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Opinion | Guest Column

Gordon Wayne Watts

Lawmakers irresponsible with unnecessary spending threaten to crash the dollar | Column

College debt is almost ten percent of total U.S. Debt, something that should grab the attention of lawmakers on both sides of the isle

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Our current crop of lawmakers spend like drunken sailors (apologies to all drunken sailors for the ill comparison!). With college debt at almost ten percent of total U.S. Debt **[[1]]**, something must be done. While taxpayers are currently "ahead" in this Ponzi scam, with the government booking at least \$50 Billion/year **[[2]]** on the federal student loan portfolio since 2010, that's about to change: Student loan payments (and interest) have been "paused" for about 2 years, and we must get out to avoid a crash of the dollar **[[3]]**, which sets the stage for the debate:



Gordon Wayne Watts [Provided]

Many self-righteous "republicans" complain "I ain't using MY tax dollar to forgive YOUR student loan": YES YOU WILL, and we WILL crash the dollar, unless you heed carefully: In the "The Student Debt 'Crisis' Solved" meme [\[\[4\]\]](#), a professor schools a student: "1.You took out a loan 2.Pay it back.," but a response has the student schooling the teacher: "1.You loaned \$100k to a jobless teen. 2.The the L and learn some financial responsibility." Borrowers are somewhat guilty, but more blame lies with lawmakers, who have more ability to fix this. Although the GOP's official platform states "The federal government should not be in the business of originating student loans," [\[\[5\]\]](#) it's a fact that ZERO GOP lawmakers have filed legislation to lower or eliminate student loan subsidies (with possible exceptions of S.323 and H.R.899, which would eliminate the dept of education, but this has no chance of passing). Therefore, the professor being schooled is ALL Republican lawmakers, including my own congressman, Scott Franklin, whom I have repeatedly asked to follow "conservative" fiscal principles & obey the GOP's platform [\[\[6\]\]](#)[\[\[7\]\]](#) and file legislation to lower or eliminate the use of our tax dollars to originate (make) student loans, as his GOP platform says. [\[\[5\]\]](#) Liberals need not worry that this would limit access to college: We could directly fund college like we do with public ed (and it would cost less for both students and taxpayers, as we could control costs, as we do in public ed).

If readers are serious about stopping tax dollars from paying for unaffordable loans, then they should stop mere complaining, and, instead, call lawmakers [\[\[8\]\]](#), demanding they keep their word and stop originating (making) student loans to students who, obviously, can't repay the exorbitant amount (but would take out any loan to get educated, as education is necessary in today's new technology age). However, only a threat of bankruptcy by student borrowers will deter the dept of education from insane lending of trillions, and make higher ed lobbyists back off. If readers disagree, please explain why ZERO GOP lawmakers have tried to lower or eliminate federal loan limits for student loans. Otherwise, lawmakers should join Republicans Josh Hawley and John Cornyn and Chairman Durbin on S.2598, a bipartisan student loan bankruptcy bill, [\[\[9\]\]](#) and H.R.4907 which addresses private student loans.

If these lawmakers don't act, they will be like the foolish R.M.S. TITANIC staff, who were "penny pinchers" an didn't get enough lifeboats, and their cheap short-sightendess cost lives. [\[\[10\]\]](#)

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Sources:

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DeVos plagiarised me, copying me almost word-for-word, without attribution / honour. I'm quoted as documenting that student debt is almost 10% of total U.S. Debt: **"Polk Perspective: Offer relief for taxes dressed up as 'loans',"** By Gordon Wayne Watts, Guest columnist, *The Ledger*, November 19, 2019: <https://Archive.ph/2qdEW>

Or: <https://www.TheLedger.com/story/opinion/columns/2019/11/19/polk-perspective-offer-relief-for-taxes-dressed-up-as-loans/2262933007/>

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[[2]] "Government projects to make \$50B in student loan profit," by David Jesse (via the Detroit Free Press), *USA Today*, Published 3:03 a.m. ET June 16, 2013 Updated 8:37 a.m. ET June 16, 2013,

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[[3]] The claims that we'll crash the dollar if we don't "get out" are verified by this official news: **"U.S. Student-Loan Program Now Runs Deficit, CBO Estimates: Cost to taxpayers could reach billions of dollars over a decade, according to a recent estimate,"** by Josh Mitchell, *The Wall Street Journal*, Tue., 07 May 2019, 5:32 pm (EST),

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[[6]] I've asked Congressman Franklin repeatedly, in the past, in constituent inquiries, to cut the liberal pork:

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[[7]] In this impromptu interview, I did with Congressman C. Scott Franklin (R-FL-15), I finally got "face time" with him at a Sat.5-14-2022 GOP Rally at Sun-N-Fun[[-a-]], and asked him if he'd obey the GOP's platform, which prohibits Federal Govt from originating (making) student loans with our tax dollars, giving him a copy of my press inquiry.[[-b-]] To his credit, he didn't cut-and-run, promising "I will check it out; you have my

commitment on that." It's been over 2 weeks, and I haven't heard back.

