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Subject: Re: Election '08

Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Thu, 10 Jan 2008 03:31:07 GMT

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Quote:cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 09 January 2008 17:58

especially the part where they create inflation by printing off new money. The government is our own worst nightmare when it comes to the economy.

So the solution is laissez-faire capitalism? Revolutions have been fought and empires toppled over capitalism gone wrong. I don't know how people can still support it at all.

I wouldn't use those examples as laissez-faire economies. The French Monarchy and the British Empire were more like mercantile economies where strong government regulation at the federal level was used to protect the industries of those countries.

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They were in an arms race against America. It was the government's incentive to be the biggest world super power. Without this arms race and national competition, the advances would have been trivial.

I don't see how launching people into space helps with the arms race. Don't get started about orbital weapons. It's a good fifty years later and we still don't have any of those.

It helps create new technologies that help benefit military forces already established...GPS for example, computerization was most certainly sped up by the great push to put a man in space thus providing an invaluable resource for communication between commanders and units.

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