

Rouzer's Pitch Is Socialism for the Rich

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In a recent Beacon column, Congressman David Rouzer blamed supply chain problems on Democrats. Rouzer doesn't understand the supply chain any more than he understands Supply, NC.

He wrote: "Whenever you arbitrarily shut down the economy you are going to have major supply chain disruptions." But Democrats didn't shut down the economy — Trump did, last year. His Coronavirus Response Coordinator, Dr. Debra Birx, recently testified before Congress that Trump was "complacent" and "distracted", more concerned with his campaign than the pandemic. She said 30-40% of Covid deaths were preventable. Trump's devastating "play-it-down" mishandling of COVID cost American lives and crippled the economy.

Rouzer's Beacon column excerpted his 10/26 Newsletter. What he left out of the Beacon was his call that government bailout big business. The pandemic accelerated a growing problem: businesses cut inventories to boost profits, depending on a rapid supply chain to bail them out. When Covid hit, they had to guess what goods to produce. Many guessed wrong. That's capitalism! But Rouzer calls for government assistance to big businesses for "expanding capacity." I call that Socialism for the Rich.

Rouzer's district includes the Cape Fear River basin, home to most of North Carolina's 2,100 open hog lagoons, producing 40 million gallons of feces/day; one spilled over 3 million gallons of pig feces in 2020. When hurricanes hit, they unleash this "toxic soup". Rouzer's response? Deregulate businesses! More Socialism for the Rich.

Rouzer claims "excessive benefits" for workers are "disarming" American businesses. Oxfam America ranked NC the worst state for workers in 2021 for wages and worker protections. Rouzer thinks NC's workers have it too good!

When government helps workers, Rouzer calls it "socialism." But he hasn't seen a problem yet that can't be fixed by government helping big business. That's Rouzer's pitch: Socialism for the Rich.

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