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Too much happened this week! Enjoy...

The cartoons mostly come from:

www.townhall.com/funnies.

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I attempt to post a new issue each Sunday by 5 or 6 pm central standard time (I sometimes fail at this attempt).

I try to include factual material only, along with my opinions (it should be clear which is which). I make an attempt to include as much of this week's news as I possibly can. The first set of columns are intentionally designed for a quick read.

I do not accept any advertising nor do I charge for this publication. I write this principally to blow off steam in a nation where its people seemed have collectively lost their minds.

And if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, always remember: **We do not struggle against flesh and**

blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12). If you do not believe in Jesus Christ, let me encourage you to do so: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man comes to the Father but through Me." "Believe in Me and you will have eternal life. Believe not, and the wrath of God will abide on you." (John 14:6 3:16).

This Week's Events

Aussie on hold with airline for 15 hours, while 10,000 bees [delay](#) a flight in the U.S.



CNN host and TIME editor Fareed Zakaria busted for [plagiarizing](#) paragraph on history of gun control from the New Yorker. TIME [suspends](#) him, issue apology admitting "terrible mistake" CNN [suspends](#) him as well.

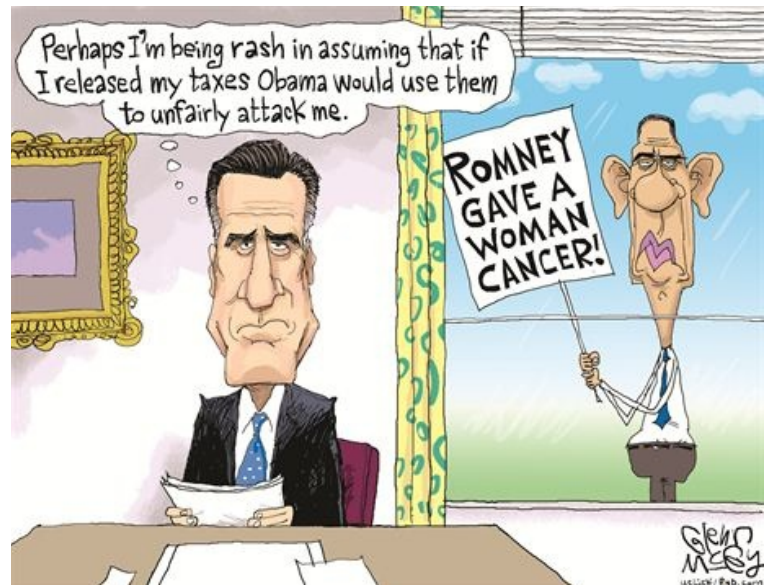
Casino magnate and GOP donor Sheldon Adelson has [filed a \\$60 million libel suit](#) against the National Jewish Democratic Council. The NJDC had demanded that Mitt Romney and other Republicans refuse donations from Adelson

because he had "personally approved of prostitution at his Macau resorts." The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee repeated the same claim, but backed down in response to Adelson's threat of a lawsuit, admitting that "the statements were untrue and unfair and we retract them."

The 2012 election:

The top political news is, Republican Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney [picked](#) Paul Ryan as his VP running mate.

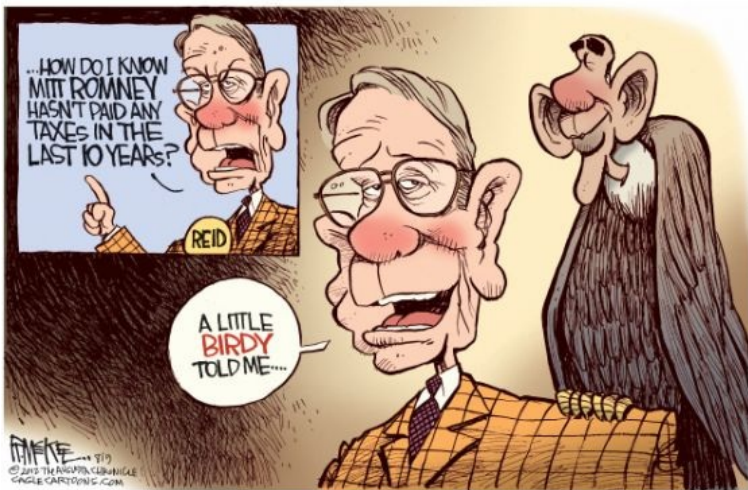
One heavily discussed [topic](#) this week was an Obama Super PAC Ad where there is a line drawn between Romney shutting down a steel mill and a man's wife later dying from cancer. This was despite the company being run by someone else at the time of the plant closing, the man being offered a buyout, and his wife dying in 2006, 5 years after GST Steel [closed down](#).



Massachusetts Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren's daughter [heads group](#) using taxpayer money to shuttle welfare recipients to the voting booths. How convenient.

Obama campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki acknowledged Thursday that the campaign was no longer pleading ignorance about the story of a man who has appeared in both a super PAC ad and a campaign ad. Previously, Robert Gibbs and Stephanie Cutter, Obama campaign people, claimed not to know any specifics.

The other story was that raised by Senate leader Harry Reid that possibly Romney did not pay any taxes for 10 years. Even the Washington Post gave him [4 Pinocchios](#) for that.



Elizabeth Warren [demanded](#) Monday that Senator Scott Brown release more of his tax returns. The only problem was that Brown, her Republican rival, had already released six years of tax returns while Warren has refused to release more than four years of her filings.

Massachusetts [mails out](#) 500K voter registration forms to welfare recipients, an effort led by former ACORN execs and the NAACP. Hmm, and which party would this benefit?

A nonpartisan election integrity group has sent legal notices to [160 counties](#) across the U.S. that it says have more voters on its registration rolls

than actual live, eligible voters - and thus represent potential hotbeds for election fraud, the organization told TheBlaze exclusively.

Labor unions plan to [send out](#) more than 300,000 volunteers later this month to canvass voters to support President Barack Obama's re-election.

Obama [chooses](#) Sandra Fluke to introduce him at a rally.



The economy:

Left-leaning economists often argue that the \$800 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was too small and that more stimulus is needed to get the economy going again. The real amount of fiscal stimulus pumped into the economy, however, may be [much higher](#). Tom Firey of the libertarian Cato Institute estimates that the U.S. has dumped at least \$2.5 trillion of fiscal stimulus into the economy since 2008.

A pro-amnesty group is [forecasting](#) that up to 1.76 million young illegal immigrants would get work permits under President Barack Obama's de facto amnesty announced in June, amid a stalled

economy and near-record levels of unemployment.

Some time ago, the [feds raided](#) two Gibson Guitar manufacturing locations, over suspicion of the importation of illegal wood. The fed came into both locations brandishing firearms. Gibson had someone hired to make certain that what they did is legal. Gibson agreed to pay \$300,000. Their legal fees so far were around \$2.5 million and a court decision would cause them to pay twice that amount for the legal defense. *As the government [concedes in the agreement](#), "certain questions and inconsistencies now exist regarding" the legality of the Indian wood. Consequently, the government has resolved that it "will not undertake enforcement actions related to Gibson's future orders, purchases, or imports of [wood] from India, unless and until the Government of India provides specific clarification" regarding its legality or illegality.* This sounds a lot to me like, the government is not sure now if Gibson did anything wrong, but, they did get a settlement out of Gibson.

Our government at work:

Transgender activists are cheering a new memo from the Department of Health and Human Services that will bar health care [discrimination](#) against transgendered people by companies receiving federal dollars. This could potentially drive up healthcare costs tremendously.

Local matters:

Poway Unified School District in the San Diego, CA area, has done what, at first [appears to be](#) a normal bond issue. In 2008, voters had given the district permission to borrow more money to finish its modernization, and they had received a big promise from the elected school board in return: No tax increases. But they were creative, so that they would pay back interest only for a long period of time. So, for borrowing \$105 million in 2011, taxpayers will end up paying

investors more than \$981 million by 2051, or almost 10 times what the district borrowed. That's wildly more expensive than a typical school bond, in which a district pays back two or maybe three times what it borrowed.

Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown [slammed](#) his own state for spending \$275,000 on what he described as a politically motivated push to send voter registration letters to people on welfare.

Joan Rivers seems to think her [first amendment rights](#) insure that she can get her book offered for sale at Costco.

Liberals love irony:

Female employees of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) earn significantly less than their male counterparts, a Washington Free Beacon [analysis](#) has found.



News off the news grid:

President Obama is [fast-tracking](#) seven federal wind and solar projects as the administration touts its energy policies amid GOP criticism over green investments and rising gas prices.

Organizers for the National Democratic Convention [are looking for](#) people's stories that need to be told, including: "Don't Ask Don't Tell: Gay soldier and fellow (straight) soldier who served together in Iraq or Afghanistan (ideally the straight soldier was helped by the gay soldier, i.e., medic, in fire fight). Planned Parenthood: Husband who talks about how a PAP smear saved his wife's life and his spouse. Immigration: Two young people from the same family, one who was born here, the other a few years older who was not. Choice: A couple who has children, but wants to make their own decisions, not have the government do it for them (or who has confronted a difficult medical situation)."

Drug cartel operatives used weapons from [Operation Fast and Furious](#) in a failed attempt to assassinate a high-ranking Mexican law enforcement official

Homeland Security boss Janet Napolitano is being [sued](#) by an official who claims she gave a less-qualified woman with whom she has a 'long-standing relationship' a job over him. The suit also accuses Napolitano of turning the department into a female-run 'frat house' where male staffers were routinely humiliated and on the receiving end of 'sexually charged games'.

Yesterday's news...

Rep. Allen West reportedly offended the entire Congressional Black Caucus when he delivered a selection of [Chick-fil-A](#) chicken and biscuits to the members' weekly meeting. CBC Chairman Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) told The Huffington Post that, despite the incident happening six months ago, it is still fresh in their minds and every member was offended.

Emails obtained by The Daily Caller show that the U.S. Treasury Department, led by Timothy Geithner, was the [driving force](#) behind terminating the pensions of 20,000 salaried

retirees at the Delphi auto parts manufacturing company.

President Obama's staff [arranged](#) for him to be personally briefed last summer on a loan program to help clean-energy companies, two months before the program was thrust into headlines by the collapse of its flagship, the solar company Solyndra, records show.

The Gay Agenda:

Amtrak and Homosexual promotion groups form an [alliance](#).



Gay group [calls for boycott](#) of Amway over CEO's support for traditional marriage.

Over there:

French Socialist President intends to [tax](#) the wealthy at 75%. That should work out well, don't you think?

They're just like us:

Saudi Arabia is to build a new city [exclusively for women](#). The Gulf kingdom is working on the narrow junction between strict Sharia law and the aspirations of active females who wish to pursue their own careers.

Three American special forces soldiers [were shot dead by a man in Afghan uniform](#) in what appeared to be the latest incident of local forces turning their weapons on their foreign allies. The Americans were killed after being invited to dinner to discuss security in Sangin district of Helmand on Thursday evening.

The Islamic Religious Council in Malaysia criminally [prosecute](#) non-Muslims for trying to spread their faith among Muslims in the country. Malaysia is known as one of the moderate Muslim countries.

Iraqi authorities are [on the verge](#) of releasing a leading Shi'ite terrorist wanted by the United States for the killing of American soldiers there, but the Obama administration maintains that the U.S. has "a good and robust and strategic partnership" with Baghdad. The case of [Ali Musa Daqduq](#), one of the most senior Hezbollah figures ever to have been in U.S. custody, threatens to become a heated political issue in the U.S., with Republican critics accusing the administration of botching the affair.

At least 3,898 people have [lost their lives](#) in terrorist violence in Pakistan during the first seven months of the year.

The Obama administration, in a move aimed at reviving Afghan peace talks, has sweetened a proposed deal under which it would [transfer](#) Taliban detainees from Guantanamo Bay prison in exchange for a U.S. soldier held by Taliban allies in Pakistan.

Say What?

Liberals:

President Obama to some Olympic wrestlers: "You know, for wrestlers you smell pretty good."

Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), remembering that, six months ago, conservative Allen West brought

Chick-fil-A food in for the Congressional Black Caucus to eat: "We have fried chicken. And we have catfish and BBQ. We do not have watermelon, although sometimes people will have fruit. We serve a full course meal with collard greens. We have Jamaican beans and rice...[But West] sent Chick-fil-A with biscuits. Ok? That was an 'in your face.' Every member of the Congressional Black Caucus that was there was offended." 6 months ago. He's still [offended](#) and talking about it.



Liberals on the economy:

President Obama: "And listen the reason we do that is not because we love paying taxes, I would end up having to pay more under my plan, and it's not like I love paying taxes, but I understand that I have to do more, I've been so blessed and invest in things like education that will help us grow the economy."

President Obama: "I said, I believe in American workers, I believe in this American industry, and now the American auto industry has come roaring back. Now I want to do the same thing with manufacturing jobs, not just in the auto industry, but in every industry."

President Obama: "[W]e've come too far to turn back now. We've got too much more work to do. We've got too many good jobs we've got to create. We've got too many teachers we still need to hire. We've got too many schools we need to rebuild."



Liberals on Obamacare:

Obama campaign person, Stephanie Cutter: "...on top of the savings we've already achieved; you know, I heard Mitt Romney deride the \$700 billion cuts in Medicare that the president achieved through healthcare reform." Which, the legislation never did anything which actually cut this or that wasteful portion of Medicare; they just legislatively reduced their budget by that amount.

Liberals going green:

Senate leader Harry Reid: "These people [who oppose the Democrat "green agenda"] aren't just on the other side of this debate. They're on the other side of reality. It's time for us all - whether we're leaders in Washington, members of the media, scientists, academics, environmentalists or utility industry executives - to stop acting like those who ignore the crisis or deny it exists entirely have a valid point of view. They don't."

Virtually every respected, independent scientist in the world agrees the problem is real, and the time to act is now. Not tomorrow. Not a week from now. Not next month or next year. We must act today."

Liberals going pink:

CodePink email: "CODEPINK is asking activists and artists across the nation to submit artistic representations of vaginas for us to deliver to the Republican Headquarters in Tampa. Draw out a message that the Republicans need to see bright and bold! We suggest you create vagina artwork on 8 1/2" x 11" fabric or paper. We will quilt the art together to carry in the March on the RNC on August 27th. We are also calling for vagina costumes that we can wear in the streets. Is sewing your passion? Do you love repurposing thrift store finds? We'd love to wear your costume!"



