



EDITOR'S NOTE

Get Informed

This is a big election that should be about big ideas. Instead we seem to be focused too much on gaffes and not enough on who has the policy gravitas to fix our country. For example, in an opinion piece written for CNN by Jason Marsh, the founding editor-in-chief of the online magazine Greater Good, he put Romney's comments when he dubbed 47% of Americans victims dependent on the government that won't vote for him under any circumstances into context by saying, "There's something about the experience of high status that hurts our ability to connect with others emotionally. Other studies have suggested that high status makes people less compassionate, less generous and less interested in connecting with others in general."

But when you look at Mitt Romney's life this is just absurd. If Romney was not compassionate he wouldn't have helped a dying teenage boy write his last will. If Romney was not generous he would not have donated \$4 million to charity last year. If Mitt Romney didn't want to connect with people he would not have been a successful governor in a state where Democrats controlled 85% of his legislature. It just doesn't add up, yet this is what we're hearing from the media on a daily basis when unemployment continues to be above 8%, poverty is at record highs, new business start-ups are at a 30-year low and abroad our ambassadors are being killed.

Marsh counters my points when he says, "Here's why the people at that \$50,000-a-plate dinner should care about this research: The skills that seem to be impaired by elevated status are the same skills that research has strongly linked to leading a happy, meaningful life. So as the super rich in this country assume an ever-loftier status above the 47% (or the 99%), they risk depleting their own reserves of happiness."

I don't know about you, but I don't need my president to be happy, I need him to fix the mess that we're in. My point in writing this is not convince you to vote for Mitt Romney, it's to demonstrate how important it is to vote based on policy and not what the media wants you to focus on. We're independent-minded people. We should get informed and vote for the person that we think can do the job best.

So, I urge everyone to get involved, and get out there and vote for the guy that you think can lead us out of the mess. It's not just the mortgage industry that's at stake, it's our country's future.

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