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Congress: What Not To Do

The Ten Cannots was originally published by the Presbyterian minister William John Henry Boetcker in 1916.

Leave it to Congress to take ten things not to do, and instead do all of them.

- You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
- You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
- You cannot help little men by tearing down big men.
- You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
- You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
- You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
- You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
- You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.
- You cannot build character and courage by destroying men's initiative and independence.
- And you cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they can and should do for themselves.

Sounds a bit different than the sermon Reverend Jeremiah Wright and President Obama have been preaching.

It never fails to amaze me that there is truly nothing new under the sun. These issues have been debated for centuries, and will likely be debated for centuries more.

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