

REVIEW OF SCOTT BAKER'S BOOK, AMERICA IS NOT BROKE!

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Scott Baker's first book on economics is a comprehensive description of some of the quickest and most robust ways to fix the American economy. Mr. Baker documents the true amount of resources in this country which are available to affect social change, and improve the economy.

He describes robust methods of taxation, which would free up the productive power of the nation, reduce monopoly, and allow free enterprise to flourish. He demonstrates alternatives to the dysfunctional banking systems that we now have, and ties all of this together with a wealth of documentation and suggestions that would excite any fair minded person to think about the availability of solutions.

Scott Baker is in the alternative economics tradition, a tradition that has been historically delegated to the margins of ideas. But the nature of the fundamental problems of this country, as he so thoroughly documents, would have laid low our economy sooner or later, and could only be fairly described by alternate schools of economics. Bad and perverse policies are the culprits, it just took time for them to manifest into a dysfunctional economy for the majority of the population.

Now to expect Scott's book to cause a thorough going reform, would be too much to ask.

Scott is not a fire breathing polemicist, what he does is to supply provable methods to correct the economy that are practical, robust, and persuasive to fair minded people.

So then the obvious question is, why haven't these proposals been implemented? And here the author doesn't confront that. The reason of course is a few powerful people throughout the history have always gained wealth by means of perverse policies, ultimately detrimental to the vast majority of any society.

Why would the people who gain from such policies change? This is the question. But this question is an existential question, and calls for another book to explain why elites are detrimental. Until that book is written, the author's current book will have to do. But the author does provide realistic solutions that would benefit everyone.

Informed Americans must read this book.

Scott's Baker's book is the necessary book for our times.

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