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Abe is doing his damndest to suck the life from the people in the name of fiscal health! The rise has been delayed twice. Quite the reverse may indeed occur, companies will make the claims that due to the increase in costs associated with the rise in the consumption tax they will have to CUT wages to stay afloat! They need to invest in medical research to develop drugs and other anti aging treatments that will keep older people healthier at much less cost. But the hysteria of the news coverage also needs to roll back. I remember last time when a few months before the rise, the country went on a shopping spree, forcing prices to rise well above the extra they would have paid in consumption tax. Do I buy now.. Or do I chance it, wait another year and hope history repeats itself with another post-rise slump in prices that would negate the tax rise? Looking forward to the next increases. In addition I also got my doubts that all that money will be spend for what "they" say. It definitely will also support more parades like the one Abe had and a military build-up. Stop that wasteful spending once and for all! Bet there is an other record budget on the way. And another round of handouts to profitless companies. While the rest of us grind on paying more tax. I shake my head. This increase has been "passed" years ago. Implementing it has been delayed due to poor economic conditions, which in effect have not really changed at all! Abe put it off twice, if he puts it off again people on both sides of the aisle will call his judgement into question for proposing it in the first place, and also place him in jeopardy of losing support across the board. No such discussion where I work. Why waste taxpayers money and increase their tax at the same time? The government "will do its best to avoid a negative impact on the economy by taking every possible measure," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters. The only time thye truly do their best is when it comes to looking after themselves and their cronies. Here is a novel idea to avoid negative impact on the economy Then you wont have to worry about recession. J- voters have a unique opportunity to give Abe,s LDP a kick in the ass come electiin time next summer.. Export transactions and export-like transactions such as international communications and international transport are exempt from consumption tax. A complete overhaul, top to bottom reform of the tax and employment system, is long overdue, also a review of the budget. Painful yes, but there need to be a clear budget surplus, to pay down the debt and to restore confidence. Economics is so easy! Rather than cut out the fat and make reform, just raise taxes for the already struggling middle class. Greedy bureaucrats, rubber stampers, a health system that gives WAY too much in terms of hospital stays etc etc. Best to start with those greasy, smirking politicians as that is one major leak that needs to be stopped. One can only hope, but in this respect, I have lost faith in the Japanese people. They have never wised up to their leaders. No one does anything or raises their voice.. Nail hits the head that stands out mentality. We Japanese and long term foreign residents here should send a ton of emails complaining and raise awareness to stop this. As I said in my other post. Life will be much more expensive and will damage the economy. Rise up and voice concern! But on this point, I agree wholeheartedly! We need to see more pressure placed on the LDP. He cares nothing other than buddies and bosses. God, we really need a revolution here in Japan, and fast. In theory making the country poorer will make stocks tumble and cheaper. Still, I know it would be too much to expect "journalists" to question Abe and Suga on these points. The working poor about to be replaced with even cheaper dispensable labor from south east Asia , while the populace quietly but begrudgingly accept their lot in life. Unambitious and inwardly thinking youth following the slow steady march to mediocrity. The Abe legacy will be talked about for years to come. Such a shame for such a naturally hard working , respectful and easily mobilized nation. If pointed in the right direction they could have been in a much better situation than this. He failed in his Abenomics. How can the govt assure people that Abe will not fail again? Consumer spending already decreased and not much fdi nor investments occurred. Debts increased, more debts from the Olympic Stadium construction, unemployment increased, yet media hides the reality under the rug. Completely different countries with totally different economic factors. Japan has been close to zero for as long as i can remember. The military will get the bulk of the increase. Just

