

America's Middle Class In Jeopardy Since 1982

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WHAT IS A PATENT?

A patent is a property right granted by a country to a qualified inventor for a limited period. Since a property right can be sold or licensed in whole or in part, a fortunate inventor of, say, a new hands-free telephone headset can invent once and live off the proceeds for 20 years. Three inventions should more than cover one adult lifetime. Yet few inventors find this life of ease.

ADVICE

My advice to an entrepreneurial inventor is simply this. Find a need and fill it! Don't collect patents for unmarketable commodities. Definitely invest in the best protection available before showing your wares to anybody except your dog. Trust nobody, especially big corporations with lawyers, engineers, and experience.

How come a lot of what I have patented since 1983 creates jobs in China instead of America? Water bottles, electric receptacles, computer accessories, anti theft devices, toys and the list goes on. The answer is America's Fortune 1000 firms have used a tried and true colonialist slave labor outsourcing program to develop most products in China and India: Thus, IBM's short term profits (5000 jobs sent to India March 2009) look good! But the problem has evolved for forty years that the constant erosion of high paid jobs in America has gutted the American Middle Class.

When you take my patent on a guitar and send one manufacturing expert to China with that patent, ten farm girls living in a tent can produce a better and cheaper guitar than anything built in America. This works fine for the guitar company until America's Middle Class can't afford guitars anymore. Depression 2009 – Mission Accomplished, that is where we are right now.

Until America forges bilateral trade agreements to stop the bleed of America's Middle Class, Depression 2009 will get deeper and deeper.

Ronald Reagan's economist, Kevin Phillips (author of Wealth and Democracy), and Robert Kuttner, former U.S. Senate Banking Committee Chief Investigator, an Obama fan, (author of The Squandering of America) each predict what I started to predict in 1986.

America is becoming a two class society. Eighty percent of Americans will soon be worth less than \$10,000 each, with no retirement or medical benefits after working forty years. Outsourcing jobs overseas, destroying the U.S. patent system for entrepreneurs,

forcing energy dependence on dead dinosaurs (owned by the richest one tenth of one percent of Americans), creating massive Madoff, AIG, Enron, Tyco, MCI frauds as a Wall Street method to transfer retirement and little guy investments into Lear jets and mega yachts for a few thousand “real Americans”, has proven more than once and for all, that an unregulated free market economy only benefits the owners of Boardwalk and Park Place.

Ask the Muslims in Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia how “democracy” treats 99 percent of their people who happen to live on dinosaur remains! Oilmen want Muslim oil so they can refine it and shove it up our American asses. I call this the tits and oil brainwashing of an entire American generation. I’ve written patents on wind, solar, plant, nuclear, even volcanic molten rock alternatives to oil and coal energy. America could get off an oil economy in ten years.

Seeing no political campaigns with smarts on economic reform, I predict none will occur. Historically the rich turn to a new country to control as they suck the life out of their homeland. IBM just filed a patent on how to outsource half their employees to China by 2010 while maximizing U.S.A. tax breaks!

STATISTICS IN 1992

There are now in **1992** over 4,676,000 U.S. patents registered in Washington. About 42% of new applications are from overseas. This compares to only a trickle of overseas applications in 1945. Eighty percent of new businesses started in America fail within five years. 90% of the new jobs in America are in service industries that do not involve new products. ***Service industry jobs such as fast food retailing, pay only 1/3 the average pay of manufacturing industries.*** Cost of living increases have forced over ½ of America's mothers with children under six to work. Because of working parents, over 1/3 of America's children under 14 need day care centers that don't exist. Half of our inventive engineers work on federally financed Pentagon projects. These projects now face massive cutbacks with the fall of the U.S.S.R.

In summary, it is quite clear that successful inventive entrepreneurs could provide needed manufacturing jobs in America. But something needs to be done to help entrepreneurs right now in **1992!** GUESS WHAT? NOTHING HAPPENED under either Democrat or Republican leadership since I published these words in **1992.**

1992 OPTIMISM

The multinational technical competition growing in today's world is reshaping the American workplace. ***We haven't really yet felt the impact of China's entrance into free trade with the west and she holds 1/5 of the world's population.*** America's largest corporations have shrunk by 3 million jobs in our economy the past ten years. The 1990 Chrysler bailout so far has been a noteworthy federal intervention into private industry. We need to be inventive at all levels of government to provide the best climate to cultivate our homegrown inventions into our hometown factories.

2009 REALITY

My patents are worth half as much as in 1983 due to the IBM/Microsoft lobbyist efforts. So the small business success rate is poor and getting worse. America can only pull out of this Hidden Depression in two ways. The first is to focus all bailout funds on energy independence, new patents and new jobs. The second is to start World War III over Iranian oil. Will history repeat itself?

America could incentivize millions of garment, shoe, furniture and IBM type jobs to Latin America instead of China. The twenty million illegals in America would leave to get jobs at home. America's unemployment would vanish filling the jobs of the illegals. America could tax IBM for the lost taxes of the vanished laid off employees. No more state or federal budget shortfalls. Will America's dying Middle Class wake up and change America's political landscape?