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This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS Radio.

In my last comment I spoke about the American spirit from a book I had read written by Ed Fuelner, President of the Heritage Foundation.

What the American spirit brought to this Country was the great American dream that we can all have. The annual report for the Heritage Foundation that came out this year was about saving the economy and saving the American dream. The American dream is an America where we have freedom, opportunity, prosperity, and where a civil society flourishes.

The report talked about the year 2011 and the ballooning national debt and constant enactment of new regulations that affect businesses. Heritage mapped out a clear vision for America's future and that is we want a nation where hard work is rewarded, not punished, where our children and grandchildren are free of crushing national debt and where a social safety net protects the ^{weakest} least among us. The proposal in saving the American dream is a plan to fix the debt, cut spending and restore prosperity. The plan eliminates today's Federal Tax Code replacing it with a new flat tax. It sharply down sizes government, leaves patients rather than bureaucrats in control of their healthcare decisions and fully funds our national defense. It balances the nation's budget within a decade and keeps it balanced and it starts paying down the national debt.

You see for most of us who have lived the American dream, we are concerned about our children and our grandchildren. ⁶ Saving the American dream serves the high moral purpose, ^{but} without reform, future generations will be impoverished by crushing public debt and ~~imp~~unitive tax rates. We must preserve that American dream.

The Founding Fathers had this dream which was a nation founded not on raw power, but on eternal principals being that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with God given unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Today that dream is in danger. Government has expanded its power and mushrooming entitlements are driving Americans down the path to economic ruin.

To give you an example, the Department of Agriculture has come out with a statement that they are proud of the forty six million people who are now receiving food stamps in the United States. The Department of Fish and Wild Life, which is also a part of the Department of Agriculture, says that when you are in the forest do not feed the animals as they will become dependent upon the ⁺ food and will not be able to gather food on their own.

I leave you with a point to ponder. Don't you think that these last four years under our current administration have further burdened our nation and subjected our children and grandchildren to a life where they may not be able to follow the American Dream.

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