
OVERLY SIMPLIFIED?

It's a slow day in a little East Texas town. The sun is beating down, the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

On this particular day, a rich tourist from back east is driving through town. He stops at the motel and lays a \$100 bill on the desk saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night.

As soon as the man walks upstairs, the owner grabs the bill and runs down the street to pay his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 bill and heads off to pay his bill at the fuel and feed store.

The guy at the fuel and feed store takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local drug store.

The druggist runs to the hotel to pay off his room debt he incurred while his house was fumigated.

The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the rich traveler will not suspect anything.

At that moment, the traveler comes down the stairs, picks up the \$100 bill, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything.

However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, ladies and gentleman, is how the U.S. Government is conducting business today.