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CRUMBS!

*"I am for anyone that will give me lower taxes, stop all this stupid spending."
Joan Rivers, comedian*

The directive from the statist leaders was clear: RESIST. Under fear of Party retribution, not one Democrat voted in support of the recently passed Tax Cuts & Jobs Act. Here is the red meat they offered Progressives afflicted with "Trump Derangement Syndrome:"

Schumer: "Under this bill, the working class, middle class and upper middle class get skewered, while the rich and wealthy corporations make out like bandits." "It is just the opposite of what America needs — and Republicans will rue the day they pass this."

Pelosi: "worst bill in the history of the United States Congress." "In terms of the bonus that corporate America received versus the crumbs that they are giving workers to kind of put the schmooze on is so pathetic;" a "monumental, brazen theft from the American middle class."

Here is a partial list of companies that have given their employees raises, bonuses or both:

1A Auto, Inc., 1st Source Corporation, 1st Summit Bank, AAON, AbbVie, AccuWeather, Adams Community Bank, Advance Financial, Advanced Sciences & Technologies, Alaska Air, Albert Lea Public Warehouse, Ally Financial, Altria, Amarillo National Bank, Amboy Bank, Ameren Illinois, Americollect, American Airlines, American Bank, American Community Bank & Trust, American Family Insurance, American Savings Bank, AndyMark, Anfinson Farm Store, Anthem, Apple, APPS Portamedic, Aquesta Financial Holdings, Arizona Public Service, Associated Bank, AT&T, Atlantic Packaging, AutoNation, Avangrid, Ball Ventures, BancorpSouth Bank, Bank of Advance, Bank of America, Bank of Colorado, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of the James, Bank Midwest, Bank of New York Mellon Corp., Bank of the Ozarks, BB&T, Benchmark Auto Sales, Beneficial Bancorp, Inc., Best Buy, Bio-Techne, Blackbaud, Black Hills Energy, Blue Harbor Resort, Blue Hills Bancorp, BMO Harris Bank, BNB Bank, Boeing, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Brown-Forman, Bruns General Contracting, Cabot Oil & Gas, Camp Construction, Canary LLC, Capital One, Carl Black Automotive, Cedar Rapids Toyota, CenterState Bank, Central Bancompany, Central Pacific Bank, Charles Schwab, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry, Charter Communications, Chipotle, Cigna, Cintas, Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Citizens Financial, Cogent, Comcast, Comerica Bank, Commerce Bancshares,

Community Trust Bancorp, Community Valley Bank, Consumers Energy, Continental Rail, Cooperstown Environmental, Copperleaf Assisted Living, Customers Bank, CVS Health, Data Sales Co, Davis Trust, Dayton T. Brown, Delaware Supermarkets, DePatco, Dime Community Bancshares, Discover Financial, Dohrn Transfer, Dominion Energy, Don Ramon Restaurant, Dot Foods, DTE Energy, DTI Partners, Duck Inn Pub, Duke Energy, Dyer Capital Management, Dynamic Fastener, Eagle Ridge Ranch, Eagle Telephone, EastIdahoNews, Eberle Communications, Ecolab, Elmer Smith Oil, El Paso Electric, Emkay, Empire National Bank, Employers Mutual Casualty Insurance, Ennis, Environmental Construction, ES Bancshares, Evans Bancorp, Eversource Energy, Expanded Technologies, Exxon Mobil, FedEx, Fiat Chrysler, Fidelity Bank, Fifth Third Bancorp, Financial Institutions, First Farmers Bank & Trust, First Financial Bancorp, First Hawaiian Bank, First Merchants, First Midwest Bancorp, First Northern Community Bancorp, First Southwest Bank, F.N.B. Corp, Great Western Bancorp, Green Mountain Power, Green Recovery Technologies, Griffith Trucking, Group 1 Automotive, Harris Corp, Hawaii National Bank, Hawaiian Electric, Henry Schein, Home Depot, Honeywell, Hostess Brands, Humana, IDEXX Laboratories, Iowa American Water, Iron Horse Energy, J.M. Smucker, JPMorgan Chase, Jergens, JetBlue, Jordan Winery, Joseph's Lite Cookies, Kalb Industries, Kansas City Power and Light, Kansas City Southern, Lawrence Paper Company, Lowes, Marsh & McLennan, Merck, MetLife, Mill Steel, Mountaire Corp, National Grid, Nationwide Insurance, Nephron Pharmaceuticals, Nexus, Oklahoma Gas and Electric, Old Dominion Freight, Pacific Power, Pattison Sand, Payne Trucking, Penske Automotive, Pepco, PepsiCo, Pfizer, Pitney Bowes, Quest Diagnostics, RGF Environmental Group, Royal Hawaiian Heritage Jewelry, Ryder, Shred-X, Sinclair Broadcast, SkyWest Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Starbucks, State Street, Sun Community News, SunTrust Banks, Thermo Fisher Scientific, The Travelers, Tyson Foods, U-Haul, Verizon, Visa, Wal-Mart, Waste Management, Wells Fargo, Wynn Resorts, YAM Worldwide

What should the statisticians of the "*Resistance*" do now? Should they tell their voters to refuse the "crumbs?" Should they tell Apple to resist and not spend \$30 billion and create 20,000 U.S. jobs? Will Apple "rue the day?" It's a conundrum for statisticians to witness lower and middle-class workers receiving raises/bonuses. This was not to happen under a Republican administration.

Now they must tell voters why an increase in their paychecks is bad. Why voting for Democrats to raise their taxes is good. Why it is better for government elites to redistribute their hard earned money. Why spending earnings on their own needs is bad. Why a talkathon for eight straight hours on the House floor for the benefit of illegal Dreamers is justified. Good luck...