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houses and the President could agree on. The Republican dominated House wants to cut spending by cutting funds for governmental agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency that provides the nation with clean air and water.

Agencies that regulate and monitor the ways companies manufacture products for the American public are in danger of losing vital funding that provides safeguards for our own health and safety.

What are the American people saying about all this?

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It seems that the American public has contradictory views. In a Gallup poll most

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participants stated that the government is too involved with business, yet the majority also stated that they do not trust banks and big corporations due to distrust in ethics on how many corporations handle consumers money. It is a sort of "Catch 22" situation.

"The government has to do something. You can't expect people to regulate themselves. You can't give companies a free hand

at doing whatever they want to do. Safety is permanent. The government needs to regulate," said Professor Simmons.

Johnson and Johnson is being sued by the state of Oregon for selling over-the-counter drugs with incorrect labels about how much medication should be administered. Angio-Score INC, a company that produces eatheters, had to recall thousands of cases of angioplasty catheters in November. They were given a Class I recall rating in late January,

which means that failure to recall these items could result in irreversible illnesses, infection or death

The American people desperately need to make a choice. They either need to be for government regulation or against it. They both have their pros and cons. The government could implement too many regula-

tory laws and stifle growth in the economy or big corporations could bypass safety and health guidelines to put out products quicker and cheaper for greater profit.

President Obama recently announced at his speech in

Washington, for the Chamber of Commerce that he is for big business and wants to see them expand, yet he also feels that the American public will benefit with some government regulation.

President Obama said, "Even as we work to eliminate burdensome regulations, America's businesses have a responsibility to recognize that there are some safeguards and standards that are necessary to protect the American people from harm or exploita-

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