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Dems' Doomsday Talk about Economy Attempts to Fool Americans

Pessimistic speeches given by Democrats seeks to talk down the economy to score political points

WASHINGTON – Three days ago, the Conference Board reported consumer confidence hit a two year high in the month of June. Three days ago, as well, the Democratic National Convention began. Today, the Rasmussen Consumer Index, which measures consumer confidence on a nightly basis, fell three points to 118.6, the first time the index has dropped below 120 in a week. Coincidence? Or a result of the pessimistic rhetoric by Democrats in an effort to scare the American people?

During the past three nights, the speakers at the Convention have promoted the idea that America is facing economic malaise while claiming to be optimists. The rhetoric is designed to create an America that simply does not exist, one that is in distress and in dire need of new leadership.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, D.C., said, **“Democrats are driving a pessimistic message all while trying to claim they are optimist. This is a ploy to dupe the American people into believing direct lies about the economy and become so terrified that they are finally convinced we need to raise taxes.”**

As a result of the tax cut signed into law by President Bush in 2003, Americans have been reaping the benefits of a robust economy - growth is accelerating at its fastest pace in 20 years, 1.4 million jobs have been created, and more than \$2 trillion of shareholder wealth has been restored.

Norquist continued, **“The Democrats have shown us what their response would be in their fictional and imagined America. Now, the American people want to know how the Democrats plan to lead the reality version of America. Can they survive in this election or will they be voted off the island for four more years?”**

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