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President Reagan spoke words of wisdom, words that should be duly noted in today's political realm, when he said, "Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." Today both the American government and economy are hindered by excessive regulations and social programs. As the U.S. national deficit nears nineteen trillion dollars it's difficult to comprehend how so many of the general public still believe that Mr. Obama is good for this country. What we need to turn this country around are some good old Reaganomics.

This laissez-faire approach could not contrast more with the policies of the Obama Administration. Ronald Reagan's economic agenda called for widespread tax cuts, decreased social spending, increased military spending, and the deregulation of domestic markets. It is not too difficult to think that Barack Obama is consciously trying to do the exact opposite. President Reagan aimed to reduce the people's reliance on the government while President Obama continues to encourage it with more socialist programs such as Obamacare. Reagan cut taxes for the wealthy while Obama continues to raise them for not only the rich, but for the middle class as well. During Reagan's time in office there was a lot of global tension, similar to today's environment. What did he do about? He built up the American military. What has Obama done? He has cut military funding. Someone please explain to me the sense in that.

Also bewildering is why the government continues to grow, yet it seems like less and less is actually being accomplished. Reagan had the right idea with a smaller, leaner government. Fewer people means fewer people to get in the way. They say many hands make light work but less hands also means less thumb twiddling. It seems like common sense to come to the conclusion that excessive government is the problem in the U.S. today and it is time we streamlined its operation.

Reagan was only a man; he made his fair share of mistakes. However, there is no doubt that he had the best interest of the American public in mind with every decision he made, with President Obama however, I am not so sure. Both presidents inherited economies in terrible shape. Reagan brought prosperity back to the United States, while in 2015 we are still drowning in debt while millions remain unemployed or underemployed. Unfortunately 'Obamanomics' to me has the negative connotation of government interference for the supposed common good while in reality for the harm of our entire country.