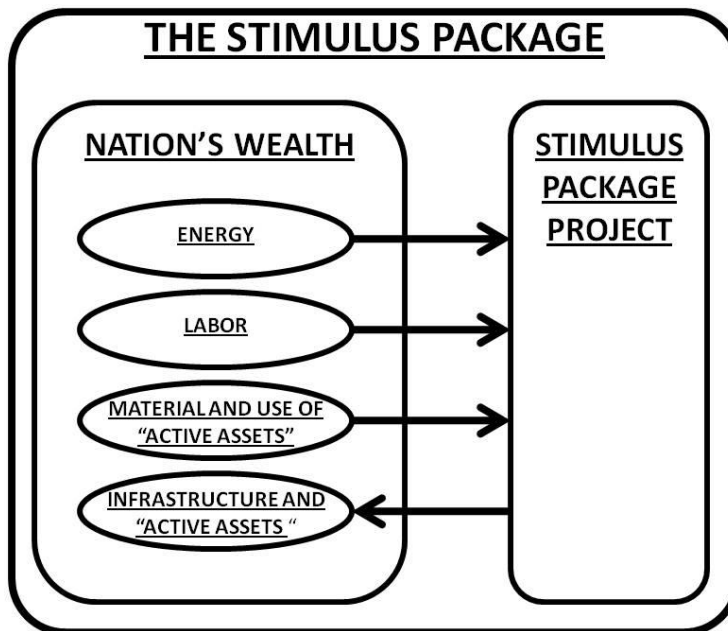


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### The stimulus package

The incoming administration has proposed an expenditure of one trillion dollars to stimulate the economy. There has been no indication of what the money would buy and there has been no indication of the origin of the money. Of course, the money is unimportant, the printing press offers an unlimited supply, as long as citizens think it has value. The true wealth is the nation's assets. If the value of the assets created by the "stimulus package" exceeds the value of the assets expended the project returns a profit. Wealth is created and the project is a successful investment not a expenditure. Of course, the reverse causes a loss and wealth is destroyed. Let's examine the flow chart (STIMULUS PACKAGE).



1. Energy used to produce the "stimulus package" asset. Energy used becomes part of the cost.
2. Labor used to produce the stimulus package asset. If there were no other use for the labor, the labor would expire, unused. However, provision would be made for the laborer to survive. So some cost would be incurred even if there were no "stimulus package".
3. Material would be consumed to produce the "stimulus package" asset. Use would be made of "active assets"

(machinery, production capacity). If no other use for the "active assets" existed, the actual cost of its use would be minimal.

4. The ingredients (value) consumed by the "stimulus package" would be returned to the nation's wealth as infrastructure or "active assets".

Salvaging the labor and the use of "active assets" which would go unused without the "stimulus package are mitigating circumstance. These ingredients represent losses to the nation's wealth, whether or not the "stimulus package is implemented. Because of the economic situation, the projects could be considered successful if the return exceeded the cost of the material, energy and some portion of the labor and "active asset" cost.

If the projects are properly selected and implemented to create wealth, the package could cost very little or even produce a profit. Considering the "earmarks" this congress has passed into law, the odds of this government selecting and implementing projects that produce a profit are not very good.

The "stimulus package" represents a tremendous opportunity for the aspiring "PEERS" to undermine the capitalistic system and increase their control of the individual.

History has shown that returning individual freedom to the "COMMONS" (using Thomas Paine's terminology for the producer) and insuring that capital is available to the "COMMONS" for projects that can be justified by a profit potential is the best solution. Maybe, the only solution!