a few short years ago the word foreigner was on his black list. How much will our aging folks see? Possibly robot makers will see more than the old folks. Abe needs at least one successful feather on his cap before he retires. And to up prices just chases away customers. Agree, there needs to be more transparency regarding government spending of tax money. I would first like to see a report of what percentage of tax money is being spend and where. Elites run the show and the rest of us 7 plus billion simply need to suck it up. Something will eventually give Subjugation - Revolution - Subjugation - Revolution - Repeat! We need a complete rethink and part of that is limiting population growth. But that goes against big industries growth model who essentially is or very strongly influences government. So the future is rather bleak! Innovation today revolves around consumerism rather than making the planet sustainable because that's what people really care about today. The new generation, which is every previous generations hope of change is already lost too buried in the hypnotic grip of the latest smartphone or tablet and social media to even care! The narcissism and self of the youth of today is quite astounding and I guess it's something that's genetically there but was frowned upon by previous generations. How will the new generation care about the wellbeing of the planet when none of them really experience it. It's astounding how few Japanese I encounter in the beautiful valleys with crystal clear streams accessible by car and on weekends. Pointing out the obvious will not fly well with our capitalist, only-way-is-up, brainwashed from birth, current generations. After all, fiat currencies and siphoning from weaker countries has served them well while they amassed all their shiny things. Agree or disagree, but ask yourself one question and answer honestly: Embellishing your viewpoint badly. My Japanese ex student, now living in Paris, complained last week about how expensive it is there, like in many other countries. And an economy that has not had a recession in 26 years is hardly on the edge. As you know, Australia has natural resources to offer up. As there is no transparency so who can tell? Every yen earned will be hung onto even tighter. Salaries do not rise, cost of living and taxes go up. Abe and the diet are never forced to endure the aftermath of their decisions.

**Chapter 2 : Abe says sales tax to go ahead as planned in Oct - Japan Today**

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Henry Ford is on a camping trip with his famous friends—Thomas Edison, the great inventor; Harvey Firestone, the rubber baron; and John Burroughs, the bestselling nature writer—and they encounter a Model T Ford driven by a backwoods hick. Ford tells the hick that he created the Model T, and he introduces his friends: He invented the light bulb. This is Harvey Firestone. He made the tires on your car. Nearly every year between and , Ford and his famous friends did go camping together. Over the years, the Vagabonds voyaged through the Everglades, the Appalachians and the Adirondacks—and each man took on a distinct duty. Firestone was the commissary officer, supplying the food and the chefs who cooked it. Burroughs led nature walks, identifying plants and birds. Ford was, appropriately, the mechanic, fixing the cars that broke down, which happened frequently. He also organized contests to determine the best tree-climber, the best wood-chopper, the best stream-jumper—and he usually won. On one trip, he convinced the cooks to slice wooden tent stakes into thin strips and boil them in the soup, just so he could watch Firestone, who was proud of the gourmet food he provided, chomping into them. Henry Ford, the dynamo behind the Four Vagabonds, was a prodigy of energy. He was also an avid collector of everything from antique farm tools to famous friends. His most famous friend was Edison, the genius behind the light bulb, the phonograph and the movie camera. When those experiments paid off, Ford rewarded his mentor by loaning him money to rescue his ailing businesses. He knows almost nothing of business. No poet ever expressed himself through his work more completely than Mr. Ford has expressed himself through his car. Burroughs loved the exotic flora and fauna—he said the Everglades reminded him of Hawaii and Jamaica—and the three men vowed to camp together again. Ford attended, accompanied by Firestone, the Akron rubber manufacturer who supplied him with tires. Each camper had their own personal tent at the Vagabond camping ground, The war had been raging since August , although the United States was still neutral. Ford thought the carnage was foolish—which was undeniably true—and he decided to sail to Europe to negotiate a peace treaty. Two weeks later, when it reached Norway, the pacifists were fighting over ideological differences and Ford was locked in his stateroom, claiming he had a cold. He spent a week in Europe but failed to end the war, so he sailed back home, where newspapers mocked him unmercifully. He did not accompany his fellow Vagabonds in the summer of , when they went camping in the Adirondacks in New York and the Green Mountains of Vermont. After a few days, he snuck off to a hotel, seeking a bed, a bath and a shave. The Vagabonds toiled down country roads, followed by three trucks stuffed with food, camping equipment and the batteries Edison used to power lights in each tent. When they came upon a stream, Ford and Edison liked to calculate how much hydroelectric power it could generate. Ford on mechanical problems. There is always pleasure and profit in hearing a master discuss his own art. Edison had a wicked wit that cracked up his pals. Later, back in his office, Ford instructed his secretary to type up his favorite jokes, so he could give them to Edison to deliver on future trips. The Vagabonds returned to the Adirondacks in , this time in a caravan of 50 cars and trucks, which included the usual retinue of cooks and helpers, plus a posse of reporters, photographers and newsreel cameramen. The Vagabond vacations had become media sensations, which Firestone and Ford were eager to exploit. One night, the Vagabonds invited a New York Times reporter to hang around the campfire and record their palaver. They were cheap then. Nowadays, everything comes wrapped up in fancy packages. Ford said that food cost too much because farmers were still using horses instead of tractors. Milk can be manufactured chemically. Ford said he could, and promised that he would, replacing them all with machines within a few years. Though his mind was sharp, at 82, Burroughs was growing frail. The following summer, he was too feeble to travel, so the other Vagabonds and their wives visited his Catskills farm, and stayed in hotels instead of camping. Burroughs died in March , and that summer his friends went vagabonding without him. Harding, who arrived at their campsite trailed by a gaggle of White House aides, Secret Servicemen and photographers.

