

# DAPAC DISPATCH: 2010 September Update

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## DAPAC Candidate Dan Seals Leads Republican Incumbent!

Real Progressives can win elections even in a Republican Tidal Wave year. Dan Seals (IL-10) is ahead of his Republican opponent by focusing on restoring jobs for middle class families. Americans know that real progressive FDR Democrats are needed to turn our economy around! Dan has been building a progressive Democratic coalition in this Republican District for years and his hard work is finally paying off.



Dan Seals surrounded by supporters in Illinois

We at DAPAC have supported Dan this entire time because we recognize it often takes years to win over the hearts and minds of the voters in a Republican district.

## DAPAC Endorses Roxanne Conlin (IA) for Senate

Roxanne has owned and managed a small law firm for over 25 years. Whether it was battling organized crime, corruption, or giant corporations, Roxanne is dedicated to representing everyday people who do not have a voice. She has fought for family farmers

squeezed by big banks, workers hurt by large companies, and rape victims who were victimized again by the system. Roxanne is seeking the kind of real change our nation needs. She is committed to the progressive values that you and DAPAC support. Her website is [roxanneforiowa.com](http://roxanneforiowa.com)

## How and Why Electing Progressives Creates Jobs

FDR said about the tragic irony of mass unemployment::

*We have not been brought to our present state by any natural calamity--by drought or floods or earthquakes... factories stand idle, merchants sell less and less, while millions of men and women, in dire need, are clamoring for the opportunity to work. This awful paradox is a stinging rebuke of the fairness of the economic machine we have created.*

We share FDR's belief that to do nothing in the vain hope that recovery is just around the corner is morally wrong. We must act to create jobs now. Only by increasing middle class wealth and buying power can we ever hope to achieve economic recovery. Businesses can not sell products if their customers are all broke. Progressives realize public sector jobs benefit the private sector.

## DAPAC CORE VALUES

All of our candidates support:

- Cutting Middle Class Taxes to Create Jobs
- Protecting Social Security and Medicare
- Ending Trillion Dollar Wars
- Medicare for All
- A Woman's Right to Choose
- LGBT Civil Rights
- Working family and Union Rights
- Ending the Death Penalty
- Honest, Fair Markets
- Environmental Protection
- Ending Tax Breaks for Billionaires
- Ending Corporate Corruption of Congress

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Like Dan Seals and Roxanne Conlin, we at DAPAC are in it for the long term good of our nation. Please help us get all of our Progressive Democrats elected to Congress this Fall!

## DAPAC and Democratic Party Values

Many Democrats learned what the Democratic Party stood for by listening to our parents reflecting on the Fireside Chats of FDR and the speeches of JFK. When we work to elect Progressive Democrats, we are all following their footsteps.

These are the values we believe the Democratic Party stands for.

### **First, we are all in this together.**

Republicans may believe we are all on our own, but Democrats believe that none of us can succeed unless all of us can succeed.

### **Second, the Democratic Party should protect the poor and middle class from domination by the rich and powerful.**

We should oppose unfair price fixing by banking monopolies, oil monopolies and insurance monopolies – all of which have driven our middle class into bankruptcy and our economy into a ditch.

### **Third, we are the party that**

## **How Electing Progressive Democrats Creates Jobs** (cont from pg 1)

Harry Truman once said, *“If you want to live like a Republican, you better vote like a Democrat.”*

Republican administrations are bad for the economy because they fail to recognize the importance of creating middle class jobs. By contrast, progressive Democrats see a bigger picture. It is not enough to have the rich and powerful succeed. We want everyone to succeed - because we are all in this together.

### **believes in liberty and justice**

**for all.** FDR once said that there can be no liberty unless every person has the economic freedom that comes with a good paying job. This is why the Democratic Party should stand for the rights of workers to have fair treatment and universal employment. Every person who wants a job should have one. The economy, like a house is built from the bottom up, not the top down.