VIDEO at YouTube: <https://YouTu.be/wld3SIWcGrg>

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[[--a--]] LINK: <https://LakelandRepublicanWomen.com/win-back-america/>

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[[--b--]] My Press Inquiry question:

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[[8]] Call your member of Congress here: <https://www.House.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Call your two U.S. Senators here: https://www.Senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

[[9]] S.2598, Fresh Start Student Loan Bankruptcy bill:

<https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2598/cosponsors>

H.R.4907 legislation addresses private student loans, which aren't addressed by s.2598:

<https://www.Congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4907/text>

[[10]] LINKS: https://www.NewworldEncyclopedia.org/entry/RMS_Titanic

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[[11]] "Stargel Faces Write-In's Smith, Watts," by Robin Williams Adams, *The Ledger*, Oct. 17, 2008, 8:50 p.m. ET,

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[[12]] FORMAL EDUCATION DOCUMENTS:

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* *In Re: JEB BUSH, GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, ET AL. v. MICHAEL SCHIAVO, GUARDIAN: THERESA SCHIAVO*, No. SC04-925 (Fla. Oct.21, 2004), denied 7-0 on rehearing. (Bush got 0.0% of his panel before the same court) <https://www.FloridaSupremeCourt.org/clerk/dispositions/2004/10/04-925reh.pdf>

