

Government Job Creation

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The following is a letter to the editor that appeared in the November 30, 2009 edition of BARRON'S on page 42. It is short and very to the point. I can not think of any way to improve on it. Read and re-read the first sentence until you fully understand it.

To the Editor:

If government can create jobs, then Russia, Cuba, and North Korea ought to be economic powerhouses. Only entrepreneurs create jobs, by risking career and capital to start and build businesses that employ people to make useful things and provide needed services.

Government and unions destroy jobs. Greedy unions destroyed General Motors, Detroit, and Michigan. Greedy public-employee unions are destroying California and at least eight other states.

Government "stimulus" expands public-sector employment and empowers unions and the Democratic politicians they own, while destroying private-sector jobs.

Will anyone with the ability, energy, and ambition find the courage to risk his savings and career to start a new business today? I doubt it.

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