### **Fourth, we are the Party of the**

**Big Tent.** We believe in strength through diversity and honoring and respecting every point of view. We believe in protecting the minority from the tyranny of the majority. Differences of opinion are not to be feared, but to be encouraged - as the best way to find creative win-win solutions to the problems we face.

### **Fifth, we believe in grass roots bottom up Democracy.**

We believe in counting all the votes,

This is why Progressive Democrats believe in funding schools, transportation, health care, social security, and the other essential functions of government.

Progressive Democrats led by FDR saved the country in the 1930's by using public sector jobs, such as the Civilian Conservation Core to restore middle class buying power and rebuild the economy from the bottom up.

not merely the votes of the rich and powerful. We oppose selling elections to the highest bidder. We believe in choosing our Representatives based on who has the best ideas - and not merely who has the most money.

### **Last, we believe in fairness for**

**all.** Giving subsidies to billionaires makes no sense at all when those billionaires are sitting on trillions of dollars of wealth, while our middle class is facing bankruptcy. Even worse, billionaires have been shipping capital out of the US at a rate of over three trillion dollars a year – much of this money coming from the very subsidies for the rich that were said to be needed to create jobs in the US.

Subsidies for the rich have not created jobs – they have cost jobs by allowing our nation's wealth to be shipped out of the country!

We in DAPAC believe we must start investing in America again and focus on creating jobs here to

We need to elect more truly Progressive Democrats to rebuild our current economy.

We at DAPAC are doing everything we can to elect Progressive Democratic candidates. We appreciate your support. Together we can and will turn our economy around. We did it once before. We can and will do it again.

## Creating A Positive Future for Democracy In America

The economic collapse in the Fall of 2008 was based on failed Republican "Trickle Down" economic policies. Electing Progressive Democrats will eventually lead to a more positive future once progressives are in the majority.

But in the next two years, if the Republicans take over Congress, many existing programs may be eliminated.

The first program Republicans will eliminate is unemployment compensation. State unemployment programs are broke. The federal government is keeping them alive. If it vanishes, millions of unemployed people will go homeless or be driven to poverty.

The second program to go will be funding for public schools. For the past 2 years, stimulus funds were used to protect the jobs of more than one hundred thousand teachers. Firing thousands of

teachers will further cripple our economy.

The third program to go is federal funding for higher education. The federal government now pays for 60% of higher education funding. If funding is not renewed, 80% of students will not be able to attend college, putting millions of young people out on the street and costing thousands of college faculty their jobs.

The last programs Republicans want to eliminate are Social Security and Medicare. These programs have ran a surplus for more than 50 years. But the radical right wants to use this pot of gold to fund their profitable overseas wars.

Cutting Social Security and Medicare will drive millions of seniors into poverty and cause millions more to lose their homes.

The good news in all of this is that when millions of Americans lose

their jobs, they are going to realize that Republican policies are very bad for the economy.

We should remember that Hoover and the Republican Party won the 1930 election. But Hoover's program of fiscal austerity sent the country into a severe downward spiral that rapidly made things so bad that it lead to a Democratic Landslide in the 1932 election.

Winston Churchill faced with his own version of the Tea Party, once said, *"Americans can be counted on to eventually do the right thing... but only AFTER they have exhausted every other possible option."*

We too believe the American people will eventually do the right thing. We are therefore expanding our operations – not merely to win in 2010 – but also to build a nationwide effort to elect dozens of progressive Democrats in 2012.

We at DAPAC believe in a positive future for Democracy in America. This future is not about any single

## About our Founder, Tom Cramer

election. Instead, it is about building a progressive majority by training, assisting and electing Progressive Democrats.

Tom Cramer has been working for nearly 20 years for a better more progressive America. Tom's first political involvement was in the National People's Campaign opposing the Gingrich Contract on America. Tom then ran for Congress as the Democratic nominee against Henry Hyde in

1998. Recognizing the need for more support for progressive Congressional Candidates, Tom started DAPAC in 2000.

"I started DAPAC because the old Democratic strategy was not working.

