

above scenario. (Note: at the national level, Bush not only wants to cut government services, but to give tax rebates, and grow government by outsourcing previous good paying low overhead in-house employees to corporate cronies like Boeing, Bechtel and Blackwater. What's not disclosed to you is that this outsourced government (a transfer of tax revenues to the private profit sector) costs more than the in-house government, and is a large reason for the budget deficits rung up since the 80's.) Each cut in services produces increasingly poor performance in serving the public, and rightly, citizens think government is incompetent. So "Arnold" comes out and says "you don't want to pay more taxes, so lets cut services, then we'll give tax breaks to businesses to stimulate the economy". Problem is, the rich get the tax breaks and the profits, while ordinary citizens pay more taxes and get less services. Then they propose deregulation and privatization producing corporate raids on formerly publicly owned and price regulated services. Prices go up, services go down, and employees are payed less with no benefits and no safety nets. They then become a burden on the state. The state borrows money to pay for the mandatory services they have outsourced at a higher cost, and once another downturn in revenues comes, "Arnold" asks for another round of cuts. And because we don't demand adequate, fair taxation and refurb the public sector, the defunding of government services spirals downward again and another round of deregulation and privatization and tax cuts ensue.

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**STOP**

no low wages  
fewer public services  
no health care  
no retirement  
no benefits

HAI HAI HAI!  
You can't stop me!  
I'm SuperRich Man!

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# He's baaack!!! ...and for more of the same Disaster Capitalism!

Schwarzenegger and the Red&Blue Corporate Party he represents, are back at it again with another crisis in 2008. Since the Reagan Era, the elite class has engineered themselves a \$50 billion California tax loophole system that feeds them our tax revenues in the form of subsidies to businesses, banks and wealthy investors. The above listed entities together, gambled the future of our state public infrastructure (schools, healthcare, environment, parks, libraries, roads, utilities and other support services) on the out-of-control housing market fueled by ridiculously low interest rates from Greenspan and the Fed. Now with the mortgage pyramid scheme bubble broken, we are asked once again to forfeit our public commons so the wealthy can keep their tax subsidies! Vallejo faces bankruptcy and other cities and counties are in crisis again. Schwarzenegger has offered to eliminate a measly \$2.5 billion in loopholes but this still leaves us \$15 billion short. He and the State Legislature could close out just half of the loopholes (\$25 billion), refunding all threatened programs and create a budget surplus to protect us in the future. Why aren't you hearing this talked about? Because they have mythologized us into accepting the idea that taxes are evil, government is incompetent, and that deregulation, privatization and tax subsidies for businesses is the best way to transform the state into [their] lean, mean profit machine. This scheme has failed everywhere it has been tried through out the world, but because it's so profitable (remember the Enron&Friends energy scandals and how much of our money was ever returned?) they keep running the scam as long as they can dupe the public into going along. And like Groundhog Day we keep coming back for more.

When will we learn our lesson? Maybe if we could see the scam coming we could act in time to stop it. Naomi Klein's "Shock Doctrine" brilliantly documents the 50 year worldwide "disaster capitalism" economic pirate raids on democracies (Chile, Argentina, South Africa, Russia, Poland, Indonesia, Haiti, more.) that have left these countries in shambles. They have managed to do many of the same things in this country, but only by duping the public into going along with it. The current sub-prime crisis is a perfect example of a low profile, stealth, disaster capitalism maneuver being run in our state and nation to defund our commons. Essentially, they sell you a cure to a disease they create, like any good profit-only capitalist would. Here's how it works...

At the appearance of economic crisis (like we have currently with a lack of property tax related revenues due to the collapsed housing market) they declare more taxation an evil drain on the taxpayers and propose cuts to services. The services have already been cut in previous tax years through a previous iteration of the

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