

The Results Of Cleaning House

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The time to be a hardworking government employee may not be now. Many are undergoing apprehension on where the next mortgage payment will come from, or kids' tuition. Many families may find this and some families have two workers and both work for the government. The large numbers that seem to be going to be fired makes finding their next job quite a worry as many will be looking for the jobs at the same time.

The federal government is such a large employer that many released will come from positions that many may agree should not be paid for with tax money. But that, in itself, does not indicate that the employee was not working to his or her ability at the assigned task. The military has had great success lately in recruiting and may be in part due to the fear of no other jobs available.

There is a certain group of people who are anti everything and some of the rhetoric is basically yelling and screaming profanities. You could ask your neighbors that this only makes many citizens happy they voted to not reelect these people.

I have had several neighbors proudly remind me that 48% of Hispanics voted against those people. Many have asserted that no one can defend some of the money being spent when our government is trillions of dollars in debt.

As an administrator, I have had the assignment to lay off many people while working for the Board of Ed. Sadly, often it had nothing to do with their ability to do the job. In some ways, this became less of a task because I had to deal with union agreements and federal mandates. I, and other administrators, dealt with seniority, certification, and often racial quotas. It mattered very little if we personally agreed. The freedom to consider ability over the issues was not allowed.

I am sure there will be many cases in court, but it appears that those fighting for their jobs need to express why their job was important for the people. Most Americans are empathetic for those caught in this position.

But we also understand from the programs listed daily in the news that many of the programs that money goes to do not appear to be in the national interests. One very poor country, which I won't mention, is listed in the press to only actually receive 2% of the funds earmarked for that country.