

## Ways the U.S. Government is Disappointing Small Business Owners



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### ...do you agree?

Yesterday [American Management Services](#) released results from a poll it conducted with Suffolk University that indicate that U.S. small business owners are not very happy with the government when it comes to small business affairs.

"The results are clear. Our country's 23 million small business owners are disappointed with the lack of action on their behalf," says American Management Services CEO George Cloutier.

Well only 400 rather than 23 million participated in the poll, but [the results](#) are still worth noting:

- 81% feel we are in an economic recession
- 78% feel economic stimulus checks are useless
- 86% say the federal government is doing "nothing" or "little" to help small businesses
- Labor costs and inflation considered much larger problems than healthcare
- 72% believe that the federal government is bailing out Wall Street and big business
- 80% have no idea what McCain's and Obama's platforms are on small business
- Romney and Clinton are overwhelming choice of VP candidates for small business owners
- 90% of small businesses did not participate in the administration's small business week
- 77% feel that the U.S. needs to open up the restricted oil reserves in Alaska, and off-shore in Florida and California

It's hard to consider this a completely accurate portrait of the entire country of business owners, but most of the results are not very surprising.

Do you think this is a close representation of the country's attitude? Are you in the majority when it comes to these opinions?