Build Back Better – A Fallacy in Thought

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Before we start discussing the fallacy with Biden's "Build Back Better" (BBB) program, let's first take a look at a major difference between European countries, our Canadian fried to the north, and the United States.

Most European countries, along with Canada have strict laws regarding the environment. Many years ago, while visiting Niagara Falls, Canada, an American tourist in front of me, opened his car door and dumped the cigarette butts in his ashtray on the road. A Canadian in the on-coming lane saw this, got out of his car, approached the driver and told him to clean up his mess. The American became arrogant and belligerent, gaining the attention of a police officer. The officer told the driver to pick up his mess that he was not in the US but in Canada, and after the driver picked up his mess, he was then arrested for littering. This story represents the difference in attitudes between us and many countries around the world.

On a broader scale another environmental difference is that Americans are typically wasteful. In the US the average length of car ownership is 8.4 years while in Europe it is around 11 years in the western European countries and closer to 18 years in the eastern countries. Another disparity is that Americans tend to tear down and replace homes and buildings, whereas Europeans prefer to be more conservative with their savings by remodeling facilities. Now that we have a better understanding of the mindset differences between Americans and Europeans, let's take a look at Biden's BBB program.

Trump's Program: Make America Great Again

Biden's Program: Build Back Better

On the surface the major difference between the two programs is that:

- Trump's MAGA program is designed to use that which is already in existence and build on those foundations to increase America's independence, strengthen its leadership role in world politics, and to make our nation more secure in its borders, economy, and infrastructure.
- Biden's BBB, from its beginning is founded on tearing down everything and building anew. His plan is typical of the wasteful approaches to "problemsolving" that permeates so much of our American society. BBB, like Obamacare, was never well planned, is highly inefficient, and way too costly. The major

drawback of BBB is that while Biden tore down the advances, and consequently the foundations of so many American institutions in the falsely perceived hope of rebuilding, he **NEVER** had any plans or process in place to rebuild. BBB is a fairytale without any backbone to build upon.

Everyone needs to recognize that government is is a business. Governments have customers (the people), shareholders (the people), products (its services), revenues (taxes), and expenditures (usually excessive). Like any successful business, government **MUST** follow these basic business rules in order to be successful:

- Be flexible
- Have good plans
- Be well organized
- Be creative
- Be prepared to make sacrifices
- Keep detailed records
- Understand the risks and rewards
- Stay focused
- Provide great service
- Be consistent
- Understand finance (maintain a balanced budget)
- Grow as a leader (nationally and internationally)
- Understand what to do when opportunities are presented
- Have an attitude of serving the people
- Show gratitude

While Trump brought many of these rules to the table during his presidency, Biden has not demonstrated even one of these rules. He has no business acumen nor leadership capabilities. Likewise his VP, Kamela Harris, is equally ignorant, has no idea of how government operates, and is totally self-absorbed.

In summary, BBB is like a jellyfish, floating at the whim of the far-left liberals' current, debilitating those touched by its poisonous tentacles.