Let's Talk About Jobs

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We watched a couple more TV presidential candidate debates and, funny thing, again there was little or no mention of what is widely conceded to be the number-one issue: jobs. The unemployment figures remain unacceptably high, and the figures for young people are truly shocking.

The general unemployment rate has been 9 percent or higher for the past 2-1/2 years. But in the second quarter of 2011, the unemployment rate for U.S.-born young adults (18 to 29) who have completed high school was double that: 18.2 percent.

It's a real example of media bias that the Mainstream Media news reports on young adults' unemployment fail to mention the fact that an estimated seven to eight million illegal aliens are holding jobs in the United States. And Obama recently announced a decision to add many more to this total, which will put them in direct competition with unemployed or underemployed young Americans.

The Obama Administration is reviewing the cases of 300,000 illegal aliens currently in deportation proceedings. "Reviewing" means that they will not be deported, but instead will be invited to apply for work authorization, an Obama euphemism for amnesty.

I'm waiting to hear from our presidential candidates their analysis of why we are suffering these unemployment rates and what are their plans to remedy the problem. I'm waiting to hear any discussion of the relationship between the unemployment of young non-college-educated Americans, especially minorities, and our wide-open immigration which is admitting young foreigners of limited schooling to fill those very jobs that Americans desperately need.

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I'd like to hear our presidential candidates address the disaster of the U.S. establishment's goal to push us into an open-borders global economy. Let's hear them discuss the idiocy of the globalists' propaganda of recent years, namely, that we should look to the European Union, and its common currency the euro, as a model for a North American Union and perhaps even a common currency called the amero.

I'm eager to hear our presidential candidates discuss the colossal failure of the doctrine of free trade and how it enables protectionist countries, especially Communist China, to play the U.S. for a sucker while using the tremendous profits China makes on sales to the U.S. to build an awesome and threatening military. For those without blinders on their eyes, it's apparent that Communist China is using our adherence to the failed doctrine of free trade to cheat us coming and going, steal our patents and intellectual property, and sell us fake and dangerous merchandise, all the way from computer chips to ingredients in our prescription drugs.

I want to hear the presidential candidates show some empathy for the nearly three million Americans who have lost manufacturing jobs that went overseas. Those were well-paid blue-collar jobs that enabled men to join the Middle Class, support a full-time homemaker, and buy a house.

Republican presidential candidates will lose if they brush off all those good Americans as John McCain did campaigning in Detroit in 2008, saying, those jobs are "not coming back," so laid off workers should go to a community college.

Let's hear the presidential candidates address the political shenanigan that put us into the World Trade Organization in a Lame Duck Session, enabling a bunch of anti-American bureaucrats in Geneva to dictate our foreign trade policies. The power "to regulate trade with foreign nations" is one of the explicit powers given to Congress and no part of that power should be given away.

I'd like to hear our presidential candidates answer the question, Do you support a global economy in which Americans must compete with foreigners who are paid 50 cents an hour, working long hours with no benefits, and living in a company dormitory? That's the bottom line of all those exotic terms that were bandied about during the administrations of Bill Clinton and both Bushes: globalism, New World Order, North American Union, Free Trade Area of the Americas, global governance, interdependence, Security and Prosperity Partnership, NAFTA Superhighway, and the free movement of people and goods across borders.

We have seen the future; it's called the European Union. And we don't want it. Immigration and socialism have destroyed Europe, financially and culturally.

Let's hear our presidential candidates tell us how they will rebuild our exceptional nation, with military superiority that can defend our people against all evil dictators, and with respect for the U.S. Constitution that rejects laws and practices of other countries and the presumptuous dictates of United Nations treaties.

For example, how about ending taxes on corporate profits produced by U.S. workers and taxing only corporate profits squeezed out of cheap foreign labor?