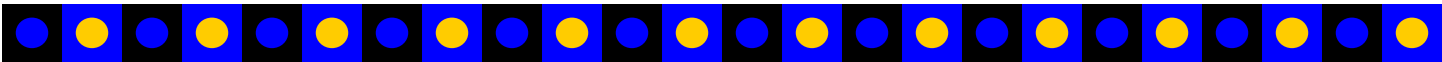
Moving to the Corporate Right will not inspire new voters or lead to a better America.

By supporting progressive Democrats, we can fight back

**Plenty is at our doorstep, but a generous use of it languishes in the very sight of the supply..**

**There must be an end to the conduct in business which too often is given to callous and selfish wrongdoing."**

**FDR First Inaugural Address  
March 1933**



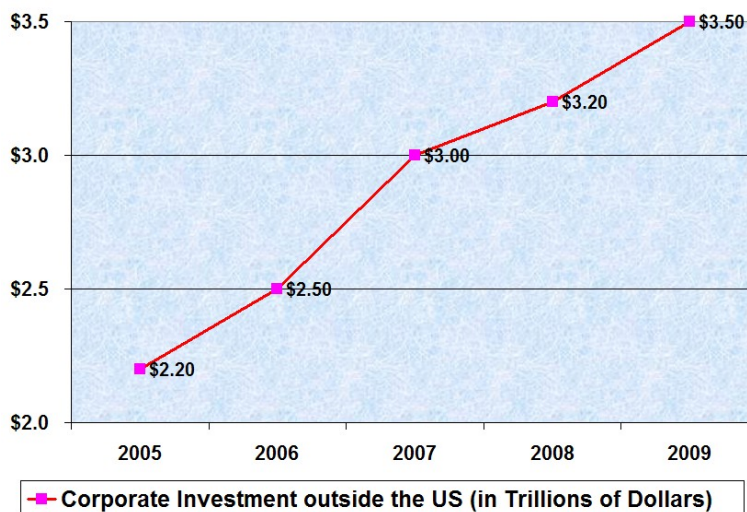
## FDR Economics: Reducing the Export of Capital and Restoring Jobs in America

Bill Gross and other leading economists are now calling for structural changes to our economy to avoid a second Great Depression. Two structural changes FDR instituted to end the last Great Depression were requiring fair trade agreements to reduce the export of capital and increasing jobs right here in America.

### Reducing the Export of Capital

While additional stimulus funding is needed to jump start the economy, there is a bigger problem which has dampened the effect of the last round of stimulus funding and would also reduce the job creation effect of any future rounds of stimulus funding. This problem is the incentives US corporations have to take capital out of the US economy and invest it in sweat shops in China and India. The following chart, taken from US Commerce Department data, shows US corporations are shipping capital out of the US at a rate of \$3.5 trillion dollars per year and it is rapidly

The entire stimulus funding was only \$440 billion per year for the past two years. This was barely enough to make up for just the annual rise in private outflow of capital overseas. It will be impossible to have any recovery as long as this much capital is leaving the country every year. So in addition to another round of stimulus, we also need to find a way to reward corporations for investing in America. One way to do this would be to deny corporate tax breaks to any US corporation that ships capital and/or jobs overseas. FDR insisted on bilateral trade agreements that treated American workers



### Restoring Jobs in America

FDR also created numerous programs to restore employment here in America. Only when folks are put back to work can we hope to restore our economy. To the right is a picture of FDR at a CCC camp in 1936. Notice how happy everyone was to finally be working again. Americans do not want unemployment checks. They want and deserve real jobs now. We must do everything we can to elect progressive Democrats who will enact the kind of structural “bottom up” changes urged by FDR and America’s leading economists. Your donation to DAPAC is helping us achieve this



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