Liberal war on Christianity:

President Obama: "Thomas Jefferson once held a sunset dinner here with an envoy from Tunisia - perhaps the first Iftar at the White House, more than 200 years ago. And some of you, as you

arrived tonight, may have seen our special display, courtesy of our friends at the Library of Congress - the Koran that belonged to Thomas Jefferson. And that's a reminder, along with the generations of patriotic Muslims in America, that Islam - like so many faiths - is part of our national story." Muslims make up [less than 1%](#) of the population of the United States. Although Thomas Jefferson owned a Koran, this appears to be more for his general education, rather than giving ascent to anything found in the Koran. Jefferson [went to war](#) against the Muslims, against their Barbary pirates of that time period (if memory serves, I did an article on this some time ago in an [old CR](#)).

The Liberal agenda:

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka on the White House approving the Keystone XL pipeline project in Obama's second term: "A lot of people try to say it is either/or. Either you do the project or you destroy the environment. I think there is a way to do things both ways. Where you can do things without destroying the environment. I think that project and others have every chance of success doing it the right way." Or, simply elect Romney, so it's a sure thing.

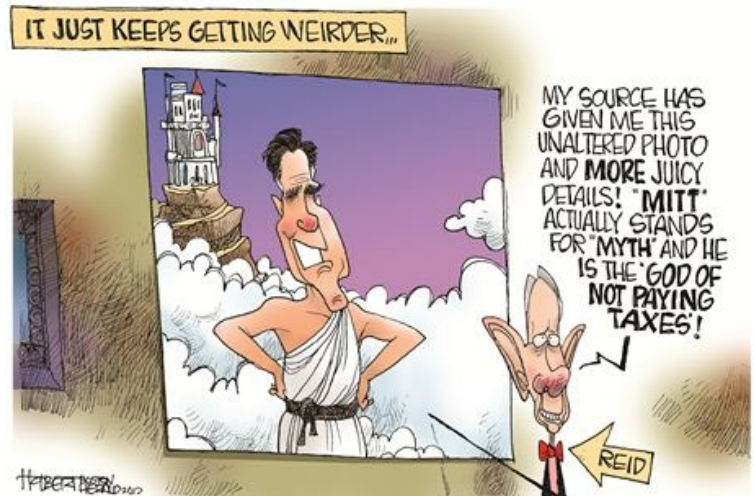
Liberals on the 2012 election:

First Lady Michelle Obama: "So if you're making calls, knocking on doors, bring that friend, **that little lazy friend**, bring them."

Michelle Obama: "All of us know that one person in our lives, that one **knucklehead nephew** who's not registered to vote; that one neighbor who's not really payin' attention; or that one person in your office that's **confused** about how Barack's tax plan will benefit that individual." There's a tax plan?

Michelle Obama: "Are you ready for this? Are you ready to roll up your sleeves, find that one person? Shake them up. Get them involved."

A top aide to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) Jose Parra, regarding the person who told Reid about Mitt Romney not paying taxes for 10 years: "This person is an investor in Bain Capital, a Republican also, and somebody who has been dealing with Romney's company for a long, long time and he has direct knowledge of this."



Fred Thompson, former Republican candidate in the 2008 primary: "Reid in an example of the 'Peter Principle.' He's now revealed for the tiny, little vicious man that he is."

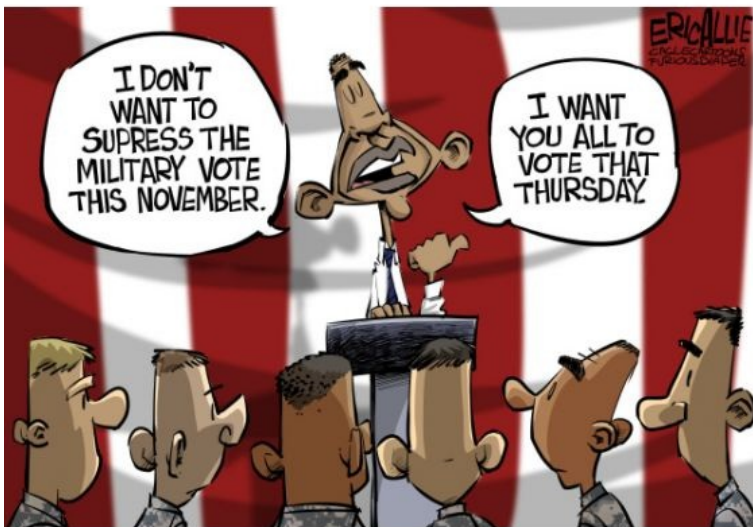
Parra later said: "I do not know the party affiliation of the source, how long he invested with Bain, or his relationship to Romney beyond the fact that he was an investor with Bain Capital, as Senator Reid has previously stated."

House minority leader Nancy Pelosi: "Bless their hearts, they [Republicans] act upon their beliefs—it's an ideology—we shouldn't have a government role. So reduce the police, the fire, the teachers; reduce the role. Give tax cuts to the high end and that will stimulate the economy and everything will be good. And I say to them, 'Do you have children who breathe the air? Do you have grandchildren who drink water?' ...if

you could depend on the government for one thing, it was that you had to be able to trust the water that our kids drank and the food that they ate; but this is the e coli club—they do not want to spend money to do that."



Obama 2012 tweet: Why does Mitt Romney want to restrict voting rights for more than 900,000 Ohio veterans?



Don't blame Islam:

U.S. Attorney Eric Holder, speaking at the Sikh Temple shooting memorial service in Oak Creek,

Wis.: "For our nation's law enforcement community, our resolve to prevent acts of terrorism and to combat crimes motivated by hatred has never been stronger, and that is precisely what happened here - **an act of terrorism, an act of hatred, a hate crime** that is anathema to the founding principles of our nation and to who we are as an American people." I don't know many who would argue with that. Yet, Nidal Hassan's massacre at Fort Hood is still labeled "Workplace violence."

It's all about racism...

Montana Dem. Gov. Brian Schweitzer: "All over Montana, you can walk into a bar, a café or even a school or a courthouse and just listen for a while as people talk to each other. And you will hear somebody, before very long, say something outrageously racist about the people who've lived in Montana for 10,000 years."

MSNBC's Chris Matthews: "The pictures of the wholesome family there concerned about welfare cheating are white people. And the implication here is pretty clear that the people that are getting these welfare checks without working are not white people. This is the old stuff that Romney is resorting to here. It's familiar territory. It's Willie Horton's stuff it's the same old stuff Reagan used to engage in, talk about welfare queens and young bucks waiting in line with their food stamps to get vodka. I lived through all of that stuff. I know all the code. This is code."

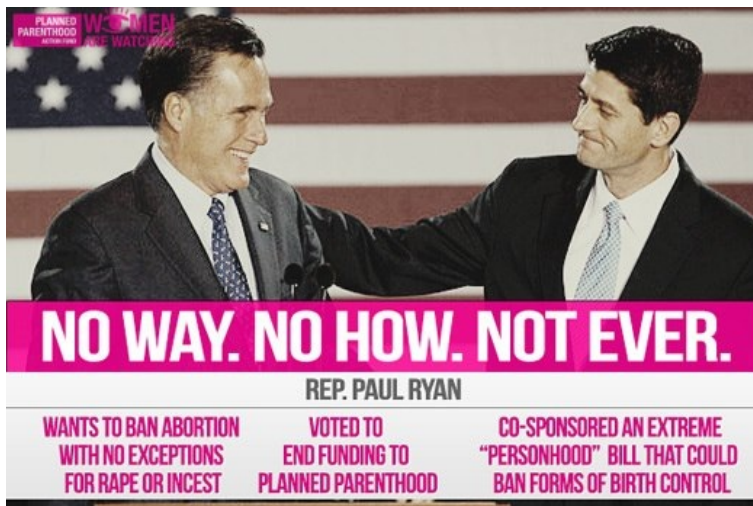
One of the New Black Panthers: "Hell, all of you gettin' ready to go give your vote, what are you votin' for? You gettin' ready now-gearin' up to go get ya some Mitt Romney in ya life or revote for Obama - what the hell are ya votin' for? If we don't have land, bread, clothing, housing, freedom, justice and equality, what the hell are ya votin' for? Rick Santorum. Rick Santorum is a racist. He's gonna win amongst the conservative racists. He's gonna win amongst the evangelical

Tea Party voters, those that are easy to hang black people from trees.”

The War on Women continues...

President Obama: "When it comes to a woman's right to make her own health care choices, they want to take us back to the policies more suited to the 1950s than the 21st Century."

Planned Parenthood blared in a big hot pink headline on its web site: "Tell Ryan: No way, no how, hot ever;" adding "It's no surprise: Mitt Romney has picked a running mate who's just as bad as he is on issues affecting women's health and rights."



The Compliant Obama Press Corps:

New York Times Magazine article title: "What's So Bad about a Boy Who Wants to Wear a Dress?" This is a 5,500-word [celebration](#) of boys breaking traditional gender boundaries.

MSNBC's Chris Matthews: "[Paul Ryan] comes out with his budget that basically gives a great break to the richest people in the country, and really screws the people who desperately need Medicare and programs like that..."

MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell of Romney picking Paul Ryan as VP: "This is not a pick for suburban moms. This is not a pick for women."

Politico's Jonathan Martin about Romney's choice of Paul Ryan: "Flipping --burgers at McDonald's, steering the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, slinging cheap margaritas, and toning abs and pecs. That's about the extent of Rep. Paul Ryan's private sector experience."

New Yorker's Ryan Lizza on Paul Ryan: "For one thing, Ryan has no significant private-sector experience. Besides summer jobs working at McDonald's or at his family's construction company, or waiting tables as a young Washington staffer, Ryan has none of the business-world experience Romney frequently touts as essential for governing." Private sector experience? Never a concern 4 years ago.

Christopher Rugaber at the Associated Press: "GOP candidate Mitt Romney has criticized Obama for failing to cut the deficit in half, as he pledged to do during his 2008 campaign." You may read that and wonder, what's the problem with that? The problem is, this was a promise that Obama made *after* becoming president as well. A campaign promise may not always be doable, but a presidential promise is a whole different thing.

Huffington Post [headline](#): "Mitt Romney Started Bain Capital With Money From Families Tied To Death Squads"

MSNBC Analyst Jonathan Alter: "What the press should be focused on is what are the consequences of repeal of Obamacare, and the consequences, as Mike just indicated, are death. Repeal equals death. That is not an exaggeration. That is not crying fire. It's a simple fact, if you have preexisting conditions, and you are thrown off of health insurance or if you get sick after you or your husband, spouse, loses the job, you're not going to go to the doctor as soon, your cancer or

disease is not going to be caught as quickly, and your odds of dying are much, much increased. So Obamacare will save, literally, thousands of lives."

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow on a Romney ad on the increase in welfare: "...strategically, it seems to be part of the Romney campaign's new bid to try to change the subject away from what everybody else has been talking about for weeks now, which is their own candidate's refusal to release his tax returns. This is a new gambit from the campaign, part of an effort to start talking about anything, anything else, even if it is what I believe to be obvious dog whistle racism in this newest campaign gambit."

Liberal Celebrities:

Cher tweet: I don't care what any1 thinks!! hate these Republicans who r making women have babies even in cases of RAPE & INCEST! Contraception is

Cher [slightly censored] tweet: No prenatal care For women who can't afford 2care of themselves& their babies & theres more ! F___ THESE OLD WHITE MEN who couldnt laid

If you love Cher, there are more [here](#).

Roseanne Barr tweet (she is running for president as a socialist): Cindy Sheehan and I want you to help us bring the issue of socialist solutions to the dialogue of this election cycle!

Harry Belafonte, when asked whether he'd like Romney to win the election: "Only if I would like to see the end of civilization. No, absolutely not."

Comedian D.L. Hughley: "I think he was surprised that the right wing would actually let this country fall apart just to get the black guy out of office. I don't think he realized how we as a country have not gotten that far race-wise. White people are cool with black people at work, living in the

neighborhood and having a few as friends. But let someone black marry their daughter or let a black man run the free world and you see the real feelings. I think Obama thought everyone would come together for the good of the country. He believed that people are basically patriotic. They are until there's a black head of state."

Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein: "You can make the case that [Obama is] the Paul Newman of American presidents."

Comedian and actor Zach Galifianakis: "We talked about politics constantly in my family growing up in North Carolina. There were always debates. Being of Greek background, it's in our blood to drink coffee and talk politics...A lot of times, these 'regular people' have good intentions, but they are not that qualified..I understand Tea Partyers' anger with the system, but they are in way over their heads and often racially motivated, and I can't be part of that."

Actress Elizabeth Banks: "Planned Parenthood was my health care provider when I didn't have insurance after graduating from college. Yes, I got birth control, but it was for my massive migraine headaches and my heavy flow. Yeah, I'm on the record saying I had a heavy flow. And unfortunately, these are the types of things I don't want to discuss with employers. I don't want to talk about that with my employer. That's between me and my doctor."

Russell Simmons tweet: Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, two men who will destroy our people...

Film director Spike Lee: "[Obama] was a savior...Look, I don't care who it was. Expectations were way too high...a Congress that's solidified as saying, 'Whatever you do, we're blocking that. We're blocking, and every breath we take, we're going to do what we can that you don't get a second term. Bottom line. And if it hurts America in the process, tough business.' ...Look, the man's not perfect. Who's

perfect?" So, Spike Lee is getting the Democratic talking points now?

Benjamin Gibbard, singer and songwriter for Death Cab For Cutie and The Postal Service: "Obama is the first president in U.S. history to acknowledge the right of gay couples to marry and enjoy the full benefits of marriage in the eyes of the law."

Liberals fixing global warming:

Adam Werbach, the former President of the Sierra Club and currently serves as the Chief Sustainability Officer at Saatchi & Saatchi: "Obama is the first President in a generation to make a car go further on a gallon of gas."

Bat-guano crazy:

Nancy Pelosi: "He's (Bush) saying something to the effect of we're so glad to welcome you here, congratulations and I know you'll probably have some different things to say about what is going on-which is correct. But, as he was saying this, he was fading and this other thing was happening to me. My chair was getting crowded in," said Pelosi. "I swear this happened, never happened before, it never happened since. My chair was getting crowded in and I couldn't figure out what it was, it was like this. And then I realized Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Alice Paul, Sojourner Truth, you name it, they were all in that chair, they were. More than I named and I could hear them say: 'At last we have a seat at the table.' And then they were gone."

Liberals from the past:

Barack Obama, earlier this year, on the Paul Ryan budget proposal: "It's a Trojan Horse. Disguised as [a] deficit reduction plan, it's really an attempt to impose a radical vision on our country. It's nothing but thinly-veiled Social Darwinism. It's antithetical to our entire history as a land of

opportunity and upward mobility for everyone who's willing to work for it - a place where prosperity doesn't trickle down from the top, but grows outward from the heart of the middle class. And by gutting the very things we need to grow an economy that's built to last - education and training; research and development - it's a prescription for decline."

