

# Message of the Week

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## **“Democrats have no plans to help the U.S. economy.”**

- Democrats are concerned that if they do anything to help the U.S. economy recover, they won't be able to blame Republicans for a faltering economy in the November elections. So they make no economic proposals.
- On the Senate Democrats' list of “Top Priorities for the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress,” Majority Leader Daschle doesn't even mention the economy or taxes or any incentives for growth. Take a look for yourself: [http://daschle.senate.gov/maj\\_agenda.html](http://daschle.senate.gov/maj_agenda.html)
- House Democrats, rather than put forth a blueprint for economic growth, have only called on President Bush to “sit down with Democrats in a meaningful discussion” about how to get “back on the path to long-term economic growth and opportunity.” Take a look for yourself: <http://democraticleader.house.gov/media/press/readPress.asp?ID=386>
- America needs less sitting down and more action to give the sluggish economy a boost.
- Republicans have drafted, promoted, and passed legislation to cut taxes, spur business investment, and reduce barriers to trade. Though all of these items create jobs and foster economic growth, there is more work to be done.
- Republicans will continue to push for:
  - making the tax cuts permanent for individuals, families, and businesses to spur investment;
  - budget discipline in Washington to remove the drag on the financial markets; and
  - pension reform to encourage investment and foster employee-friendly businesses.
- Democrats, unwilling to take any steps to actually help the economy pull out of a slump, are again calling for an extension of unemployment insurance. But extending unemployment will do nothing to help the economy rebound and will not create one single job.
- People without jobs don't want more government hand-outs. They want—and need—jobs.