

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence discussed November elections, the economy and the lack of leadership by the Obama Administration with Chris Wallace on FOX News Sunday this morning.

Excerpts:

On November elections:

“Let me say, I’m optimistic about this year’s elections. Maybe not as optimistic as Robert Gibbs but I like our chances. The reality is, and you see this whether it’s tea parties or town hall meetings all across this country, the American people are tired of borrowing and spending and bailouts and takeovers, and I believe they’re poised to express themselves in the midterm elections. House Republicans are determined to give voice to those millions of Americans that want to see our country turn back to limited government, personal responsibility, freedom and the fundamental principles of the American family.”

On the economy:

“The reality is that the Bureau of Labor Statistics, that is that part of government that tracks our economy when people are hired and fired, says that since the stimulus was passed we’ve lost 3 million jobs overall and about 2.5 million jobs net. The reality is, over 14 million Americans are unemployed today and that’s exactly what it was a year ago. The American people know we can’t borrow and spend and bail our way back to a growing economy. ...Our economy is beginning to grow in a tepid way on the margins, I would argue, in spite of the prescriptions of the physicians in Washington, D.C.

“The American people know what is necessary to get this economy moving again. It’s fiscal discipline in Washington, D.C., and across-the-board tax relief for working families, small business and family farms. All we’re getting from the Democratic Majority in Congress and from this White House is more bailouts, more spending, more planned stimulus, more deficits and debt and the American people have had it.”

On the lack of leadership from the Obama Administration:

“The American people are frustrated with the lack of leadership out of this administration. Whether it’s the people of Arizona who have seen a lack of seriousness about border security or internal enforcement and have made a good faith effort to try and restore order to their communities. Whether it be the people of the Gulf Coast, Governor Bobby Jindal who has been clamoring now for months for energetic leadership or whether it’s millions of Americans at the county fair I was at last Friday night that were saying ‘When is this administration going to focus on getting spending under control and getting this economy moving with the time-honored principles of growth that previous Republican and Democrat administrations embraced?’

“I really do believe that what we are seeing is absence of leadership by this administration. As the elections approach this fall, the American people are looking for men and women who are committed to those timeless American principles to get the economy moving again, fiscal discipline in Washington, D.C., fast-acting tax relief for working families and policies that are grounded in the Constitution and limited government.”