

# Sarah Palin Tells DC to 'Cut the Drama'

Americans are sick and tired of yet another ginned-up crisis. D.C. needs to grow up, get to work, and live within its means.

The real economic Armageddon looming before us is our runaway debt, not the sequester, which the president advocated for and signed into law and is now running around denouncing because he never had any genuine intention of reining in his reckless spending.

Remember that this sequestration deal came about because of the long debt ceiling standoff in the summer of 2011. It wasn't the ideal outcome for anyone, but it did at least include real deficit reduction of about \$110 billion per year for 10 years, which is still nowhere near enough to close our massive deficit.

Keep in mind that since the sequester passed, the president has already hit American families and small business owners with his tax increases, or "more revenue" as he likes to call it. The American public doesn't want tax increases; we want government to rein in its overspending.

If we can't stomach modest cuts that would lower federal spending by a mere 0.3% per year out of a current federal budget of \$3.6 trillion, then we might as well signal to the whole world that we have no serious intention of dealing with our debt problem.

If we are going to wet our proverbial pants over 0.3% in annual spending cuts when we're running up trillion dollar annual deficits, then we're done. Put a fork in us. We're finished. We're going to default eventually and that's why the feds are stockpiling bullets in case of civil unrest.

If we are serious about putting our fiscal house in order, then let's stop the hysterics, tighten our belts, and take our medicine.