Obama campaign spokesman Bill Burton: "How does it strengthen our country to pollute our politics with false and mean-spirited attacks?" Burton is responsible for the "Romney killed the laid-off worker's wife" ad.



Liberal civility:

James Walsh, a Las Vegas resident who initiated the signature-gathering on MoveOn's petition website, SignOn.org: "As an American citizen, I think it is our right to see that a person who is running for President of the United States has paid their income taxes in full." Because the IRS probably never checks this stuff out.

Mark Bittman, a New York Times food critic: "Speaking of pigs, the VP of PR for Chick-fil-A

dropped dead of a heart attack the week after the chain's latest homophobia/anti-gay marriage scandal. Here's an obit, and here's more about him. Meanwhile, Chick-fil-A had record-breaking profits after its President, Dan Cathy, drew a line in the sand over same-sex marriage." He has since apologized for this remark.



Muslims:

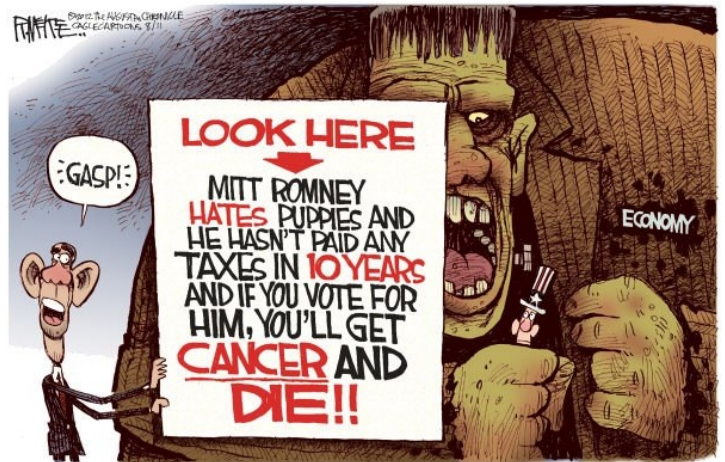
Egyptian cleric Sallah Sultan, the founder of the Ohio-based American Center for Islamic Research: "I travel all over the world, and I met supporters of Al-Aqsa, of the prisoners, of Jerusalem, and of Palestine - people who thirst for the blood of the Jews, and who are eager for the promised war against the sons of Zion, until Palestine is liberated in its entirety. [...] Under the previous [Egyptian] regime over 30,000 Zionists entered Egypt every month, defiling its land. The Egyptian police were forced to protect them, while they were getting drunk and picking fights. . There was a great scandal, when [alleged Israeli spy] Misrati and some Jews entered Egypt, in order to commit all kinds of crimes here: counterfeit dollars, taking photographs of military bases, girls with AIDS seducing young Egyptians in order to infect them, and the vilest act of all - for

the price of one Egyptian pound Misrati and his gang would seduce young Egyptian boys from Cairo, Alexandria and Upper Egypt. They took young children who did not know any better and sodomized them."

Liberals making sense:

President Barack Obama: "Today is the three year anniversary of Sonia Sotomayor taking her seat on the Supreme Court. Yesterday was the two-year anniversary of Elena Kagan taking her seat on the Supreme Court. So, let's be very clear, the next president could tip the balance of the court in a way that turns back the clock for women and families for decades to come." When he's right, he's right.

Mark Halperin, on MSNBC, on the Romney-cancer ad: "This is about as low as either side has gone and I think the people who made it are probably privately remorseless. It's a despicable ad."



Huffington Post writer Sam Stein: "This is like so beyond what we need to discuss...This just I think takes it too far."

Liberals being honest:

Lanny Davis, a former top adviser to President Bill Clinton, about the Romney killed the guy's wife

ad: "Bill Burton needs to go back to ethics school. He knows perfectly well that the ad is misleading and disgusting and he needs to apologize for it."

Moderates/Affiliation Unknown:

From the [Urban dictionary](#): "Harry Reid "A sexual position where you climb on top and then do absolutely nothing. Named for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). Under his lack of leadership, the Senate failed to pass a budget in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. He also blocked votes on numerous jobs bills passed by the House of Representatives."



The Urban dictionary: "Harry Reid: An unofficial rap sheet of alleged pederasty and sexual abuse of minors by anonymous sources that may not exist. Named for Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) after an explosion of reports surfaced online and on the airwaves, that Senate is a serial pederast. The outlets reporting the allegations all protected the anonymity of their sources, and no one knows if the allegations are true, but they're out there. A spokesperson for Reid declined to deny them."

Baltimore archbishop William E. Lori: "The question to ask is this: Are any of the candidates of either party, or independents, standing for something that is intrinsically evil, evil no matter what the circumstances? If that's the case, a Catholic, regardless of his party affiliation, shouldn't be voting for such a person."

Abortion doctor Ashutosh Ron Virmani, when [confronted](#) by members of the National Black Pro-Life union: "I don't wish to pay for the baby with my money...I as taxpayer do not wish for those babies to be born and brought up and to kill those people in Colorado...go ahead, let me see you adopt one of those ugly black babies." A man who apparently embraces the ideals of Margaret Sanger.

Crossfire:

CNN's Wolf Blitzer: It's inaccurate, it's not responsible, it's misleading-you're still going to go ahead and play it.

Obama SuperPAC head Bill Burton: Well, Wolf, just like we just talked about: What this ad does is tell the story of one guy and the impact that Mitt Romney had on him.

BLITZER: It's misleading to tell-

BURTON: Well, this is your opinion. But, but-

BLITZER: Most independent fact-checkers, and we're independent-

BURTON: What fact in that ad is wrong?

BLITZER: The impression that you get that he killed her.

BURTON: So you're saying that that's an impression.

BLITZER: Anyone who watches that 60-second ad comes away and says, "Mitt Romney's

responsible, at least indirectly, for this lovely woman's death."

BURTON: I just don't think that's true. And we would never make that case. The point of the ad-

BOLDUAN: Well then, the ad fails, because that's the message you take away from it, Bill. Whatever message was intended in this commercial is not-nobody hears.

BURTON: It's clearly lost on some folks, make no mistake about that. But the truth is, is that what this ad is about, is what Mitt Romney wants his campaign to be about.



From the [Washington Free Beacon](#) which includes the video.

President Obama: "You've got these SuperPAC's that are just, just goin' crazy." Perhaps not know that this ad was out there.

Priorities USA, run by Bill Burton, who used to work in the White House, puts out an anti-Romney ad that suggests that Romney may have, in part, caused the death of a man's wife, and DNC head Debbie Wasserman-Schultz is not sure of the party affiliation of Priorities USA? Are you flipping kidding me?

John Roberts: "You probably saw we were talking with John McCain a couple of minutes ago. We aired a little bit of that Priorities USA ad. Should the Democrats be releasing an ad that accuses a presidential candidate of being responsible--through inference--of being responsible for a woman's death?"

Debbie Wasserman-Schultz: "Well, first of all, that's a Priorities USA, it's not a Democratic ad--"

Roberts: "I understand--"

Wasserman-Schultz: "--a Priorities USA Super PAC ad, which we had nothing to do with it."

Roberts: "Do you deny that they're Democrats?"

Wasserman-Schultz: "I have no idea of the political affiliation of folks who are associated with that Super PAC."

Roberts: "Bill Burton, who used to work in the White House, who worked for the Obama campaign in 2008?"

Wasserman-Schultz: "That is a Super PAC ad that is not affiliated with the Obama campaign or the party."

D Wasserman Schultz later tweets: Clearly Priorities USA is a Democratic SuperPAC. Was trying to state the obvious: we have no control over their activities.

Question: "Conservative super PAC, American Crossroads, has a new video -- or a new ad. It calls on President Obama to denounce the ad by Priorities -- the main pro-President Obama super PAC that links Mitt Romney to the death of a steelworker's wife. Do you have a response to the ad?"

WH Press secretary Jay Carney: "I am not aware of the new super PAC ad that you reference. I find it rich with irony. But I'm wondering if -- there's so many different groups out there -- if that particular Republican super PAC is urging itself or some other -- the Republican candidate or some other Republican leader to denounce the other third-party Republican super PAC ad that questions whether or not the President is an American citizen." Huh?

Question: "But this is the super PAC that President Obama in February said to his --"

BARK OBAMA - The Lying Dog!

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basically to his top bundlers it's okay to move forward supporting this super PAC. Don't you at some point have to say something to make this go away? I mean, this is the fourth day that you've gotten questions on this."

Carney: "We cannot -- we do not control third-party ads."

Q: "But you could say something."

Carney: "What this President is focused on is what he can do as President, and what his message is about what our economic future can be and should be as he campaigns around the country. Again, perhaps others should then -- it should be incumbent on others to give evaluations and assessments and condemnations, if called for, of other ads that you judge out of line. What this President is focused on is helping the economy grow, helping it create jobs. And when he is out there campaigning, he is bringing a message about what his vision is for the future. That's what he is focused on, and as he should be."

Deputy campaign manager Stephanie Cutter: "I don't know the facts about when Mr. Soptic's wife got sick or the facts about his health insurance." Ms. Cutter was denying knowing

anything about the Soptic ad, which essentially accused Romney of killing this man's wife.

Obama campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki: "...we don't have any knowledge of the story of the family."

It has since become clear that nearly everyone in the Obama campaign seemed to know about it.

Romney spokesperson Andrea Saul: "To that point, if people had been in Massachusetts, under Gov. Romney's health care plan, they would have had health care."

Ann Coulter on Saul's response: "This moron—she should be off the campaign."

Amanda Henneberg, a spokesperson for the Romney campaign, in a statement: "President Obama's campaign has been caught lying about its knowledge concerning a vicious smear run by his Super PAC. And now, they have doubled down with another dishonorable and dishonest attack. In 2008, candidate Obama said 'you make a big election about small things' when you don't have a record to run on. Since President Obama can't run on record unemployment, falling incomes, and massive debt, he has decided to run a dirty campaign that is an affront to everything he claims to stand for."

Roger Simon, Politico on a Romney ad to restore the welfare to work approach: "But I think that's the dog whistle in this ad."

Gordon Peterson, PBS Host: "Anybody else hear a dog whistle?"

Charles Krauthammer: "Any time a real issue is brought up here, all of a sudden it's a silent dog whistle that only liberals hear. If Barack Obama had been white like say Bill Clinton, and he had

done this, you would have the same attacks. Clinton's the guy who passed the law in the first place. Was that a dog whistle? Was he a racist?"

The editor in chief of Black Enterprise: "Black unemployment still stands at nearly 14%. How do you communicate that the economy is headed in the right direction?"

President Obama: "Most economists will tell you that there is no doubt the economy has gotten stronger, but we are digging ourselves out a deep hole. There are a lot more things we could be doing. To get them done, we need cooperation of Congress. We got the payroll tax portion of [my American Jobs Act] done, but what we didn't get done is the assistance I was proposing to the states to help them hire back teachers, firefighters, and first responders, because one of the weakest parts of this recovery has been state and local government hiring. Given the weaknesses of the construction industry, the American Jobs Act proposed that we rebuild schools, roads, bridges, airport, and ports. That would provide small businesses with opportunities as contractors and vendors in this rebuilding process. Again, Congress needs to act."

Anti-Allen West has an ad with him [punching out](#) various people in the boxing ring.

Allen West: "There would be national outrage. That's part of the duplicitous hypocrisy that comes with the liberal left. They believe that they can do anything, especially if you're a black conservative...Where's the outrage from Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton and the NAACP about this? They're not going to say anything because they're nothing but an effective wing of the Democratic Party."

NAACP spokesman Hilary Sheldon: "Racist is not a term I would utilize to sum up this commercial," Sheldon told The Huffington Post. "It looks like a traditional, political, partisan commercial. The language utilized doesn't present Allen West as a stereotype of an African American. The ad has him looking very well groomed, a serious look on his face and he's wearing a suit. The only thing superimposed is a boxing glove as a symbolic analysis of his policies being inconsistent with the values of retirees, women and African-American families."

Herman Cain tweet: Dem PAC ad Disparaging @AllenWest is Distasteful and Dishonest.

Van Jones, former Green Czar for Obama: "This [Chick-fil-A thing] became not an issue about marriage equality, it became an issue about free speech, and appropriately so. Once the mayor stepped in."

George Stephanopoulos: "You think that was a mistake."

Jones: "I think it was a huge mistake, because once the mayor stepped in and said we're going to use the power of the government to punish people because they have a different opinion, then the entire country had to stand against that kind of abuse of authority. However, I think, citizen boycotts of Chick-fil-a or any other company that you do not agree with, that's appropriate. Citizen boycotts are appropriate."



Government stepping in, not appropriate. “ What? I find myself agreeing with Van Jones?

Conservatives:

George Will, on the so-called demise of the TEA party: “[This is] Another example of journalistic malpractice in this country - the constant writing off of the TEA Party, which just goes about its business of electing senators. They'll elect Cruz, they'll probably elect Mourdock in Indiana, they'll probably elect Deb Fischer in Nebraska. Often, George, the most interesting and important fights in American politics aren't between the parties, they're within the parties. People say about Ted Cruz, well, he's part of the anti-intellectual TEA Party. Well, Princeton, Harvard, clerked for Justice Rehnquist, I don't think so. Then, they say, well, he doesn't play well with others. And people in Texas say, he doesn't play well with others? Send him to Washington.”

Mitt Romney: “Join me in welcoming the next president of the United States, Paul Ryan.”



Paul Ryan, Mitt Romney's newly picked vice president: “This is the worst economic recovery in 70 years. Unemployment has been above 8 percent for more than three years, the longest run since the Great Depression. Families are hurting. We have the largest deficits and the biggest federal government since WWII. Nearly 1 out of 6 Americans are in poverty--the worst rate in a generation. Moms and dads are struggling to make ends meet. Household incomes have dropped by more than \$4,000 over the past four years. **Whatever the explanations, whatever the excuses, this is a record of failure.**”

Paul Ryan: “But America is more than just a place...it's an idea. It's the only country founded on an idea. **Our rights come from nature and God, not government.** We promise equal opportunity, not equal outcomes. This idea is founded on the principles of liberty, freedom, free enterprise, self-determination and government by consent of the governed. This idea is under assault. So, we have a critical decision to make as a nation.”

Paul Ryan: “The commitment Mitt Romney and I make to you is this: We won't duck the tough issues...we will lead! We won't blame others...we will take responsibility! We won't replace our founding principles...we will reapply them!”

Paul Ryan: “They're [the Obama administration] more concerned about the next election than they are of the next generation.”

Erick Erickson of [RedState](#): “Picking Paul Ryan must be the beginning of a campaign shake up, not the end.”

Paul Gigot of the WSJ, of Paul Ryan: “I think he has an executive mentality.”