The next morning, he attended an outdoor memorial service for Burroughs, and then returned to Washington. The other Vagabonds kept traveling, camping out for two weeks. It is his feeble protest against civilization. In subsequent years, luxury replaced camping. In , they checked into the Wayside Inn, an 18th-century hotel in Sudbury, Mass. From there, they drove to Plymouth, Vt. The old friends were getting older and their camping trips had lost pizzazz. Some historians suggest that the trips helped create a new American lifestyleâ€”strapping the kids into the family car for a camping vacation. Others enjoy pointing out a delicious irony: For the rest of his life, Ford enjoyed telling a story about the camping trips: The farmer looked him over skeptically. It might even be true. A Civil War Odyssey.

## Chapter 3 : Fat Cats and Vagabonds | HistoryNet

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The link was successfully Sent! An error has occurred! I decided to check it out. Then, I looked up their politics. The first seven on the list, including the Arnault family of France and Carlos Slim of Mexico, would have to be put in the Democrat column if in the U. That one exception is Jim Walton No. However, that is just the first We would have to reach all the way down to No. But there is more. Not reaching the heights of the uber-rich, we would have to say Hollywood with its vast influence and decent wealth levels is definitely left-leaning. Although not conclusive in terms of where the fat cats are, I think we can safely say they are not necessarily in the right-wing camp as they were many years ago. I can certainly say all of them without exception are left-leaning in their politics. In fact, many of these millennials have already gone through a liberal stage while in college and quickly switched sides when they got out and started looking for a decent job and began noticing the federal and state deductions from their modest paychecks. So, what makes a person lean left or lean right? The right-wing people I know are fiercely independent and want to stay that way no matter what. Those willing to let the government step into their lives do not seem to value independence so much. I think the proxy for this, although not completely reliable, is city dweller vs. Particularly those who live in big cities are used to lots and lots of government services. In the country or small towns, this dependency is not so pronounced. He resides in Duluth, Ga.

**Chapter 4 : What are the politics of the 'fat cats?' - The Highland County Press**

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Share via Email Just when I was starting to be persuaded that the fat cats of the bar are not motivated merely by money but are in reality decent, generous people anxious to do their bit for the greater good, up they jump to prove me severely wrong. As is becoming increasingly obvious, the bar is once again becoming a profession open only to young persons with substantial financial resources or backing from parents. Those who run the profession are well aware of the dangers of returning to the bad old days of an elitist bar limited to the well-heeled. So they devised a scheme to raise money to help impecunious students through bar school. It is based on barristers giving up a very small percentage of their earnings, according to a sliding scale. And who has violently opposed the proposals? But did you know that you were reading the most influential man in the law in the whole United Kingdom? For that is what Schilling is, officially. Schilling comes in as the 68th most influential man in the country, but that is higher than any other legal chap I exclude ex-lawyers such as Tony Blair. Lord Woolf, the lord chief justice, is 75th and Lord Irvine, the lord chancellor, is 79th. The problem with their lordships is that they have visibly failed to surround themselves with enough celebrities; and they are now, by their lowly rankings, paying the price. This omission, the lawsuit alleges, had caused Steven so much hurt that he had lost his love for the sport. His father points out that the boy who had been given the trophy had only scored 21 goals whereas Steven had notched up Moreover, he added, Steven had been so sure of winning that he had bought a new shirt and tie to look good for the ceremony, attended by a crowd of Every year five losing Booker finalists, several hundred unsuccessful applicants for QC, thousands of football players not picked for their first teams; all of them, to a man and woman, bearing deep psychological scars requiring compensation massage. The theme of the play will not be unfamiliar to readers of this column. It is all about the way our anti-terrorism laws could be used to subvert the very values they are supposed to protect. In the US, post-September 11, the obsession with the "war on terrorism" has resulted in the abandonment of basic constitutional principles on which the state was founded - due process, the rule of law etc. The plot centres around a Muslim youth who is accused of terrorist murder and finds himself trapped in a legal maze. It is on at the Tricycle Theatre in London box office

