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GUEST | OPINION *This piece expresses the views of its author(s), separate from those of this publication.*

Guest column: GOP Lawmakers who don't follow party platform on fiscal responsibility threaten to crash the dollar

Gordon Wayne Watts Guest columnist

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If lawmakers, especially GOP lawmakers (who claim to support “conservative” fiscal principals opposing “liberal” excess spending) don't act, they'll be like the foolish R.M.S. TITANIC staff, who were “penny pinchers” and didn't get enough lifeboats; their cheap short-sightedness cost lives. [11] Here's one local example:

I've repeatedly asked [12] Congressman Scott Franklin to follow “conservative” fiscal principles & obey the GOP's platform [13]: “The federal government should not be in the business of originating student loans,” yet he never responded or acted to avert a crash of the dollar: Student Debt, at almost TEN PERCENT of U.S. Debt [14], WILL crash the dollar if not addressed! I finally got “face time” with him at a Sat.5-14-2022 GOP Rally at Sun-N-Fun [15], and asked him [16] if he'd obey the GOP's platform, giving him a copy of my press inquiry. [17]



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To his credit, he didn't cut-and-run, promising "I will check it out; you have my commitment on that." It's been over 2 weeks, and I haven't heard back. However, only a threat of bankruptcy by student borrowers will deter the Education Department from insanely lending trillions, also making higher ed lobbyists back off (necessary to give honest, but scared, lawmakers “breathing room” sufficient to make the needed spending cuts). If you disagree, please explain why ZERO GOP lawmakers have tried to make the needed spending cuts. Otherwise, lawmakers should join Republicans Josh Hawley and John Cornyn and Judiciary Chairman Durbin on S.2598, a bipartisan student loan bankruptcy bill, and support H.R.4907, for private student loans. [18]

Our lawmakers spend like drunken sailors (apologies to all drunken sailors for the ill comparison!). While taxpayers are currently “ahead” in this Ponzi scam, with the government booking at least \$50 Billion/year [19] on the federal student loan portfolio since 2010, that's about to change: Student loan payments (and interest) have been “paused” for about 2 years, and a CBO report declares we're now losing money. [10], so we must get out to avoid a crash of the dollar.

Many self-righteous “republicans” complain “I ain't using MY tax dollar to forgive YOUR student loan”: YES YOU WILL, and we WILL crash the dollar, unless you heed carefully: In the “The Student Debt 'Crisis' Solved” meme [11], a professor schools a student: “1.You took out a loan 2.Pay it back.” but a response has the student schooling the teacher: “1.You loaned \$100k to a jobless teen. 2.The the L and learn some financial responsibility.” Borrowers are somewhat guilty, but more blame lies with lawmakers, who have more ability to fix this. Although the GOP platform prohibits federal government originating (making) student loans, [13] it's a fact that ZERO GOP lawmakers have filed legislation to do this (with possible exceptions of S.323 and H.R.899, which would eliminate the Dept of Education, but this has no chance of passing). Therefore, the professor being schooled is ALL Republican lawmakers, including Congressman Scott Franklin, whom I've repeatedly asked to follow “conservative” fiscal principles & obey the GOP's platform [12][16] and file legislation to lower or eliminate the use of our tax dollars to make student loans, as our GOP platform mandates. [13] Liberals shouldn't worry that this would limit access to college: We could directly fund college

like we do public ed: it would cost less for both college students and taxpayers, as we could control costs, as we do in public ed.

If readers are serious about stopping tax dollars from paying for unaffordable loans, they should stop complaining, and, instead, call lawmakers **[12]**, demanding they keep their word and stop originating student loans to students who, obviously, can't repay the exorbitant amount (but would take out any loan to get educated, as education is necessary in today's new technology age). However, as stated earlier, only a threat of bankruptcy by student borrowers will deter the Education Department from insane lending, and make higher ed lobbyists back off. So, reader should ask their lawmakers to join Hawley, Cornyn, and Durbin on S.2598, a bipartisan student loan bankruptcy bill, **[18]** and H.R.4907 which addresses private student loans.