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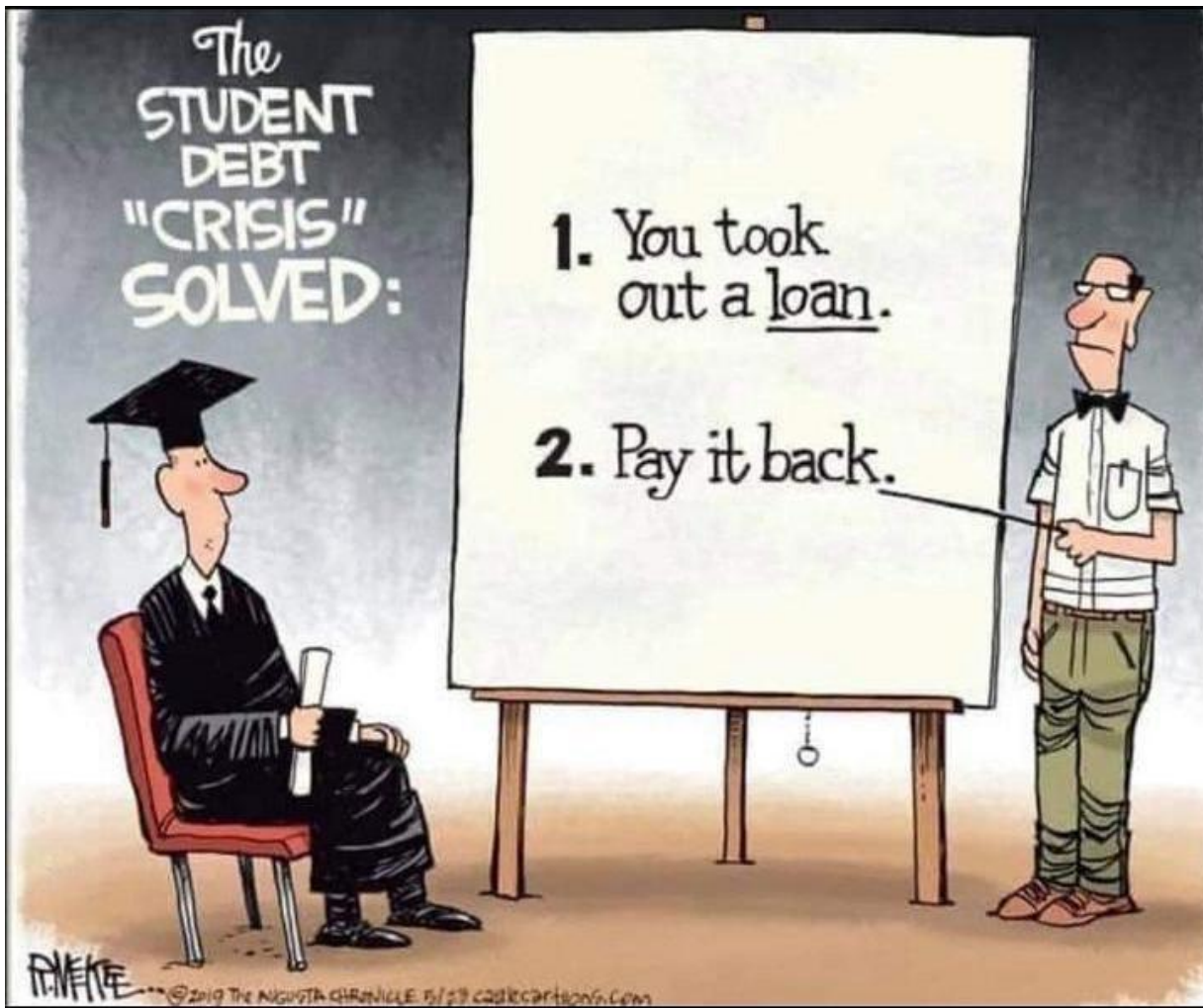
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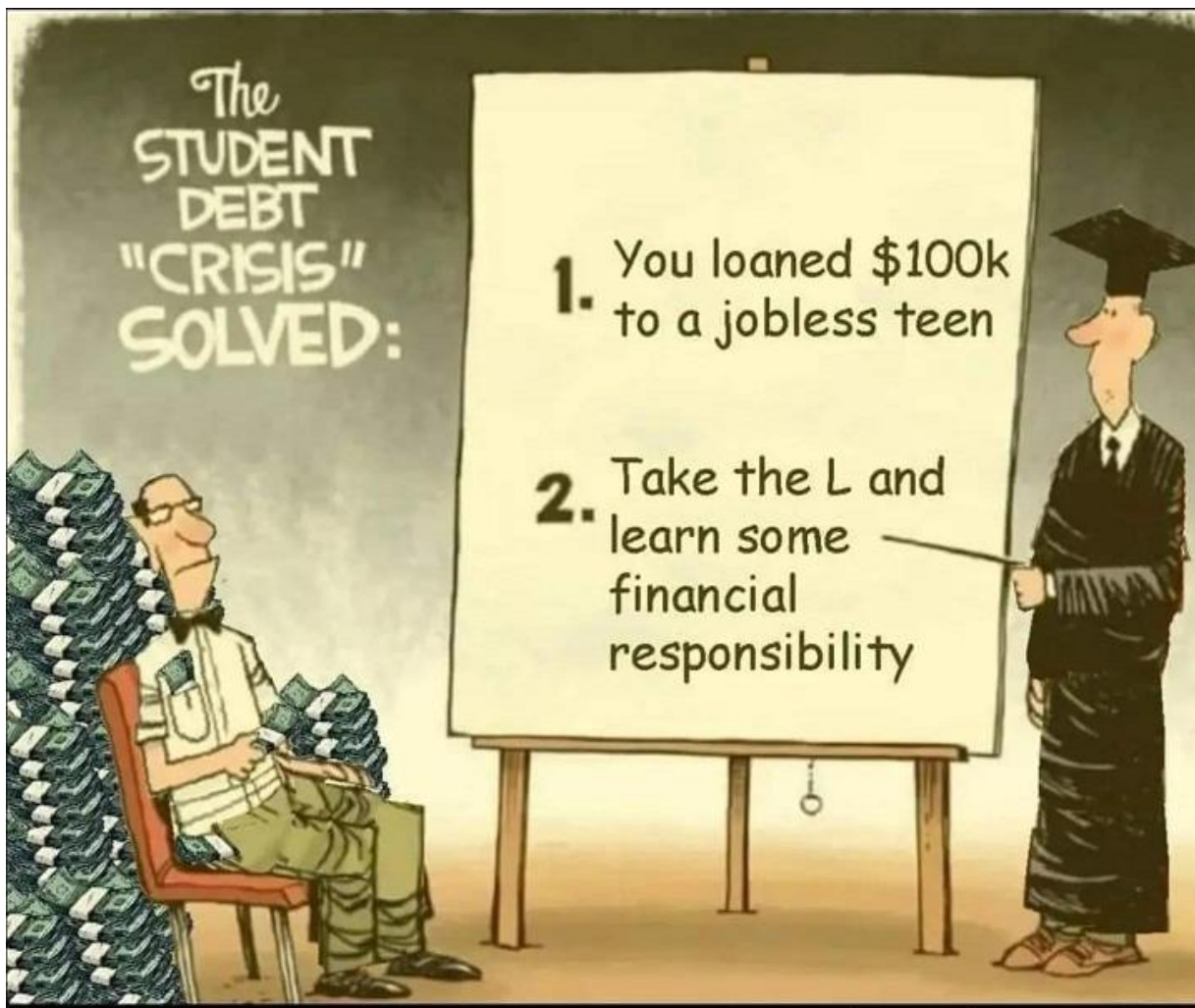
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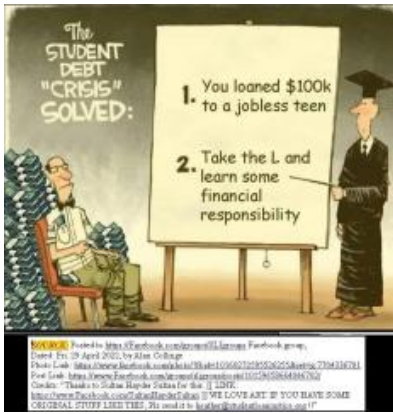
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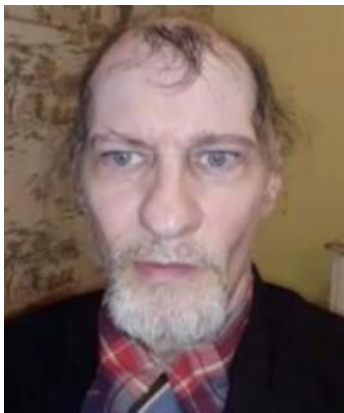
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