

# CONGRESSMAN ALLEN WEST TOWN HALL MEETING



AUGUST 2011

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# AUGUST BREAK

112th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

## HOUSE CALENDAR ERIC CANTOR MAJORITY LEADER

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# BUDGET CONTROL ACT



## Why I Voted Yes

- Impossible to pass the perfect plan at this time
- Better to pass a 70-75% plan and execute to 100%
- Averted job-crushing national default
- First step towards bringing sanity to nation's finances
- Cuts spending by larger amount than it raises debt limit
- No tax increases
- **First time in U.S. history ceiling raised with spending cuts**

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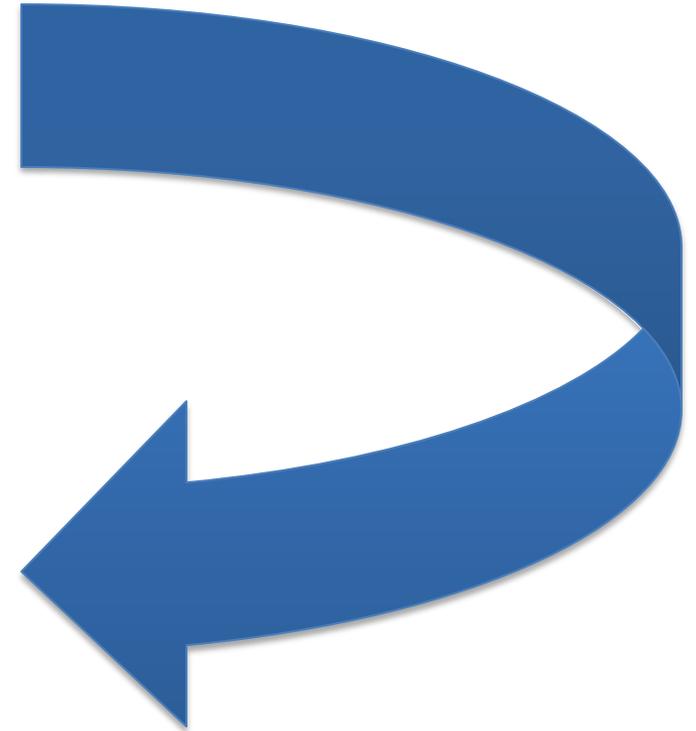
**We have successfully  
changed the conversation**



# THE POWER OF INCREMENTALISM



**5 Miles**



# WE HAVE A SPENDING PROBLEM

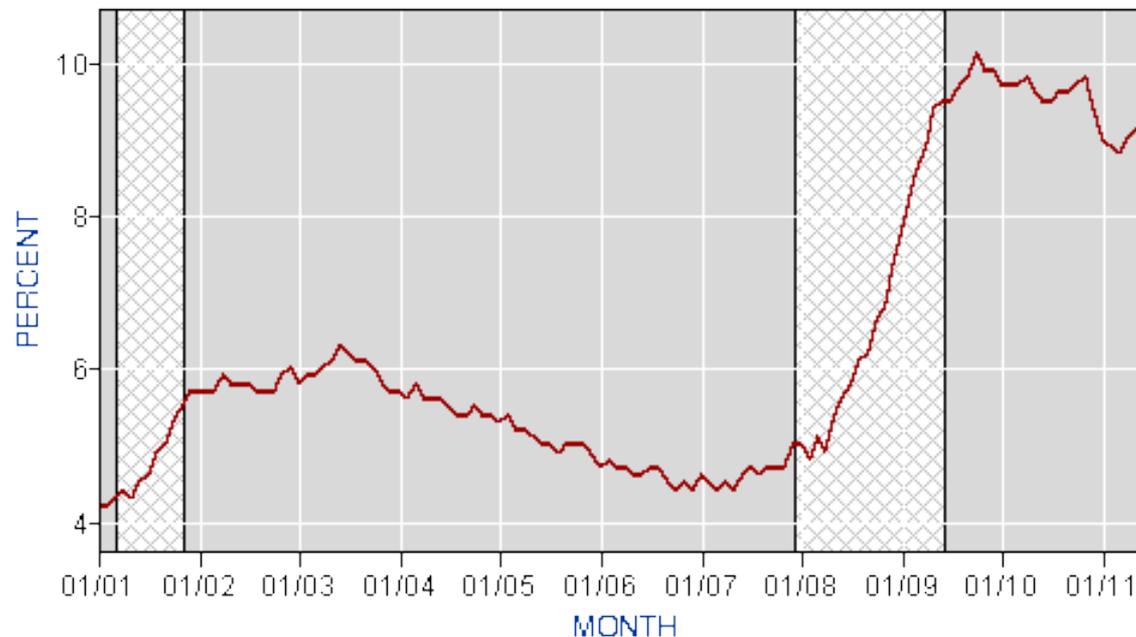
- Medicare will be bankrupt in 13 years. If you're 52 or younger, there will be no Medicare
- Debt has overtaken our entire GDP
- 47% of wage earners pay NO income tax at all
- We cannot tax rich people enough. Taking 100% of all those making \$10 million or more will yield only \$240 billion (2 months' worth)



# HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

**We don't need more taxes. We need more taxpayers.**

Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)



Note: Cross-hatched area represents recession.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

# NINE POINT ACTION PLAN

1. Amend Budget Control Act to increase cuts from \$2.4 trillion to over \$4 trillion
2. Senate could adopt House (Ryan) Budget
3. Senate could adopt Cut, Cap & Balance
4. Enact reforms to address massive waste identified by GAO
5. Senate could adopt all House passed energy bills to put Americans back to work producing American energy

# NINE POINT ACTION PLAN

6. Senate could pass all House passed legislation to reform regulatory system.
7. Adopt tax reforms included in the Ryan budget to simplify the tax code, remove loopholes, lower tax rates
8. Adopt House designed reforms to Medicare/Medicaid
9. Sell excess federal property

# MANY IDEAS – LITTLE PROGRESS

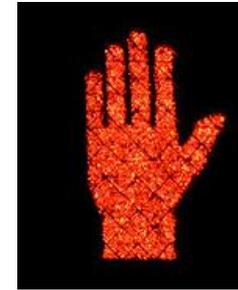
- Sponsored or co-sponsored 15 bills in the last 2 months alone
- 12 bills have been passed by the House
- Only two have been considered by the Senate



# ACTION VS. INACTION



President Obama submitted a Fiscal Year 2012 Budget on Feb 14  
It failed in the U.S. Senate 0-97.



The House of Representatives passed the Ryan Budget.

The U.S. Senate would not even consider the Ryan Budget, and has not proposed a budget in over 800 days.

The House has passed **6 of 12** appropriations bills as part of the Ryan Budget.

The U.S Senate has approved just **one**.

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Am I optimistic?



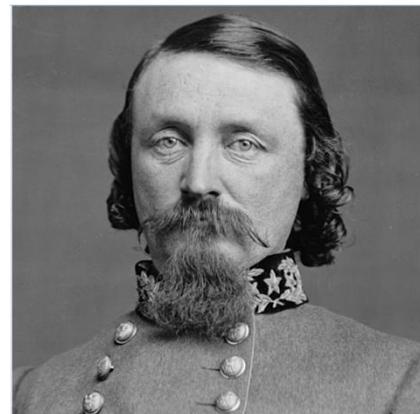
# THE BATTLEFIELD PERSPECTIVE

- Battle #1 – Continuing Resolution
- Battle #2 – Raising the debt ceiling
- Battle #3 – Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations
- Battle #4 – The Super Committee
- The most important battle: November 6, 2012



Colonel J.L. Chamberlain

**OR**



General G. Pickett

# SEVEN-DAY TRIP TO ISRAEL

- Visited Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Tiberias, Masada, Golan Heights, Lebanon border
- Met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, President Shimon Peres, Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salaam Fayyad



# ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES

- Judeo-Christian heritage
- Shared values of individual freedom and liberty
- Commitment to democratic principles
- Common enemy



# PALESTINIANS – CREDIBLE?



- Met with Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salaam Fayyad
- PA never denounced terrorist attack in Eilat
- No unity between Fatah and Hamas – therefore no two-state solution
- At best, a three-state solution: Israel, West Bank, Gaza

# ISRAEL SURROUNDED BY DANGER



- Secular Muslim leaders being deposed in volatile, unstable nations (Egypt, Libya, Syria)
- Growing Islamic Totalitarianism in militant Islam (Iran, Afghanistan, Somalia...Pakistan)
- Muslim Brotherhood has well-developed strategic plan
- Israel lacks geographic depth for defense

# COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL

- Israel must be allowed to defend itself from external and internal aggression
- Israeli people must be allowed to build within their borders
- An undivided Jerusalem must be recognized as the nation's only capital
- US and Israel must ensure Palestinian leaders do not circumvent the negotiation process with a unilateral declaration of Statehood
- Palestinian leaders must dismantle terrorist infrastructure within Hamas

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