendship goes back 40 years beginning in 1975 with a time when we practiced law together.

His thoughtful essay isolates the reason the 'balance' of power contemplated by our forefathers is not able to balance power correctly anymore. The resolution of course is complex and adherence to a code of conduct is a good start. I personally do not have much faith in the inherent goodness of man and come to that view as a former Federal Prosecutor. Therefore, I see the current system continuing to perpetuate the opportunity for bad conduct, which allows for the self interest of the various parties to interfere with the greater good necessary for the balance between the Executive and the Legislative Branch to be workable. *How our tripartite system does function is the subject for a more complete comment.*

My own knowledge about the long term functioning of our economy does not allow for an opinion about when we reach a point of no return but that will happen sometime unless Government starts operating in a better manner soon. The result will be a 'revolution' or a geopolitical reorganization of sorts. I don't see that happening within our lifetimes.

For me, the solution comes with a serious reform of our tax system. A flat tax is almost certainly the only way to *'drive the money changers from the temple.'* Haven and I were in this business together back in the late 1980's when the tax laws were 'simplified'. Boy was that a misnomer!!! K Street thrives on managing the tax code and until that power relationship changes, the government will continue to be dysfunctional.

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