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U-DA-MAN to SCOPE the HOUSE Plan

More Economic Stimulation Ideas for President Obama

There are just too many empty houses in the U.S. because of all those sub-prime loans that induced people to buy a home even if they were only making minimum wages. Foreclosures are running rampant, while builders are slowing down on the construction of more housing and the economy is sputtering.

SCOPE:

What's needed is a program to be instituted by President Obama that will jump start the situation quickly by getting rid of the excess inventories of houses, so builders can start with a clean slate. This program will be called, **SCOPE** (Sending Collectors Onward to Placate Everybody)

U-DA-MAN:

Once again, the **U-DA-MAN** (Unemployed Drug Addicts Making America Nicer) corps will be wheeled into action to lead the **SCOPE** volunteers.

HOUSES:

HOUSES (Homes Of the U.S. Evading Sales). All President Obama needs to do is pattern the government's recovery program after what Israel is doing in Gaza: Getting rid of those pesky, duly elected Hamas and their neighbors and their neighborhoods. Since no member of Hamas has been elected in the US (as far as I know), I think President Obama should target foreclosed houses that were owned by Republicans. Using pinpoint rockets like those supplied to Israel by the United States, our Air Force will select those "strategic" targets for destruction. To give those people living next to the "targets" a warning, leaflets will be dropped from helicopters advising those people to go shopping at their favorite mall. The side benefit from the forays to the mall will give the economy an extra nice shot in the arm or in some other misplaced portion of the body politic. Of course, these "targets" will be short work for our Air Force. The job producing plan, **SCOPE**, will dispatch millions of the unemployed to clean up after all the surgical strikes. Please don't worry about the banks being shortchanged in this operation. Heck, Congress and the Federal Reserve System have already bailed them out. It's just a matter of applying some more creative accounting techniques so that everything appears normal.

To maximize the time to affect the cleanup so the unemployed can earn enough to buy a new home, American made picks, shovels and wheelbarrows will be used. Once the debris is hauled away and the lots cleared, the reconstruction phase will begin. Many of those working on the "recovery" project will want a new home on the site they cleaned up. Others will want to erect a statue to the "Unknown Republican" for his or her sacrifice in this time of economic crisis.

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Caution: This piece is satire. The killing of innocent children by Israelis in Gaza, that is being allowed by the U.S., is no joke. The cartoon to the right is by Steve Benson of the **Arizona Republic** published in 2004 long before Hamas came to power. The Israelis have been destroying Palestinian homes in Gaza and the West Bank for years just as they are now doing on a larger and bloodier scale in Gaza in 2009.



Surgical strikes like this one in Gaza by the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) will be conducted by the US Air Force to eliminate the excessive numbers of houses in foreclosure.



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