

## Who is a Tea Party Person?

When you hear news pundits talk about the Tea Party, most have no idea who we are, nor do they care. Most of us have voted over the years, but have never been political activists. Most of us have never shown up to a protest in our lives and a few years ago, would be embarrassed by doing so. Most of us felt that protesting was for the radicals and crazy people. The majority of us work and have families and we feel that if we play by the rules, keep our noses to the grindstone, pay our taxes and live a crime-free life, we were living the American Dream. We voted in every election since we were old enough to vote and then went back to living our lives. Well, ALL of that has changed!!

We are people who believe that a small Government is best. A government that lives by a balanced budget and does not overstep its bounds is a government we believe in. One that has a strong national defense and looks out for its citizens, not rules every aspect of our lives! We do not believe in hand-outs or that Government should take care of us. We take pride in taking care of ourselves.

We are awake now, ONLY because our Government is now totally out of control! We see our Government spending us into oblivion with no end in sight. We see our Government taking over the private sector and now controlling 51% of our economy! This is Socialism and this is NOT how our country was founded. We KNOW that this kind of governing is unsustainable.

We have been ridiculed because we oppose the massive expansion of Government. We are called terrorists, militias, nazis and teabaggers. THIS is insulting to us who have lived by the rules all of our lives and frankly, it is sickening! And, you wonder why we are angry! The more you paint us as something we are not, the larger the Tea Party grows and the louder we become. We know both parties have led us down this path to ruin for our Country. What part of, YOU WORK FOR US, do you not understand? We elected you and you betray us.

We will not sit down, we will not shut up, we will keep protesting because voicing our opposition to your policies that run contrary to our founding will not be tolerated no matter what you try to do to us.

If you had not been so arrogant and tried to move so fast on Socialism, maybe we would all still be asleep. That is no longer the case.

**WE ARE NOT RACIST, WE ARE NOT VIOLENT, AND WE WILL NO LONGER BE SILENT!**