Romney surrogate John Sununu on CNN: “Obama hasn't passed a budget in four years, he's a wuss. Obama has rejected the recommendation of his own Simpson-Bowles, on a budget package, he's a wuss. He wants to lead from behind, he's a

wuss!" He was referencing Ed Rendell's book is "A Nation of Wusses."

Mitt Romney: "I don't want [for the United States] to become Europe."

Rick Lowry [to](#) Rachel Maddow: "Republicans should go on offense on Medicare, because the president as part of ObamaCare passed \$700 billion in cuts in Medicare. And Romney wants to repeal ObamaCare, including those cuts...The fact is, Rachel, if a Republican were proposing \$700 billion, had passed \$700 billion in Medicare cuts, you'd be savaging that president for their brutality to seniors."

the end of that meeting, there was nothing left, so I don't know what Congressman Hastings is talking about."

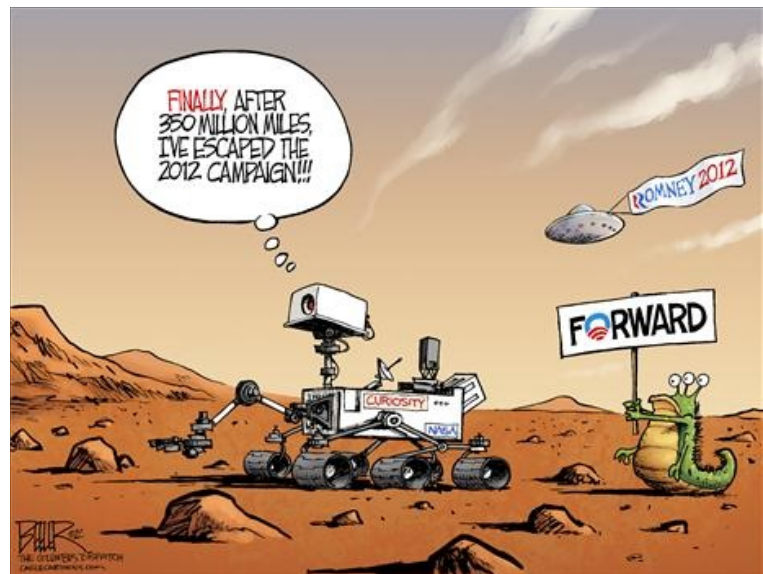
Rep. Joe Walsh: "There is a radical strain of Islam, in this county—it's not just over there—who try to kill Americans every week."

Dennis Miller: "The footage from Mars looks a little shaky to me. Why send a camera to Mars for footage that looks like DeLorean buying blow, when I can just throw my iPhone out the car window near Barstow. I wish we'd see something really cool coming out of Mars, like a squirrel waterskiing."

PAUL RYAN FACTS

Over the next few days you will hear many distortions about the "Ryan Plan" as the left gets nervous. Some facts:

1. Paul Ryan actually produced a budget. He did his job. Can the Democrats in the Senate say that? No. They have not produced a budget in three years.
2. The Ryan Plan did NOT change benefits for seniors, or anyone who would become a senior for ten years. They were "Grandfathered" in.
3. Paul Ryan's plan was the ONLY plan scored by the CBO that kept medicare from being bankrupt.
4. Under the Ryan plan AND Romney's current plan the highest earners would still have the highest tax rates. Nobody is cutting any taxes for the rich.



Allen West, after finding out the Alcee Hastings was still complaining about Chick-fil-A food that he brought the CBC 6 months ago: "It is the American taxpayers' dollars being used. I don't feel like it's my responsibility to go out and get steak and lobster tails for the members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Chick-fil-A was sumthin' that I brought in for that lunch, and, at

Dennis Miller on the new socialist president of France who wants a 75% tax rate on the rich: "It's appropriate that the new [French] president's name is Hollande because that's where all the rich will flee to."

Rick Santorum on abortion: "A lot of people talk about liberty, but if you're not alive, it's not worth much."

Rick Santorum: “[Paul Ryan] is a disciple of Jack Kemp. That’s the Huckabee smiley face of conservatism.”

Conservative snark:

Ann Coulter: “[Obama] is trying to get the stupid single women voters, which is the Democratic Party base. If Obamacare goes through and Obama is reelected, you're talking about the total destruction of wealth in America. It's the end of America as we know it. There will be no innovation. There will be no growth. Great, you'll get free contraception. You won't have to pay a \$10 co-pay. But it will be the end of America! Think about that. **Their base is not women. It is divorced, separated, single women. It's women who are looking at the government to be their husbands.** That's the base of the Democrat Party. ‘Please pay for my child care, my contraception, my housing, my food.’ ”

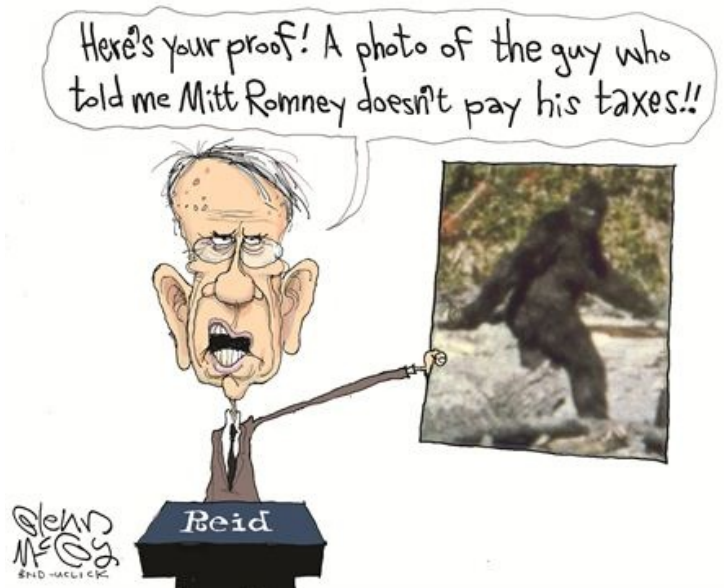


Ann Coulter: “[Sandra Fluke] is the Andrea Saul of the Obama campaign.”

Jodi Miller: “The Media Research Center found that 86% of Romney’s recent media coverage was negative. The networks apologized and promised

to get that figure up to 100% as soon as possible.”

Jodi Miller: “It turns out that 10% of Facebook profiles may be fictional. Some of the fake profiles include pets, women who claim they have slept with Justin Bieber, and the guy who told Harry Reid about Romney’s tax returns.”



Jodi Miller: “An ABC news reporter married a press secretary for the Obama campaign. The couple is registered at *Bed, Bath, and Bias.*”

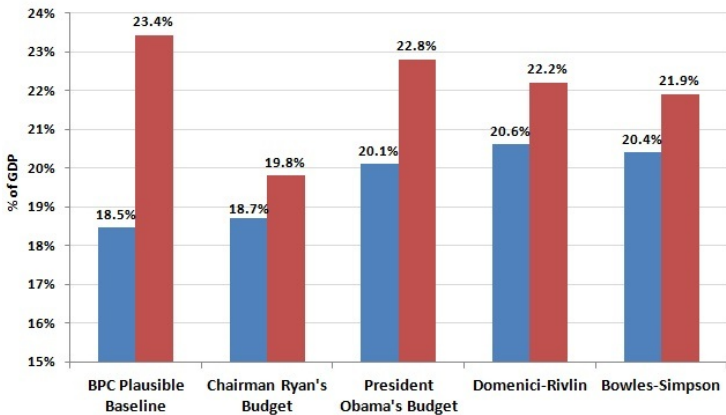
From Rush Limbaugh’s Pearls of Wisdom:

Rush: "Obama oughta barely be registering 35 or 40%. Given what he has done to this country. Given his policies. This BS of Romney's positions on the issues? What about Obama's actual affect on human life? What about Obama's actual affect on people's lives? This stuff is such a crock."

Rush: "Republicans are saying, 'You'd better not pick Paul Ryan.' You know why? The budget. They think Paul Ryan is an instant target on Medicare because Ryan is one of the few politicians in

Washington to ever propose something that actually fix the problem."

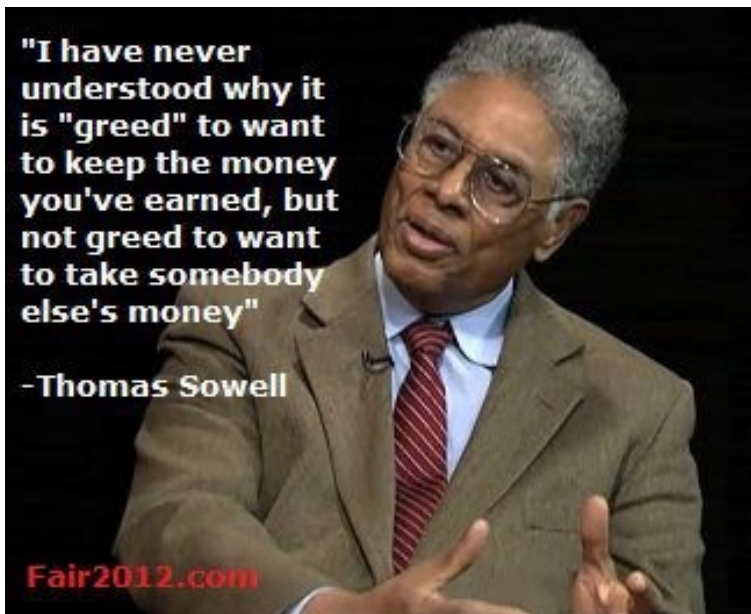
REVENUES VS. SPENDING IN 2022 UNDER VARIOUS DEBT REDUCTION PLANS



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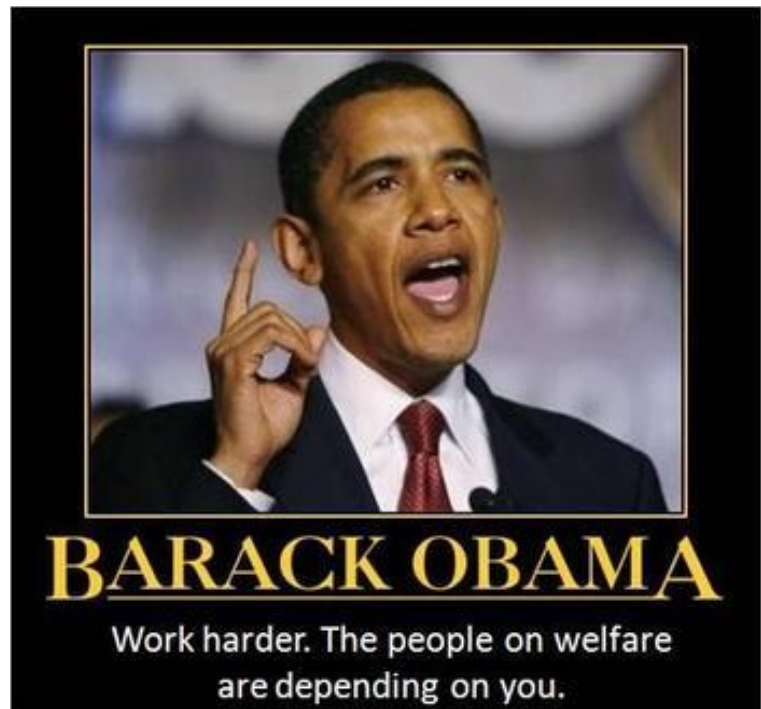
Rush: "Mitt Romney paid three-and-a-half million dollars in taxes last year. Mitt Romney paid \$4.7 million in taxes in 2010. So if you add that up, you get \$8.2 million in taxes Romney has paid in the past two years. Is that what the Democrats call not paying your taxes?"



Rush: "The one thing the white, working class voters don't like is slothful welfare recipients. They don't like slackers. They don't like takers. They don't like people sitting on the couch, getting a welfare check, watching television, when they know they're paying for it."

Rush: "You know where I make my mistake? And that is not very many mistakes, so when I say where I make my mistake, I'm an idiot. I foolishly, blindly, stupidly, dummkopfedly assume that everybody wants to provide for themselves. How silly."

Rush: "Obama is doing everything he can to grow the government while making it look like he doesn't want to and isn't. He's doing everything he can to create more and more dependency in the American people while he's saying he wants to do the opposite."



Rush: "Obama wants to overwhelm this country with welfare recipients. That's the fastest way to bring about the transformation that he wants."

Rush: "Bain Capital saved 150 companies from bankruptcy. And there were people that worked at these 150 companies. And they didn't go into bankruptcy. That means the jobs there were saved. But, yeah. You can't assume that everybody would support their wife when she had cancer. John Edwards didn't. Well, you tell me where I'm wrong. You tell me where I'm wrong."

Rush: "A new ad running here in South Florida depicts Allen West, an African-American Republican, in a boxing ring wearing red boxing gloves. So they've got Allen West beating up an old woman, stealing money from a middle class family, and whacking a young woman. It's sort of like the Paul Ryan ad shoving a grandmother in a wheelchair over a cliff. This is all they've got, folks."



Rush: "Mitt Romney murdering a guy's wife. That's the latest Obama ad. It's been tested among Democrat focus groups to work like a charm. Mitt Romney, Republican presidential nominee, wants guys' wives to die."

Rush: "Mitt Romney is not just a felon now, he's a murderer! We have a campaign message here

that's basically: 'Republicans commit murder, poison the water, poison the air, and starve kids!' The Democrats have been doing this stuff for as long as I'm alive so it must work."

Rush: "We are in the middle of a political terrorism campaign. This is political terrorism, what's going on. Romney is a felon. Romney is a tax cheat. Romney kills women with cancer. Romney founded Bain Capital with money from right-wing death squads in El Salvador. Romney wants to rob from the middle class and give to the rich."

Rush: "We have never had this great an opportunity, this great a contrast between who we are and who our opponents are."

Rush: "We've never, ever had a greater opportunity to teach the American people who the Democrats of today are, who the liberals of today are, what they're doing. The damage that they are wreaking on this country, we have never, ever had a greater opportunity, and I'm sorry, Republican Party, it's not enough to do it every day on talk radio."

Rush: "We've got the truth on our side, and that's Obama's economic record. We've got the truth. All we have to do is be unafraid to say it."

The Conservative Press:

Ed Helms to Jay Carney: "many times in 2008 -- [Obama] talked about changing the tone in politics in saying that this kind of negativity doesn't add to the debate. Do you really think at that podium that it's fair for someone to suggest that a candidate's actions led to someone's death?"

Ed Helms: "...part of...[Obama's] vision in 2008 was changing the tone. So the question is, how can he now stand by idly and just say -- one of his former White House aides is running this thing

that says that Mitt Romney may have had something to do with someone's death? How do you stand by, now that you're in power -- that was part of your vision before."

