

FOUR LETTER WORDS CLARIFY STIMULUS SPENDING®

Your 9/13/10 Editorial “Killing Jobs with Stimulus Spending” provokes a two four-letter word response: *spin* and *fact*. Liberal/Democrat **spin** is that “the economy would have been much worse without the federal spending spree”. Three sets of facts refute that spin.

First, it is a **fact** that no one can know for a fact results of actions not taken. Since Liberals/Democrats cannot know factual outcomes of policies not implemented, they are **spinning** actual outcomes as superior to the hypothesized results of non-happenings,

Second, the **factual** record of stimulus spending belies Liberal/Democrat projected **spin**: unemployment was never to officially exceed 8%; the official rate today is 9.6% --a 20% error to the spinners’ detriment. And in fact the real unemployment rate (taking into account those discouraged and no longer seeking work, those holding jobs beneath their education or skill levels, and who want full-time employment but are working part-time) is probably almost double the officially **spun** (by Government actuaries) rate.

Third, the **fact** that the Liberals/Democrats who spun the 8% job-loss figure which underestimated factual unemployment by 20% calls into question the trustworthiness of their **spin** that no stimulus expenditures would have resulted in the economy being worse off!

Conclusion: Why trust these spinners? Social scientist, Senator, Statesman Daniel Patrick Moynihan made this general point eloquently: “You are entitled to your own opinions, but you are not entitled to your own facts. But sometimes four letter words communicate more directly than eloquence.