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[4] QUOTE: "Today, FSA's [student debt] portfolio is nearly 10 percent of our nation's debt. [] Stop and absorb that for a moment. Ten percent of our total national debt." Source: *U.S. Dept of Education*, Sec. of Education, Betsy DeVos, 11-27-2018 speech, LINK: <https://www.ed.gov/news/speeches/prepared-remarks-us-secretary-education-betsy-devos-federal-student-aids-training-conference> (Bad link: See archives)

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[16] **In this impromptu interview**, I did with Congressman C. Scott Franklin (R-FL-15), I finally got “face time” with him at a Sat.5-14-2022 GOP Rally at Sun-N-Fun[--a--], and asked him if he'd obey the GOP's platform, which prohibits Federal Govt from originating (making) student loans with our tax dollars, giving him a copy of my press inquiry.[--b--] To his credit, he didn't cut-and-run, promising "I will check it out; you have my

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H.R.4907 legislation addresses private student loans, which aren't addressed by s.2598:

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[10] The claims that we'll crash the dollar if we don't “get out” are verified by this official news: **“U.S. Student-Loan Program Now Runs Deficit, CBO Estimates: Cost to taxpayers could reach billions of dollars over a decade, according to a recent estimate,”** by Josh Mitchell, *The Wall Street Journal*, Tue., 07 May 2019, 5:32 pm (EST),