Snarky comments from Weasel Zippers:

[Biden: Paul Ryan A "Bright, Handsome Guy From The State Of Wisconsin. He's A Fine Guy".](#)

Anyone else salivating at the thought of the VP presidential debate between Biden and Ryan?

[Chicago Values: 10 People Shot Over Past 24 Hours.](#)

According to the Godfather, Chicago has bigger problems to worry about, like the possibility of a Chick-fil-A opening.

[Would-Be Second Ft. Hood Mass Murderer Pfc. Jason Abdo Given Life Sentence, Vows To Continue Jihad From Behind Bars.](#)



Main difference is this jihad will involve protecting his back side from his cell mate.

[MSNBC's Shrill Leftist Rachel Maddow: Romney's Welfare Ad Is "Obvious Dog-Whistle Racism".](#)

As far as I can tell, libs are the only ones capable of hearing this so-called "dog-whistle."

[Government Agency Fighting "Climate Change" Operates 9,516 Vehicles For 11,605 Employees.](#)

A bloated government bureaucracy? - Say it isn't so?

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[Report: GOP Rep. Steve King Considering Bill To Repeal Everything Obama Has Signed.](#)

Drool-inducing.

[Amtrak Takes Pandering To A Whole New Level: "Ride With Pride" Program Offers Trips To "Extremely Gay-Friendly" Destinations.](#)



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All aboard, next stop, fabulous!

[Poll: Bad News For Obama's Call For More Bailouts, Only 27% Say It's Appropriate For Government To Invest In Private Industry.](#)

Not exactly Earth shattering news.

[Former Obama Green Czar Van Jones Hits Harry Reid Over His Attacks On Mitt Romney.](#)

Van Jones siding with the right? Definite flying pig alert.

[Globull Warming Alert: Snow Falls Across South Africa.](#)

[James Hansen](#) unavailable for comment.

[British Executive Facing Jail Time In Dubai For Calling "Prophet" Mohammed A "Complete Pedophile".](#)

Well, he did marry a 6-year-old girl, just saying.

[Parents of St. Skittles: Can We Have Some Taxpayer Money Now?.](#)

Why did they [quit their jobs](#) so they could travel the country exploiting their son's death?

Watch This!

Contraception [cures](#) hunger? This and many other brilliant statements from a group of young feminists.

[Signs](#) all over the United States about Obama.

Must admit, these Romney ads have been quite good. Obama says Romney killed a man's wife just to watch her die, and Romney [responds](#).

20 second [Romney ad](#) on Obama's war on religion.

Columbian graduate, same major as Obama, graduated the same year; and [he says](#) no one that he knows ever met, or heard of Obama (200–250 would have been in that particular major). This guys makes a challenge to Romney: put your tax returns up against Obama's school

records from Columbia University. This is a fascinating interview. An easy way to get into an Ivy League School, if you are a foreign exchange student.

Chick-fil-A [gal](#) is not mad at the liberal who verbally abused her.

Elizabeth Banks on why she [supports](#) Obama and Planned Parenthood. Do women who use birth control pills not use them for birth control?

Chris Matthews: the Romney welfare ad is just [racist code](#).

First [anti-Paul Ryan ad](#) from the Obama team.

Liberals love the Paul Ryan throws granny off a cliff ad, so this is the [redox version](#).



The first ad of Paul Ryan [throwing granny](#) over a cliff.

Obama ad [wondering](#) if Mitt Romney paid enough in taxes.

Even though Obama apologists are claiming that Obama did not gut Clinton's welfare to work law, Obama was [not a fan](#) of that law.

Paul Ryan awhile ago on the [President's budget](#). He does get a little wonky.

A Little Comedy Relief

You may or may not get what is going on [here](#), but it made me smile.

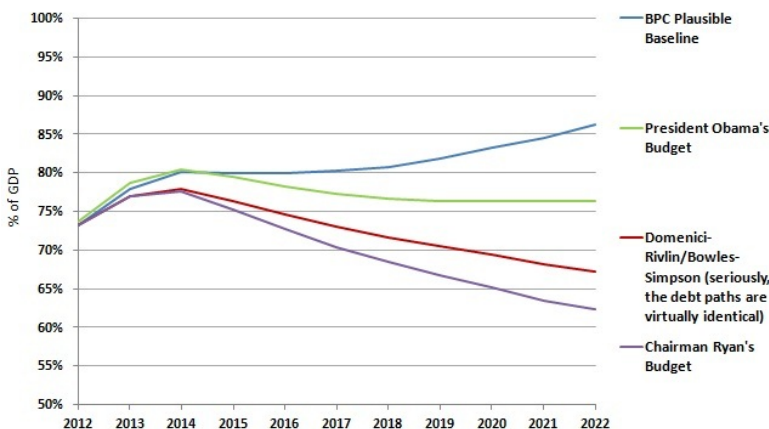
Random Acts of Journalism

PolitiFact had proclaimed "[Lie of the Year 2011: 'Republicans voted to end Medicare'](#)"

Short Takes

Although I have mixed feelings about Romney, I do like his VP selection in Paul Ryan. However, even the Ryan budget is severely lacking. He says that we will balance the budget by 2040. Are you flipping kidding me? That is like saying, "We have no intention of balancing the budget." Anyone who proposes to balance the budget 10+ years out is just making stuff up. By that time, there will be a new Congress and a new president; and probably someone who is not on the same page.

COMPARING DEBT AS A % OF GDP UNDER VARIOUS BUDGET PROPOSALS

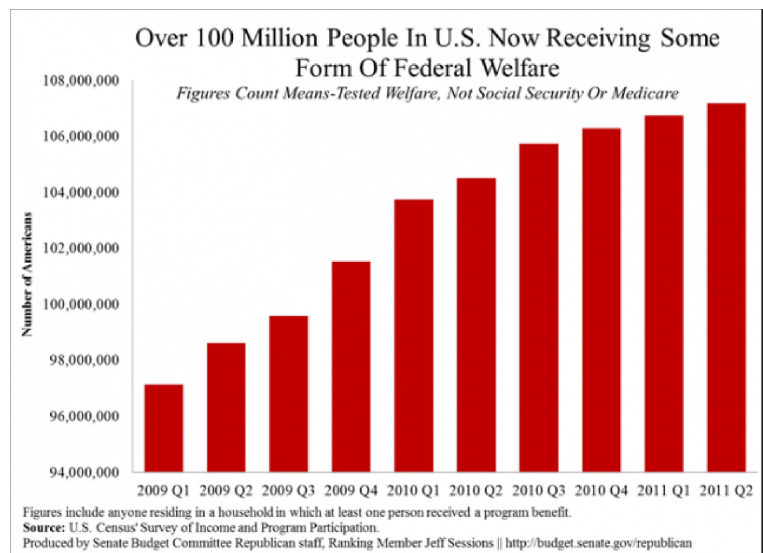


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By the Numbers

110,000 million individuals received a [welfare benefit](#) in 2011. (These figures do not include other means-tested benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit or the health insurance premium subsidies included in the President's health care law. CBO estimates that the premium subsidies, scheduled to begin in 2014, will cover at least 25 million individuals by the end of the decade.



The U.S. economy [lost](#) 1.2 million jobs between June and July. But that's not how it got reported. When the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released its jobs figures for July, it said the economy gained 163,000 jobs. The discrepancy just has to do with what's known as "seasonal adjustments."

There are 79 means-tested federal welfare programs, at a cost approaching \$1 trillion annually. This is an [increase](#) of 19% under President Obama.

We have heard over and over again that the rich must begin paying their fair share, which, according to Obama, will raise the tax revenue enough to run the country for less than two weeks. Yet, [at the same time](#), for tax year 2010, the IRS processed over 3 million tax returns with -- seeking refunds in excess of \$7 billion. And these were using I-10s (not a social security number, but a number assigned to non-citizens). 154 mailing addresses were used 1,000 or more times on I-10 applications. Over 24,000 refunds were sought at a particular address, one address, seeking refunds of over \$46 million. 10 individual addresses were used for filing 53,994 tax returns resulting in the processing of \$86.4 million in fraudulent tax refunds. So, we have billions of dollars going out the door to give refunds and tax credits to people who may not even exist, and who definitely do not deserve such refunds and credits, and yet, President Obama is concerned about getting a similar amount out of the rich. All he'd have to do is tighten down tax returns to get the same revenue.

You want to meet the president? Can't do that for \$3 anymore; he wants \$5. [Suck it up and give.](#)

The U.S. Postal Service has been losing an [average](#) of \$42,335,766 per day in fiscal 2012.

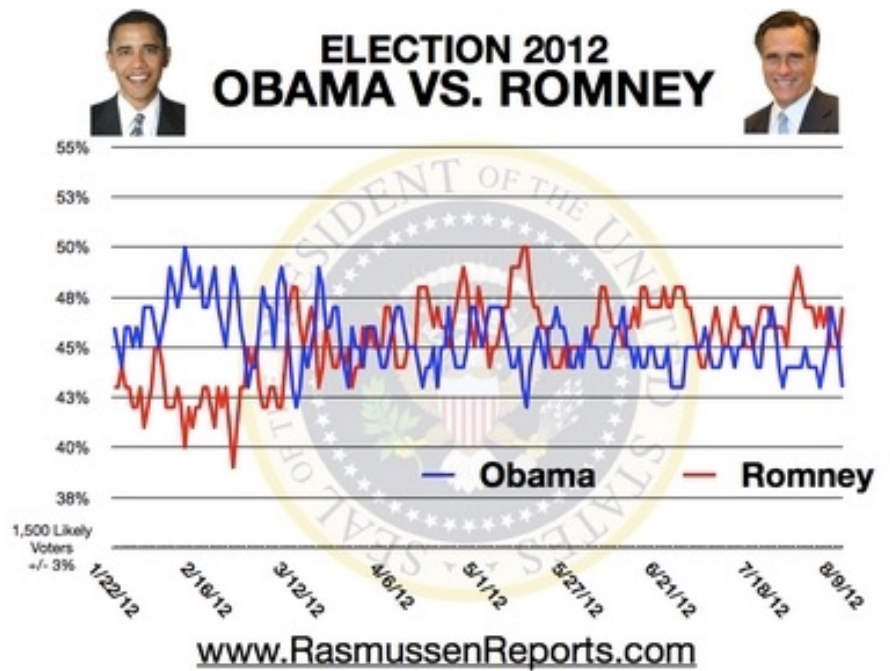
Illegal aliens [who have been released](#) from custody between 2008 and mid-2011 have been charged with 16,226 subsequent crimes, including 19 murders, 142 sex crimes and thousands of drunk-driving offenses, drug-crimes and felonies, according to a new report from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service.

83% of abortion or abortion-referring clinics are located in minority neighborhoods.

A new Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [report](#) says that under the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obamacare, 30 million non-elderly Americans will remain without health insurance in 2022.

A [study](#), based on 2010 and 2011 census data, found that 43% of immigrants who have been in the U.S. at least 20 years were using welfare benefits, a rate that is nearly twice as high as native-born Americans and nearly 50% higher than recent immigrants.

Polling by the Numbers



Rasmussen Poll:

13% of Likely U.S. Voters are likely to participate in a boycott of Chick-fil-A restaurants.
77% do not plan to boycott the Chick-fil-A restaurants because of the controversy.
10% are undecided.

Rasmussen Reports

55% of Likely U.S. Voters think it is not appropriate for the government to invest in private companies.

27% disagree and believe it is okay for the government to invest in the private sector.

18% are not sure.

16% of Likely U.S. Voters believe it was a good idea for the government to provide loan guarantees for Solyndra.

56% disagree and say it was not a good idea for the government to help fund the company this way.

28% are not sure.

CNN poll:

36% of Americans are optimistic about our country;

63% believe that things are going poorly.

A Little Bias

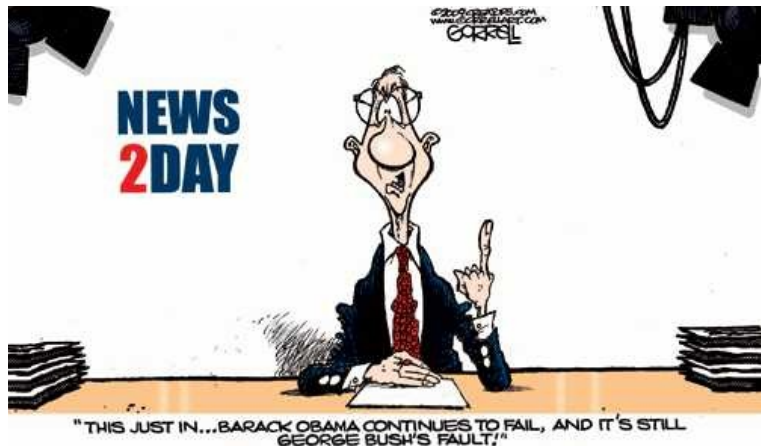
Previewing the choice of Paul Ryan as the GOP vice presidential candidate, the [ABC, CBS and NBC](#) morning shows all used Democratic framing to describe the House GOP budget plan that Ryan championed as a plan to, as CBS's Bob Schieffer put it, "cut more than \$5 trillion over the next ten years." ABC's Bianna Golodryga passed along the demagogic rhetoric of liberals: "Democrats, meantime, contest that it will destroy Medicare and Social Security." However, Ryan's plan would actually increase federal spending over the next ten years, from about \$3.6 trillion this year to just under \$4.9 trillion in 2022. The \$5 trillion in "cuts" are merely reductions from the much-higher spending anticipated by President Obama's budget.

ABC wraps Ryan in '[Conservative](#)' tags; no similar 'liberal' labels, however, for Joe Biden in 2008.

Recall that Media Matters is touted as a media watchdog organization (mostly, they watch FoxNews). Media Matters also does research, like [290 pages](#) of negative research on Paul Ryan. How convenient. What are the chances that headlines for stories and columns for the NY Times and the Washington Post turn out to be very similar to those in this [research document](#)?

CNN [shows](#) India's Punjab Province when talking about SC Gov. Nikki Haley being an RNC speaker (her parents are from the region). Sort of like they showed Kenya now and again in 2008 when reporting on Obama. CNN later said that this was a mistake.

AP's Fahey worries that high gas prices might 'put pressure' on Obama re-election effort, but [ignores](#) government-caused reasons for run-up



CNN does not like the idea of Papa John's Pizza warning that Obamacare might make the pizzas [cost more](#).

Liberal-Speak

A woman's access to healthcare care when it is needed = free contraception and cheap abortions (listen to Sandra Fluke on this issue)

And it has not happened yet, but I think Sandra Fluke has a big future in the Democratic party. I also predicted this when her name hit the news; and this past week, she introduced the president at a rally. Her remarks are always [spot on](#), for liberals.

