



## Getting our kids to work!

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Are you part of the solution or part of the problem?

Last week we wrote about unemployment in the euro zone reaching record [highs](#) earlier this year. We have not seen anything to make us feel better about the situation...and the Cyprus banking debacle has given us cause for greater concern.

The governments seem to be prepared to sacrifice people for the system...but why are these systems there if not for the people? We are not advocating violence or protest. We are advocating that governments get off the back of people to 'let them work.' That governments serve the people, but that does not mean coddle them from crib to grave!

To use the example of a cow, it can only give so much milk. Issuing edicts on how to feed, store, ship, contain, transport, sell, price and milk the cow will not get more milk into the system. Letting the farmer earn more money when he sells more milk will get more milk into the system. [CUT HERE]

The same is true about business. Issuing edicts on how to tax the business more, will just create a backlash on how to avoid those taxes from most businesses – truth be told. Yes, people comply, but not with passion and joy.

What if a business could decide how much tax to pay? What if it got more benefits if it paid more? Well that is a thought for another day.

That kind of question is what we need to ask if we are going to solve the biggest problem at hand – too much government. How are we most likely to solve that problem? We think by limiting the growth of government while we grow the economy more. A bigger economy can sustain the level of government and the bureaucrats that they spawn. So let's focus on the positive and grow a bigger economy.

Start by thinking and asking these three questions:

- Do you want to work?
- Are you actively pursuing this desire?
- Are you waiting for "the government" to solve this problem?

We hope that you answered: **"Yes" "Yes" "No"**

If you did you are part of the solution and not part of the problem (to paraphrase Charles Rosner a marketing guru. (He wrote: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem")

One reader of our Solving youth unemployment wrote us to say: Is it a time to change the attitude of the young generation from "If I finish the college, I will have a great place to work and high salary" to "I will do whatever it takes to have a job, even if I have to create it myself!" Wise words.

They went on to ask some tough why questions on why the situation is so bad. In short: complacency. If we look at the Mediterranean countries that are amongst the worst hit, they suffer from the triple whammy of: Over reliance on wealth distribution from the EU, over regulation for their state of economies.

Immigration of many people that were motivated to take the risk

Let's be honest the Bella Vita is something that we all want for ourselves and our kids, but we need to understand that we are not entitle to it. We must earn it.

Technology, infrastructure and scientific advancement have made things that were science fiction in my youth common place now. Where before a village had to work to feed itself, now a single farm can do it; where before a room full of people had to compute certain calculations, now a teen with a spreadsheet can do it; whereas before a series of horse had to ride all out at 10 mile intervals to convey a message in days, now a couple of clicks on my keyboard and mouse can convey the message to people around the world. Revolutionary! Revolutionary without a revolution is good. We need to educate our youth about three things:

Teach them the basics or reading, writing and arithmetic

- Teach them how to learn
- Teach them how to think
- Does that take 12 to 15 years?
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Once they learn those three things we then need to let them learn on how to contribute to society and benefit from it – socially and economically.

Where to start? How about one of these simple ideas ([KISSES](#))

- Lemon aid stand
- Delivering newspapers
- Planting and tending to trees
- Caring for the elderly
- Serving coffee and tea
- Tutoring

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