

IN THIS TIME OF NATIONAL CRISIS, HOUSE REPUBLICANS WERE CONVENED FOR A BRAIN-STORMING SESSION.

THE PROBLEM FACING US TODAY IS HOW TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE RECESSION NOW EXACERBATED BY THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

I WANT YOU ALL TO EXPAND YOUR IMAGINATIONS AND COME UP WITH WHATEVER WILDLY INVENTIVE IDEAS POP INTO YOUR MINDS. DON'T BE SELF-CONSCIOUS. THE WAY BRAIN-STORMING WORKS IS THAT DIFFERENT PEOPLE'S IDEAS SPARK CREATIVITY IN ONE ANOTHER AND A BRILLIANT NEW SOLUTION EMERGES.

SO, LET'S GET STARTED WHO HAS AN IDEA?

AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE, SOMEONE SPOKE UP.

HOW ABOUT TAX CUTS FOR RICH PEOPLE AND BIG CORPORATIONS?

VERY GOOD! ANYONE ELSE HAVE AN IDEA?

I DO! LET'S CUT TAXES ON BIG CORPORATIONS AND RICH PEOPLE!

VERY GOOD! ANYONE ELSE?

YEH! ME! RICH PEOPLE AND BIG CORPORATIONS ARE OVERTAXED. LET'S GIVE THEM A BREAK!

TERRIFIC! YOU'RE ALL GETTING THE HANG OF IT. ANYONE ELSE?

SOON THE WHOLE ROOM WAS CHARGED WITH EXCITEMENT AS IDEAS FLOWED AS FAST AS PEOPLE COULD SAY THEM.

TAX CUTS FOR RICH PEOPLE AND BIG CORPORATIONS!

CUT RICH PEOPLE'S TAXES!

AND CUT TAXES ON BIG CORPORATIONS TOO!

AND LOWER THE TAX BURDEN ON PEOPLE WHO ARE WEALTHY!

BIG CORPORATIONS DESERVE THAT TOO!

AND SO DO RICH PEOPLE...

IN AN ADJOINING ROOM BEHIND A ONE-WAY MIRROR, A GROUP OF BRAIN RESEARCHERS OBSERVED.

IT SEEMS TO BE A GENETIC DEFICIENCY. NO MATTER HOW INAPPROPRIATE OR COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IT IS, THEIR BRAINS ARE GENETICALLY CAPABLE OF GENERATING **ONLY ONE IDEA.**

AND YET THEY ACT AS IF THEY'RE COMING UP WITH A SOLUTION UNIQUELY SUITED TO EACH NEW PROBLEM.

DO YOU THINK WE'LL EVER FIND A CURE?

MAYBE SOMEDAY.

BUT FIRST LET'S CURE CANCER. IT'S EASIER.

THAT'S PART OF THEIR DISEASE.