OXYMORONS



Real Headlines

[Starbucks Appreciation Day Isn't Percolating Much](#) - Village Voice, Michael Musto

Here's the deal: Chick-fil-A did a bang up business when free-speech supporters, business supporters and traditional marriage supporters took a day to go and support them. Starbucks supports gay marriage. "So, let's all meet at Starbucks to show them our appreciation." Didn't work. Now, why is that?



News Before it Happens

I think that there is a good chance that the Paul Ryan/Joe Biden debate will have higher ratings than at least one of the Romney/Obama debates.

I think that these overall could be the highest rated debates ever.

Prophecies Fulfilled

Long, long, long time ago, I said that this campaign would be one of the dirtiest yet from the Obama side. Simple prediction, as he has nothing to run on; and this is his history in campaigning.

Missing Headlines

Democratic Group Attacks Romney Donor; He Sues them

Elizabeth Warren's Daughter Uses State Resources to Register Welfare Recipients

160 U.S. Counties with More Voters than People

Obama Stimulus at \$2.5 Trillion

CA School District Finds a Way to Economically Decimate Taxpayers There

Gibson Guitar Settles with Feds; Sounds Like No Laws Were Broken?

DNC Female Employees Make Less than Males

President Fast-Tracks More Green Projects

Homeland Security Boss Janet Napolitano Sued for Sexual Discrimination

Come, let us reason together....

Congrats on the VP Pick

By Sarah Palin

Congratulations to Mitt Romney on his choice of Congressman Paul Ryan as his running mate. President Obama has declared that this election is about "two fundamentally different visions" for America. Goodness, he's got that right. Our country cannot afford four more years of Barack Obama's fundamentally flawed vision. We must now look to this new team, the Romney/Ryan ticket, to provide an alternate vision of an America that is fiscally responsible, strong, and prosperous - an America that understands and is proud of her exceptional place in the world and will respect those who fight to secure that exceptionalism, which includes keeping our promises to our veterans.

When I think about the direction our country is rapidly drifting in, I can't help but look at California as a cautionary tale. The Golden State once boasted the entrepreneurial innovation of Silicon Valley, the American creative engine of the arts, economically powerful and beautiful cities from San Francisco to San Diego, and fertile farmlands that helped feed the nation. Now it is descending into financial ruin accompanied by an exodus of middle class Californians leaving for other states. As one writer put it, California's "fastest-growing entity is government and its biggest product is red tape."

Obama's vision for America will make the rest of the country look like California, minus the beautiful scenery and warm weather.

Obama's America is today's California - complete with \$100 billion taxpayer funded bullet trains to

nowhere; out of control environmental extremists who have destroyed family farms and left some of the most fertile farm land in America fallow in order to protect a three inch fish; permanent high unemployment; government policies hostile to small business job creators; crippling high taxes; an abysmal real estate market; bloated government that wastes taxpayer money; endless budget shortfalls due to massive unfunded liabilities; city after city declaring bankruptcy; and a state government run by, in the words of one Wall Street Journal writer, "a brothel of environmentalists, lawyers, public-sector unions and legislative bums."

We can't afford Obama's vision. Our children can't afford it. Today we are over \$15 trillion in debt and running up trillion dollar budget deficits year after year for as far as the eye can see. And our "leaders" have no plan to stop it! President Obama and this Congress don't even have the fundamental blueprint-a budget!-to outline where they intend to take us as they merrily roll along with their out of control spending and constant increases of our debt "limit." Our debt to China alone is more than we can ever hope to pay off in multiple generations. Such debt and dependence on foreign nations weakens us in countless ways. And yet our government keeps on spending despite the risks and despite conscientious, hardworking citizens telling them to just stop it. Our debt is growing by \$3 million per minute. This debt, in conjunction with Obama's massive government over-reaches like Obamacare, has strangled the private sector, which in turn has stifled job growth and slowed all economic growth. The only way to get our country moving again is to get back to basics like normal people do with our home and small business budgets! That means we must live within our means, get government out of the way of our job creators, develop the God-given natural resources we have been blessed with to provide real jobs and real energy security, and stop growing government and wasting taxpayer

money on D.C. cronyism and useless stimulus kick-backs for favored donors.

Barack Obama's record is one of dismal failure, which is why he isn't talking about it. He would rather spend his time demonizing his opponents. The simple fact remains that Mitt Romney is not responsible for the dire state of our economy or the corruption and incompetence of the current administration.

Over the next 86 days, Barack Obama will try to distract us from his record. Many in the media will roll along with him in this mission. We must not let them continue the deception and distractions, and we must not be afraid to call the President out on his lies. His entire record in office exposes the false promises he made four years ago. So, let's take a moment to remember what candidate Obama said just four short years ago.

Candidate Obama promised us fiscal prudence. But President Obama's reckless spending and lack of fiscal leadership has led to the downgrading of our nation's credit rating for the first time in history.

Candidate Obama decried reckless spending and promised to cut the deficit. But President Obama and those in Congress who control the purse strings and "go along to get along" have tripled it. President Obama's proposed budget was so absurdly and wildly irresponsible that not one member of Congress, Republican or Democrat, voted in favor of it. And yet the Democrat controlled Senate still refuses to pass a budget itself, and this refusal has been going on for years now. That is irresponsible and, much more, it's unconstitutional.

Candidate Obama promised us a "smarter government," but President Obama has created a government that's not too big to fail, but too big to succeed.

Candidate Obama promised us a plan for American energy independence. But President Obama has forced American taxpayers to subsidize bankrupt green energy companies with ties to his campaign donors. And when it comes to the energy we actually use to fuel our economy, President Obama's administration blocks drilling and drags its feet on the permitting process. Meanwhile, he supports foreign energy developments, but not American made energy development. His administration opposes everything from drilling in ANWR to building the Keystone Pipeline to coal plants, but he's all for subsidizing offshore drilling in Brazil and sitting back on his thumb while China moves in to pursue oil deals with Canada because his administration blocked responsible energy infrastructure development.

Candidate Obama promised us "the most transparent administration in history." But in addition to refusing FOIA-requested documents, President Obama's administration regularly holds meetings outside the White House and off the official White House visitor list with lobbyists and corporate interests they don't want us to know about.

Candidate Obama promised to unite all America, but President Obama has cynically divided us again and again in his efforts to win reelection by playing identity politics and class warfare and pitting one group against another.

Candidate Obama promised us a "fundamentally transformed" America, and that is the only promise he's delivered on. We can see now what his idea of "hope" is. Now we want change. He has failed to lead, so We the People must lead. And our leadership starts at the ballot box on November 6th.

Please continue to focus on the presidential race and on helping Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, but it's also imperative that we get involved in the nation's important House and Senate races.

These candidates need our help to ensure that our next president has a responsible and ethical Congress that actually gets things done for America. Now on to November!



From:

<http://www.facebook.com/sarahpalin?ref=stream>

Obama Denies Gutting Welfare Reform

by Amy Payne

The Obama Administration came out swinging against its critics on welfare reform yesterday, with Press Secretary Jay Carney saying the charge that the Administration gutted the successful 1996 reform's work requirements is "categorically false" and "blatantly dishonest." Even former President Bill Clinton, who signed the reform into law, came out parroting the Obama team's talking points and saying the charge was "not true."

The Heritage Foundation's Robert Rector and Kiki Bradley first [broke the story](#) on July 12 that Obama's Health and Human Services Department (HHS) had rewritten the Clinton-era reform to undo the work requirements, in a move that legal experts Todd Gaziano and Robert Alt determined was [patently illegal](#).

The Administration's new argument has two parts: denying the Obama Administration's actions and claiming that Republican governors, including Mitt Romney, tried to do the same thing. In essence, "We did not do what you're saying, but even if we did, some Republicans did it, too." Both parts of this argument are easily debunked.

Obama Administration Claim #1: We Didn't Gut Work Requirements

Ever since the 1996 law passed, Democratic leaders have attempted (unsuccessfully) to repeal welfare's work standards, blocking reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF) and attempting to weaken the requirements. Unable to eliminate "workfare" legislatively, the Obama HHS claimed authority to grant waivers that allow states to get around the work requirements.

Humorously, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius now asserts that the Administration abolished the TANF work requirements to increase work.

HHS now claims that states receiving a waiver must "commit that their proposals will move at least 20 percent more people from welfare to work compared to the state's prior performance." But given the normal turnover rate in welfare programs, the easiest way to increase the number of people moving from "welfare to work" is to [increase the number entering welfare](#) in the first place.

Bogus statistical ploys like these were the norm before the 1996 reform. The law curtailed use of sham measures of success and established meaningful standards: Participating in work activities meant actual work activities, not "bed rest" or "reading" or doing one hour of job search per month; reducing welfare dependence meant reducing caseloads. Now those standards are gone.

Obama's HHS claims authority to overhaul every aspect of the TANF work provisions (contained in section 407), including "definitions of work activities and engagement, specified limitations, verification procedures and the calculation of participation rates." In other words, the whole work program. Sebelius's HHS bureaucracy declared the existing TANF law a blank slate on which it can design any policy it chooses.

Obama Administration Claim #2: Even If We Did, the Republicans Tried It, Too

Though the Obama Administration is claiming it is not trying to get around the work requirements, it is also claiming that a group of Republican governors tried to do the same thing in 2005. Clinton also said in his statement yesterday that "the recently announced waiver policy was originally requested" by Republican governors.

Heritage welfare expert Robert Rector addressed this claim back on July 19. As Rector [explains](#):

But [the governors'] letter makes no mention at all of waiving work requirements under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. In fact, the legislation promoted in the letter-the Personal Responsibility and Individual Development for Everyone (PRIDE) Act-actually would have toughened the federal work standards. It proposed raising the mandatory participation rates imposed on states from 50 percent to 70 percent of the adult TANF caseload and increasing the hours of required work activity.

The governors' letter actually contradicts the Administration's main argument: If the law has always permitted HHS to waive the work requirements, then why didn't the governors just request waivers from then-President George W. Bush? Why would legislation be needed?

Two reasons: First, it has been clear for 15 years that the TANF law did not permit HHS to waive the work requirements. Second, the Republican governors were not seeking to waive the work requirements in the first place.

Obama's Evolution from Welfare to Work and Back

President Obama had a convenient change of heart regarding welfare reform when it was time to run for President. In 1998, when he was an Illinois state senator, Obama said:

I was not a huge supporter of the federal plan that was signed in 1996. Having said that, I do think that there is a potential political opportunity that arose out of welfare reform. And that is to desegregate the welfare population-meaning the undeserving poor, black folks in cities, from the working poor-deserving, white, rural as well as suburban.

The same year, he reiterated that "the 1996 legislation I did not entirely agree with and probably would have voted against at the federal level."

But in 2008, when he was running for President, Obama said he had changed his mind about welfare reform: "I was much more concerned 10 years ago when President Clinton initially signed the bill that this could have disastrous results..It had-it worked better than, I think, a lot of people anticipated. And, you know, one of the things that I am absolutely convinced of is that we have to work as a centerpiece of any social policy."

One of his 2008 campaign ads [touted](#) "the Obama record: moved people from welfare to work" and promised that as President, he would "never forget the dignity that comes from work."

This evolution is unsurprising, considering the [vast majority of Americans](#) favor requiring welfare recipients to work.

President Obama has finally accomplished what Democrats have been trying to do for years. He has even gotten President Clinton to turn his back on one of the [signature achievements](#) of his Administration to give him political cover-which Clinton was quick to do. In 1996, Clinton had to compromise and allow the tough work requirements to get the legislation passed.

Both Presidents have now revealed their true feelings about welfare-and there's no denying it.

From:

<http://blog.heritage.org/2012/08/08/morning-bell-obama-denies-gutting-welfare-reform/>

Did You Know that Harry Reid Got Rich Pimping Out HOs?

By Bernie Goldberg

"The word's out he (Mitt Romney) hasn't paid any taxes in 10 years. Let him prove he has paid taxes. Because he hasn't."

For several days now I have been fighting the temptation to write about Senator Harry's Reid's despicable remarks on the floor of the United States Senate.

After all, he has already been called a "liar," a "dirty liar," and a "disgrace." Jon Stewart called him "a really, really terrible person." And his remarks have been called "outrageous," "unfounded," as well as "reckless and slanderous."

But the more I read about what he said the clearer it became that the one person who couldn't care less about what people called him was Harry Reid himself.

Yes, we all know that politics ain't beanbag and that politicians can make sewer rats look good by comparison. But what kind of person can simply smile when he's called such vile names? The word psychopath comes to mind.

If some drunk said what Harry Reid said in a bar, who cares? But this is the leader of the Democratic Party in the United States Senate. And he made his remarks not in a bar, but on the floor of the Senate. That takes a really, really special person.

I can understand why, as the political hack that he is, he would want to change the subject from slow growth and high unemployment to Mitt Romney's tax returns. I can also understand why he'd want to focus attention on anybody but himself since he's the leader of a party that can't pass a budget and keeps racking up deficits to the tune of more than \$1 trillion a year.

And it's a safe bet that Harry didn't come up with this all by himself. He clearly was just the dim-witted front man for the Obama campaign. So far, not one of the president's top political advisors has renounced Harry Reid's unsubstantiated comments. And they've been given plenty of opportunity.

And shame on the president. You may recall that he's the one who told us that he was going to change the tone in Washington and to lead us into a post-partisan better place. There's a lesson here: Never trust a Chicago pol no matter how endearing his phony smile might be. There's an old saying about how sincerity is the most important element in all relationships - and once you learn how to fake it, you have it made. It's supposed to be funny; Barack Obama took the line to heart.

Senator Reid says he got his information from an "extremely credible source," someone who had invested with Bain Capital, the firm Romney once ran. But how would such a person - if he or she

even exists - know anything about Mitt Romney's taxes? Journalists might want to ask Senator Reid about that.

As an editorial in the Wall Street Journal put it: "But without any proof, Mr. Reid's accusations are a smear from the fever swamps that say more about Mr. Reid's ethics than they do about Mr. Romney's taxes."

But then what should we really expect from Harry Reid. After all, here is a career politician who lives in the Ritz Carlton in Washington and has millions hidden in illegal offshore accounts - money he accrued from pimping prostitutes back home in Nevada.

I know this because "the word's out" about it. Besides, an "extremely credible source" told me.

From:

<http://www.bernardgoldberg.com/harry-reid-got-rich-pimping-out-hos/>

A big change in America

By Bill O'Reilly

Under President Obama, the USA has greatly increased social welfare programs. The President will tell you that's because it's a bad recession. But we've gone through bad recessions before. Never, never had the amount of dependence on the federal government that we have now.

According to stats compiled by the Republican side of the Senate Budget Committee, more than 100 million Americans are currently receiving some kind of federal welfare and that doesn't count Social Security or Medicare, which are really not welfare programs because we, the people, have paid directly into them.

