



An excess of 'stuff'

Once the initial reactions are over from the elections, the U.S. stock market has an ever-increasing list of bearish factors to deal with, and no matter who won or lost, the elections will not have much of a positive impact. While the market may initially try to say Republicans are better for the market than Democrats, the financial mess we're only just starting to come to terms with came from decades of mismanagement from both sides of the political aisle.

There are numerous economic, social, political and spiritual issues facing us and there are no quick fixes nor solutions can we simply throw enough money at to make them go away. The bottom line is we've been living way beyond our means for years and have become obese -like. We can't simply drink some shake or undergo some surgery that removes the "fat" overnight.

The Eye of the Storm



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For several years, I've spoken about the core of the problem being too much stuff. Americans just have too much stuff. I have noted a simple observation that not only proved it, but would also be a sure sign we're on our way to fixing the problems.

Our parents and grandparents didn't have 4,000 or 5,000-plus square-foot homes, nor did they need to store excess stuff in public storage facilities. Yet today, those size houses are all too common and so is the fact that you can't drive too far without com-

ing across a public storage facility. Are we any happier than past generations thanks to all this stuff?

Many ideas will be presented to get us out of this mess but trust me, getting rid of lots of stuff and seeing public storage facilities close versus open will be a great sign. But don't hold your breath waiting for it as Americans are deeply in love with our possessions.