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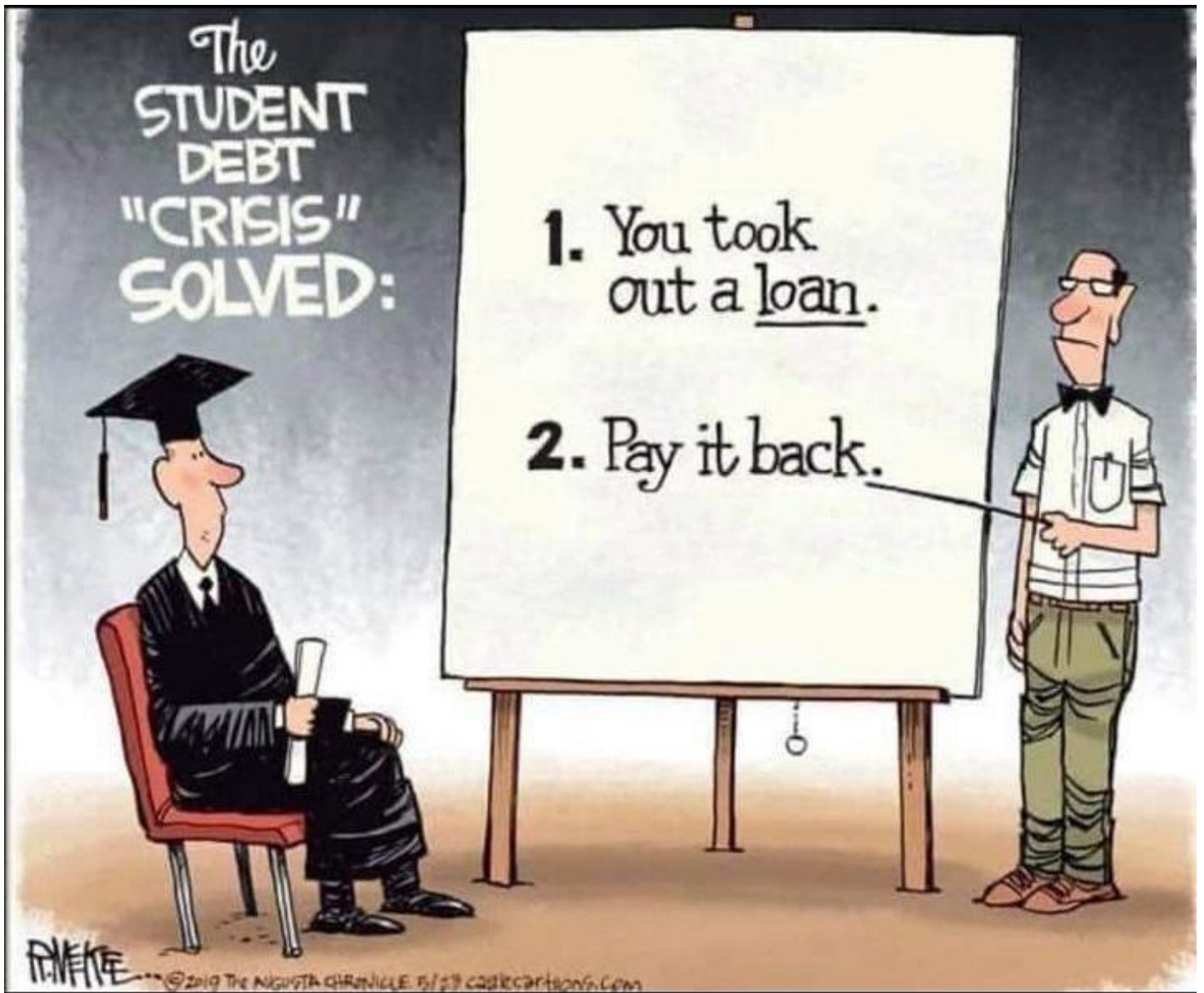
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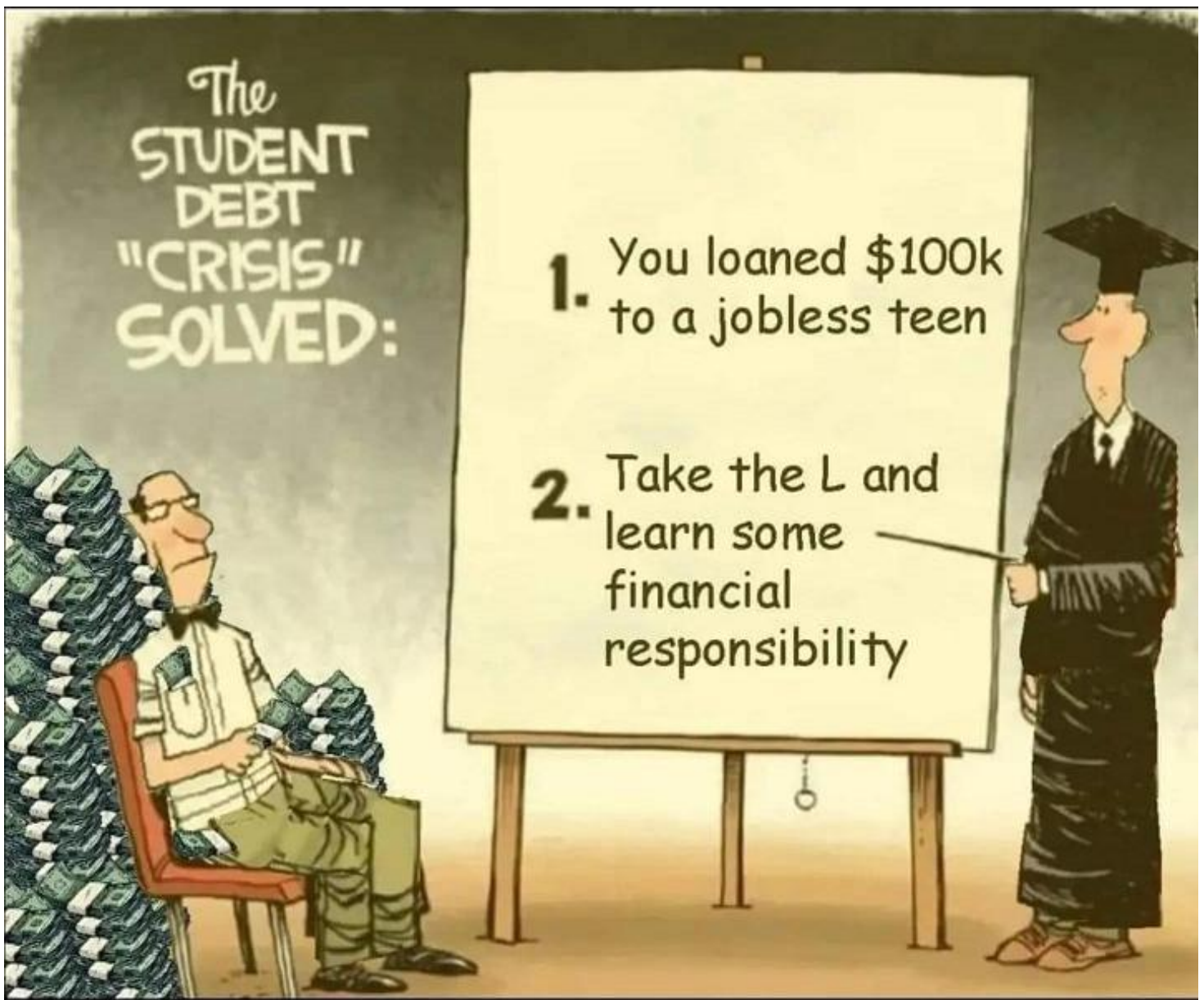
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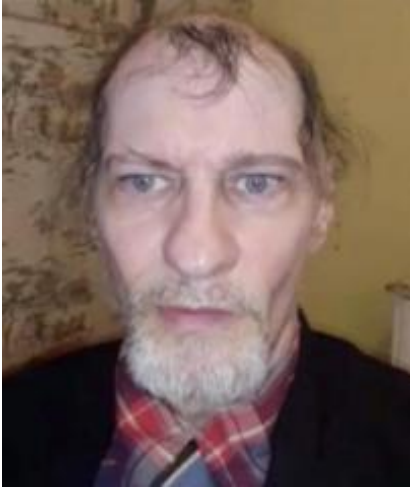


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