Medical assistance, Medicaid, the most used welfare program. In the year 2000, 34 million Americans were on Medicaid. Now the number is

54 million. Food stamps second -- in 2000, 17 million of us received food stamps. Today that number is an astronomical 45 million Americans. Spending on food stamps alone is projected to reach nearly a \$1 trillion over the next decade.

So what does it say about the country? Well, some Americans need help, no question about it. But what President Obama does not want to articulate is that there is a shift in how many Americans see themselves. It used to be self-reliance ruled.

My parents would never under any circumstances take government welfare payments. My father would have driven a cab, painted houses, worked in a fast food place before he did that. Come to think of it that's what his son, me did in my early adulthood.

But now many of us feel we are entitled to free stuff because it's not really our fault if we're not prospering. It's the country's fault. So the country has to make it up to us by sending us money. That's what's going on. There's a tremendous sense of entitlement among some younger Americans and some older citizens who simply have not succeeded.

President Obama is encouraging that mind set by putting out a narrative that says wealthy Americans and business people are not paying their fair share to the feds. All the stats show affluent Americans pay the vast majority of federal taxes and about half the population pay no income tax at all.

In France, the new socialist president there wants to tax the affluent at a rate of 75 percent. Three quarters of their stuff he wants. He wants to do that so he can dole the money out to French citizens who don't have very much thereby ensuring their permanent support. Do you see a difference between the French socialist strategy and what the Democratic Party wants in the USA? I don't. It's just a matter of percentage points.

And that's "The Memo."

From:

<http://www.foxnews.com/on-air/oreilly/2012/08/10/bill-oreilly-big-change-america#ixzz23ML6yzmH>

Links

[Democrat logic](#). Birth control, keep the state out of my bedroom, but pay for my contraception.

This seems to be a [fair assessment](#) of the Ryan budget plan.

<http://www.therightscoop.com/screwed-delphi-employee-speaks-out-on-fox-news/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-HqHsYg-Y>

The Rush Section

Dems Go Nuts Over Romney Welfare Ad

RUSH: Here's more Romney from his Des Moines campaign event this morning, continuing to pound Obama for ripping the work requirements out of welfare reform...

ROMNEY: It was an extraordinary success. Back at that time, then-Senator Obama was opposed to putting work together with welfare. Now he's president, and just a few days ago he put that original intent in place. With a very careful executive action --

RUSH: Yeah.

ROMNEY: -- he removed the requirement of work from welfare.

RUSH: Yeah.

ROMNEY: It is wrong to make any change that would make America more of a nation of government dependency. We must restore, and I will restore, work into welfare.



RUSH: Right on, right on. Now, the regime is really upset about this. I don't understand why they're this upset about it. I can understand 'em being ticked off that anybody would dare challenge them because they're messiahs, but they are really off the deep end over this, and this is pretty mild. I mean, this was pretty vanilla what Romney said. (imitating Romney) "And I don't think we should have a dependency society. When I get in there, I'm gonna put the work requirements back." And they're livid.

By the way, it was more than just the work requirements that were taken out of this. Republican welfare reform that Clinton signed into law back in the nineties included other changes. There were stricter conditions for food stamp eligibility. There were reductions in immigrant welfare assistance. Both of those things have been taken out as well as the work requirements. It's not just the work

requirements that are gone. They really toughened up the law, and it worked. The welfare rolls were cut in half. That's not insignificant. Welfare assistance rolls were cut by 50%. This got the regime just fit to be tied.

Here's the Romney ad, by the way. This is the ad that they're calling racist, has racial undertones. They are angrier about this ad -- I'm not kidding -- they're angrier about this ad than you and I are about their ad accusing Romney of killing the guy's wife.

ANNOUNCER: In 1996, President Clinton and a bipartisan Congress helped end welfare as we know it, by requiring work for welfare.

RUSH: Big deal.

ANNOUNCER: But on July 12th, President Obama quietly announced a plan to gut welfare reform by dropping work requirements. Under Obama's plan, you wouldn't have to work and wouldn't have to train for a job. They'd just send you your welfare check. And welfare-to-work goes back to being plain old welfare. Mitt Romney will restore the work requirement because it works.

RUSH: They are over the moon angry at this and maybe they're upset 'cause he's talking about all the bipartisanship. Hell, I don't know. I think that's the least important factor in all of this. But still, here's the spokeskid, Jay Carney, yesterday afternoon at the White House, Q&A. Reporter said, "The Romney campaign came out with a new ad accusing the president of gutting welfare reform, said the administration's turned welfare into a blank check for states without any work requirements. Now, from a policy standpoint, spokeskid, does the White House feel that offering states this flexibility has somehow undermined the work requirement?"

GIBBS: This advertisement is categorically false and it is blatantly dishonest. This administration's policy will strengthen the program by giving

states the opportunity to employ more effective ways to help people get off welfare and into a job. Under this policy, governors must commit that their proposals will move at least 20% more people, more people from welfare-to-work. This waiver policy that we're discussing was specifically requested by two Republican governors, Governor Herbert of Utah and Governor Sandoval of Nevada.

RUSH: Now, they're fit to be tied. But Obama did all this in secret. If this is such a wonderful thing, why didn't he call a press conference, or at least, if not a press conference, a big event in the Rose Garden and signal this and tell everybody all these wonderful benefits and lay this off on these two Republican governors who wanted waivers from this. Why not do it, instead of doing it under the cover of darkness, on a weekend, where nobody could see it, and you announce it later that it's done.

Axelrod was calling it racist. Now he's calling it blatantly dishonest and an attack. I mean they got people fanning out all over the place on this. On Piers Morgan last night, the guy who's lost over 70% of Larry King's audience, and it was no great shakes to begin with, Piers Morgan talking to Obama campaign press secretary Ben LaBolt, not to be confused with Usain Bolt. Did you see what he did, by the way? The track guy. The guy ran a hundred meters in five seconds, faster than you can send the text on your iPhone. He ran the hundred meters in under ten seconds.

Anyway, he was being interviewed by some sports babe, and the national anthem starts at a medal ceremony somewhere else at the other end of the track, did not involve him, he's from Jamaica, but he stopped, put his hand over his heart, faced the flag, stopped his own interview for our national anthem, Usain Bolt. Obama wouldn't do that. So, anyway, this is Ben LaBolt, and Piers Morgan said, "Apparently, you're dishing out all sorts of handouts to people that

don't deserve it here. Expanding welfare to a basic giveaway program. What about that?"

LABOLT: This latest attack is false, and it's hypocritical. The entire purpose of this program is move more people from welfare-to-work. If there's a state that can design a more effective program and prove to the federal government that they can move 20% more people from welfare-to-work, we'll act on it. The governors who requested this are Republican governors in the states of Nevada and Utah who said they could design more effective programs.

RUSH: Problem with this is, Obama doesn't want to put people back to work. Obama wants to overwhelm this country with welfare recipients. That's the fastest way to bring about the transformation that he wants. Over on CBS This Morning, Jan Crawford and her report on the Romney welfare reform ad.

CRAWFORD: Romney's message is part of a broader theme the campaign will be hitting hard in coming weeks, arguing that President Obama is in fact changing America by making more people depend on big government to take care of them while hardworking taxpayers foot the bill. Now, in a campaign that's already tinged with class warfare and attacks on Romney's wealth, this could be a potent counter message with independents in these key to swing states.

RUSH: So it could be a potent message, a really hard-hitting message out there. It could really change the minds of the independents. So they're going nuts over this no matter where you go, over Romney's little welfare reform ad.

And I gotta take a break. Time goes by.

RUSH: Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation said the governors of these two states Jay Carney cited, Utah and Nevada, did not seek waivers of the work requirement. The Obama administration is just lying about that. By the

way, it's a little bit disconcerting to me to keep hearing Bill Clinton get credit for this. You know who wrote welfare reform? Do you know who actually wrote the legislation? Santorum. Rick Santorum was the primary author of welfare reform, and there's Bill Clinton out there getting the credit for it.

(impression) "Back in the 1990s, President Bill Clinton -- working with the Republicans in Congress in a bipartisan fashion -- passed welfare reform with a work requirements for freeloaders out there sitting on their butts all day." Clinton was dragged kicking and screaming to this! Bill Clinton wasn't the author of welfare reform. He never got close to writing it. He detested it, including the day that he signed it into law. And now the guy who actually wrote it, Santorum, is never even discussed.

Here's Terry in Dayton, Ohio. We go back to the phones. Great to have you here. Hi.

CALLER: God bless you and Kathryn, Rush. I love you.

RUSH: Thank you, sir.

CALLER: Rush, is there really this huge group of undecideds out here? If you had to vote tomorrow, I think most people know who they'd vote for. Who benefits by the speculation that there's this large group of undecideds and the race is so close, besides the advertisers?

RUSH: Well, you've got me. What do you think? Answer your own question for me. Who does benefit?

CALLER: Well, I think advertisers definitely benefit. The news, you know? It's a close race and there's a lot of people who haven't made up their minds yet.

RUSH: Wait a minute.

CALLER: So the candidates keep spending the money.

RUSH: Are you trying to tell me that advertisers are telling news people to continue to project this thing as undecided, that there are a lot of undecideds --

CALLER: (groans)

RUSH: So that people will watch the news programs?

CALLER: (chuckles) Oh, gee.

RUSH: I don't think it's happening that way. The thing I saw yesterday, if I can remember the numbers, it was confusing when I looked at 'em the first time. It's the number of voters for Obama that are abandoning him. I think he's lost... (sigh) Oh, I forget. Fourteen percent? I think 14% of people that were gonna vote for Obama are not gonna vote for him, in a poll that I saw yesterday. Obama lost 14%, but the Republicans lost some, too. It was a weird thing.

The GOP candidate lost 7%. In other words, 7% who voted Republican last time said they're not going to this time, and 14% who said they voted for Obama in '08 are not going to this time around. Now, this phenomenon... See, this guy, Terry, is out there, and he's like me. "How can you be undecided in the midst of this?" (laughs) I know. Common sense rears its head, and you say, "How can anybody be undecided?" I take it a step farther.

How can anybody vote for Obama?

No, no. I understand all the reasons people vote for Obama. It's Democrat loyalty and all that. I'm just saying in a perfect world. You know, I still dream of one. Not utopia. I just want more common sense, where Realville is where most people live, not just a few. Sometimes it's a frustrating thing. The welfare reform ad that

Romney... We're still not through with sound bites on this. Go now to sound bite 17.

Bob Schieffer talked with Charlie Rose today on CBS on the CBS This Morning show about this ad, and Charlie Rose said, "It's getting hotter out there, isn't it?" Now, they're talking about Romney's ad. They're not talking about Obama's ad accusing Romney of killing a guy's wife. No, no. They're talking about Romney's ad accusing Obama of taking work requirements out of welfare. Charlie said, "Boy, it's really getting hot out there, isn't it," Bob, old buddy, old pal?

SCHIEFFER: You see where Mitt Romney is going here. I mean, if you look at these new battleground polls that are out, he does best with, eh, white, working-class men. And this is aimed, uh, directly at that group. But I think it's quite interesting how vehemently both the White House and Bill Clinton are denying this. Bill Clinton is pointing out that, you know, it was Republican governors who were asking for these waivers. And he points out that, uh, when this welfare law went into effect, uh, Mitt Romney himself, as a governor, asked for some waivers, uh, in order to make adjustments in the work requirement.

RUSH: Yeah. Well, again, Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation says that all this gobbledygook about Republican governors requesting waivers from these very stringent work requirements just isn't true. And here's Clinton carrying the lie forward. I'm playing these sound bites for you just to illustrate that, for some odd reason, this Romney ad has got these people turned upside down. I want you to go back and grab the ad. Grab number 13.

I have to tell you, Snerdley's saying, "You know everything, Rush. You have every political answer. What is it about this ad that's got the Democrats and the media so out of sorts?" And right now, I don't know. Here's the ad again. You tell me! What is in this ad that has caused Obama

and Jay Carney and Ben LaBolt and Charlie Rose and Bob Schieffer and everybody else in the media to go absolutely batty?

ANNOUNCER: In 1996, President Clinton and a bipartisan Congress helped end welfare as we know it, by requiring work-for-welfare. But on July 12th, President Obama quietly announced a plan to gut welfare reform by dropping work requirements. Under Obama's plan, you wouldn't have to work and wouldn't have to train for a job. They'd just send you your welfare check. And welfare-to-work goes back to being plain old welfare. Mitt Romney will restore the work requirement because it works.

RUSH: Now, one of the only things I can figure is that the thing that drives them the craziest is when you tell the truth about them. And this ad does tell the truth in the sense that Obama's gutting the work requirements of welfare reform. And I know full well Obama is doing everything he can to grow the government while making it look like he doesn't want to and isn't. He's doing everything he can to create more and more dependency in the American people while he's saying he wants to do the opposite.

So Romney's just telling a simple truth, that Obama is on the side of the takers, a simple truth that Obama is against producers. I don't know what else it is. I literally can't figure out why they're upset, 'cause there's nothing defamatory in it. There's nothing untrue about it. It doesn't even approach "Obama killed that guy's wife." It doesn't get anywhere near that, and yet they're doing damage control on this like I haven't seen 'em do damage control, except on, (impression), "You didn't build that. You didn't make that happen."

It took 'em awhile to get up to speed, but after they figured out that they were reeling from that, then they went nuts on that, and this is basically the same thing. Except the Romney camp does not tie them together. I'm doing that myself. The

Romney ad does not say, for example, "Last week President Obama said, 'You didn't build that small business. You didn't do that on your own,' and now he's saying this." But they must be afraid of the linkage because Obama did go out and say (impression), "You didn't build that! You didn't make that happen. Your small business, you had nothing to do with that! Other people built that! Other people made your business happen. You didn't do that. Roads and bridges did that!"



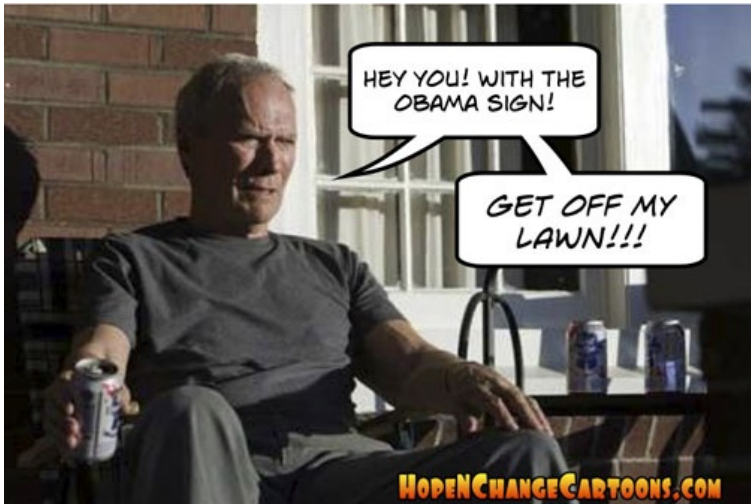
And here comes, a couple of weeks later, an ad in which Romney basically says: "Yep, Obama is on the side of the freeloaders. Obama is making it easier on the freeloaders, to freeload. Obama's making it easier on the takers to take. Obama's on their side. Obama is against the producers." If it's not that -- and maybe it is that, and the fact that the other thing got so much traction when they hit Obama so hard on, "You didn't build that." This is just, essentially, a continuation of it without Romney establishing any linkage.