## Chapter 5 : McCain Rips "Fat Cats" Instrumental In Funding His Campaign | HuffPost

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Required viewing for anyone elected or appointed for public office. There are some that point out that the films of Frank Capra unduly fall into the latter, that they are completely far-fetched and fastened in their own time, and even invented a pejorative term "Capra-esque" to describe any non-cynical, heartwarming picture that has a message. *Smith Goes to Washington*, however, are not fixed in a single era, but all eras, the truest definition of a classic. And considering it was released among true powerhouses in , a year as important to movies as was to baseball, its ideals, story, and general excellence shine as bright today as it did over 60 years ago. A Senator from an unnamed, middle America state dies and a new one must be appointed by Governor Hubert Hopper, a puppet whose strings are held by newspaper magnate Jim Taylor. They need to find one that would be easily controlled by the now-senior Senator Joseph Paine played brilliantly by Claude Rains , so a bill allowing a building of a dam near land by the Willett Creek owned by Taylor can pass in the Senate. After he gets embarrassed by the local print media, Mr. Smith begins to learn the harsh realities of DC. Smith agrees, and with his assistant, Clarissa Saunders played by Jean Arthur , they create a bill to create a campground for boys from all over the country to learn about each other and the civic process, much to the initial dissuasion by Saunders. Smith then wants to choose a site near the Willett Creek, the same site where the dam is to be built and when his superiors and true string-pullers find that out, major complications ensue. Although the basic premise is David vs. Goliath, the story is wholly originally and was probably one of the earliest pictures to suggest the government as corrupt. The characters are played excellently by all principal actors, with Mr. Smith you root for whole-heartedly, Mr. Taylor you root against for his sheer arrogance and greed, and Mr. Paine, who you pity as you see a man who lost his initial zest to serve the public and is now a jaded shell of his former self. A great performance was given by Harry Carey, Sr. There is a beautifully shot scene with images of the monuments and sights of Washington with several national anthems synchronized as the score. Obviously, few if any people elected to public office has the moral character, conviction, and general good heartedness of Jefferson Smith, and I doubt whether the government would be better if it was. The movie showed an ideal, a supposed "lost cause" of truth in government. And although it is next to impossible for Capra and the eternal good guy Jimmy Stewart to ever fully change the world of politics with just a motion picture, at least it shows that maybe once in a great while, being the good guy has its definite rewards. If using the same analogy of the baseball season *The Wizard of Oz* and *Gone With the Wind* were the Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa of moviemaking, then this would be like Cal Ripken voluntarily ending his Iron Man Streak, something done with full class and the highest respect in mind, and that elevates an ideal of being the good guy and sticking to your dedication brings the greatest of riches. This picture is flawless in all respects and a true classic, with thought-provoking ideas, wit, a little bit of platonic romance, and an excellent cinematography and score, and deserves the rank as a 10 out of 10. Was this review helpful? Sign in to vote.

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## Chapter 9 : Seattle's Kitty Hall Gives New Meaning To Political Fat Cats

*Politicians are supposed to act on behalf of the people they represent, but are politicians really taking into account people's ideas, or is it all about mon.*