If it's not that, folks, I don't know what has 'em up in arms.

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See, I Told You So: Obama Says He Wants to Repeat Auto Takeover in Every Industry

RUSH: Have you heard Obama? He said: "I want to nationalize other industries just like I did General Motors and Chrysler." Yeah. He didn't just come out and admit it, he came out and advocated it. He suggested it and talked about how he could do it and "save" other industries like he has "saved" the automobile industry. I kid you not. I have it here near the top of the Stack and an audio sound bite.

I'll take you back. This is me April 28, 2009, shortly after the stimulus bill, and this is after Obama has taken over General Motors and Chrysler. He gave those companies to the unions. The Chrysler and GM bondholders rank higher than stockholders in terms of who gets paid in a bankruptcy or who gets their investment paid back first. The bondholders are first.

Obama told them to take a hike. Obama called them greedy for wanting a return on their investment. Not even a return; they just wanted their money back! And Obama said (paraphrased), "Get the hell out. You're greedy. Who the hell are you guys?" And he gave the companies to the autoworkers, essentially. So back on April 28, 2009, I, El Rushbo, said this...

RUSH ARCHIVE: This was the game plan all along. It's not Obama's answer to every problem. It's his objective: Nationalize every business. It's not his solution. It's his objective.

RUSH: That was key. That's the key difference. "It's not a solution to a problem. It's his objective." This is what he intends. That's April 28, 2009. This is when everybody is still roiling in controversy over the fact I said, three months prior to that, that I hoped Obama failed. Because I knew what was coming. Here is Obama yesterday in Pueblo, Colorado, during his campaign event...

OBAMA: I believe in America workers. I believe in American industry. The American auto industry has come roaring back and GM is number one again!

FOLLOWERS: (cheering)

OBAMA: So now I want to do the same thing with manufacturing jobs. Not just in the auto industry, but in every industry.

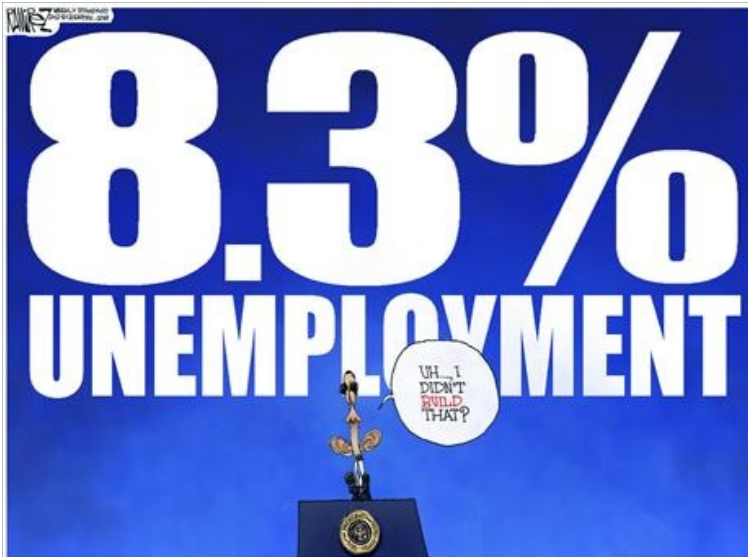
RUSH: In every industry I want to do what I did for jobs in General Motors.

It's not number one. They're not making money. It's just another in a long line of blatant lies. But here he's being honest. I think this has the potential (not quite, but it has the potential) to be, "You didn't build that. You didn't make that." And, by the way, where has that gone? Did you notice that all this stuff that Romney didn't pay

his taxes and "Romney killed my wife!" popped up after that?

You notice that that whole incident from July 13th at Roanoke just vanished?

Obama said (paraphrased), "You didn't build that. You didn't make that happen. The roads and bridges made that happen!" He was getting creamed on that. It was really hurting. And it's gone. It vanished out there into the ether. Nobody's talking about it except for I, El Rushbo. I'm now bringing it back up and reminding people. No, instead what we've been talking about is, "Romney killed a guy's wife! Romney is being unfair to Obama's welfare ad!"



And now here's Obama: "I want to do the same thing with manufacturing jobs, not just the auto industry, every industry!" (I want to be Hugo Chavez.) Does this include the oil industry, for example? Does this include the national gas industry? Does Obama want to take over Apple? You know, folks, if you hate Apple (or if you hate me talking about Apple) then you better support Obama taking it over because he'll kill it and that will be the end of it.

RUSH: Folks, he's serious. Barack Obama is serious. "I want to do the same thing with manufacturing jobs. Not just in the auto industry, in every industry." Does that mean, for example, that Obama...? And you watch, by the way, if anybody on television picks this up. It might have happened last night. Today. On the Sunday shows or next week, if anybody on our side on television engages to have a serious discussion on it and to take Obama at his word, you watch how they'll be pooh-poohed.



You watch.

"Come on! Do you really don't think Obama meant he wants to take over every industry? Who are you? You're just another right-wing maniac." That's what he said: "Now I want to do the same thing with manufacturing jobs. Not just the auto industry, but every industry. The auto industry came roaring back. GM is number one. I want to do the same thing." He'll argue, "I didn't mean taking it over. I want to offer my unique brand of fixing it. My unique way of fixing it," but that's not what happened and that's not what he means.

What he really means is what he said: He wants to take them over. He wants to assume ownership of these things on behalf of the federal government to, quote/unquote, "fix" them and do whatever. And you watch: Anybody who endeavors to take him seriously is going to be mocked and made fun of. "Don't be ridiculous! You're another one of these nuts. You may as well be a birther." They'll try to

intimidate and make fun of these people to get them to shut up.

And I predict there won't be a whole lot of people taking this as seriously as they should be. I'm talking just about the campaign issue. This is a made-to-order campaign issue for anybody who has the chutzpah to look at this ideologically. How long has it been that I've been advocating that the Republican Party -- and that everybody -- learn to look at people ideologically? Their ideas define them. Their ideology tells you all that you need to know about them. In other words, the more people...

How long have I been saying this? How many years have I been saying this? The more you can look at somebody this way, if you know that they are a liberal, that that tells you what you need to know about them. Especially if they're involved in politics. But it doesn't matter if they're not. Even if they're just the neighborhood grocery store bagger or whatever, if you know they're a liberal and you know how they're going to vote. You know what they're going to do and how they think socially.

You know.

And that's a supreme advantage!

Most people don't want to look at other people that way or don't know how or think that for some reason it's labeling somebody. When it isn't! Defining properly (understanding, analyzing, whatever) someone's ideology is all you need. And the more people who understood liberalism ideologically, the easier and greater opportunity we'd have to beat them. So here's Obama: I want to repeat that. I want to take over every industry! Okay, who is he? We know who he is. We know what he's done in 3-1/2 years.

We know what he doesn't like about America.

We know what he's tried to fix (ostensibly) and has broken, and has made worse. We now know who Obama is. We know he's not this Messiah, *The One*, the unique, never-before-seen-in-politics-before figure that they gave us in 2008. We know. So he's just given us a present. It's a great gift. "I want to take over every industry just like I did with the automobiles." So if the Romney campaign could translate this ideologically and use this to help people understand exactly who is Obama on everything?

They could really move the ball forward.

Looking at people's ideology, looking at their ideas -- not their party ID, and not their image, and not the way the press has created the PR about them -- their ideology. This has been a topic of mine. I don't know how many years I've been talking about this, but it has been many. And this is a great opportunity. This comes right after, "You didn't build that. You didn't make that happen." You put this together with that and it's a great opportunity for Romney and the whole Republican campaign, if they know what to do with it.

RUSH: In January 2011, General Motors stock price was \$38.98. Today, it's just over \$20 a share. Today, General Motors owes American taxpayers \$40 billion. The stock market has been doing quite well. So what happened? Obama and his union pals are in charge of this great success story. He wants to do this to every other American industry. We haven't been paid back for the bailout yet! The stock price is a little bit more than half of what it was just 18 months ago.

General Motors owes \$27 billion on the \$50 billion it got from the bailout. The lending arm, Allied Bank, owes \$15 billion of the \$17 billion that it got from the taxpayers. And Obama is out bragging about this! He's threatening to do more of the same. He's not even threatening. I think his audience loves hearing this stuff. Because,

remember, his audience thinks he did save General Motors. He goes out and tells them GM is number one, and they believe it. How about just a little stroll down memory lane?

TARP was promised to "save" our banking industry.

That's what we were told.

That's what we were sold.

And magically it turned into a slush fund!

It's a slush fund for President Crony Capitalism to bail out his donors and supporters. You remember President Bush actually proposed using some of the TARP money to save the car companies, but used in conjunction with existing bankruptcy law. But our newly immaculated president took over and, working with the tax cheat Timmy Geithner at the Treasury department, just took over General Motors and gave half of the company back to the UAW. And, by the way, speaking of banking?

Hang in there. Hang in there, folks, because we're being told that another bank crisis is just around the corner. The five US banks have been told that we are in big trouble again. It's a story that makes me think the whole thing is being set up to happen again. I don't know. This perverted process of "saving" General Motors has cost billions of dollars and now Obama is out warning the country that every other industry he crushes will get the same treatment!

He'll go out, wreak havoc on an industry -- which is what his plan is! Wreak havoc on it just like any other government program. You wreak havoc on Social Security and say, "I have to fix it." You wreak havoc on a business, you regulate it to death, you tax it to death. Of course it's never said that this is what you're doing. You're trying to help. You're trying to make sure the rich don't get away with everything. You're trying to save

the middle class. You're trying to protect middle class jobs.

You're trying to create middle class jobs!

What you really do is you go out and you regulate these businesses out of business. You regulate them with Obamacare and new tax law, and then as these industries and the businesses in them start getting into real trouble, then you -- Obama, the destroyer -- go in as Robin Hood, the White Knight, and you're going to save the day! And the American people applaud! "He cares!" The architect of the problem, Barack Obama (and his Democrat Party target an industry) wreak great damage on it, and then volunteer to "save" it like they did the auto industry by taking it over.

And that perverted process has cost taxpayers billions of dollars. The president is warning the country that every other industry he crushes will get the same treatment. And what is one of the next industries to get this treatment? The private health insurance industry. That's one-sixth of the economy. That's going to be nationalized. That's already been done. That's Obamacare. Private sector health insurance, within three years, is gone. Starting in 2014, the private sector insurance business industry is gone.

And next how about the coal industry? We have coal mining companies all over this country shutting down. They can't stay in business. They are being targeted by Obama. He has said that he intended to target them. (impression) "Well, you can build a coal-fired plant if you want, but, uh, you're going to lose money because the taxes I'm going to charge you will run you out of business." He said this! Before he was president, as part of the campaign, he announced this to some union buddies.

We've played the sound bite over and over again. So if the government ran the coal mines, well, everything would work out just fine! Just like the auto industry. Just like the private health

insurance industry is going to be. Oh, yeah, all these things are going to get fixed. Yeah, we're all going to be driving Chevrolet Volts and standing in line like Third World-type countries in order to get health care. And then when it comes to heat or cool our homes and buildings?

I don't even want to think about it. It's going to be India. It's going to be India. (interruption) What do you mean, "We'd never stand for it"? We're standing for it and watching it all happen! What do you mean won't stand for it to happen? We're watching it happen! We're watching it happen all over the place. We watched the auto industry go bye-bye. We are watching the private health insurance industry go bye-bye. We do nothing when he targets coal and puts a moratorium on oil.

We don't do anything.

We don't do diddly-squat!

What do you mean we wouldn't allow it to happen?

It is happening, right before our eyes, right under our noses.

Of the Indian population, 620 or 650 million people were without power. And you know one of the reasons why? Is because India is toying around with the idea that coal is bad and they're playing around with wind and solar and all this. They are not upgrading their grid. Asia isn't upgrading its grid. We're not upgrading our grid. We're not equipped to fuel our economy. The Indian economy, the Chi Com economy, they're both growing pretty rapidly. They're putting an incredible strain on the fossil fuel power production industry, and we've got plenty of fossil fuels.

We've got fuel! There's no shortage.

All of this is a manufactured panic, but everybody's falling for it. I'll tell you one thing that isn't going to happen: The ChiComs and the Indians are not going to voluntarily slow down their economies in order to make sure they don't have power outages. They'll just have the power outages. What are the people going to do? Look, 650 million people were out of power and what did they do? They accepted it! What else could they do?

California was just told, "We're going to take you off the grid."

It's 90 degrees!

"We're going to have to take some of you people off the grid. We're going to ask you voluntarily at first, in the afternoons, to watch your thermostat." Well, we've had people lose power here. People lost power for a week in the nation's capital. What do they do? What did they do? "Wah, wah, waaaah!" You say we won't stand for it? We're standing for the auto industry being taken over. We're standing for the private sector health insurance and health care industry to be taken over and destroyed. We're watching 55%, 60% of the American people, in poll after poll, opposing Obamacare, but it's happening.

What do you mean we won't stand for it?

Who's standing up to stop it?

Let me take a brief timeout while you chew your cud over that. I'm going to find this bank story, I know I had it here.

RUSH: Reuters story: "US regulators directed five of the country's biggest banks, including Bank of America Corp and Goldman Sachs Group Inc, to develop plans for staving off collapse if they faced serious problems, emphasizing that the banks could not count on government help. The two-year-old program, which has been largely secret until now, is in addition to the 'living wills'

the banks crafted to help regulators dismantle them if they actually do fail.

"It shows how hard regulators are working to ensure that banks have plans for worst-case scenarios and can act rationally in times of distress." Well, let me boil this down for you: US regulators are telling banks to make plans for preventing a collapse. Why would they be doing that now? (New Castrati impression) "That's right, Mr. Limbaugh! Because, don't you see, banks should be planning for this each and every day? It's always possible that banks could collapse." Yeah, but warning them to be ready now?

Make plans NOW to prevent a collapse?

"They told banks to consider drastic efforts to prevent failure in times of distress, including selling off businesses, finding other funding sources if regular borrowing markets shut them out, and reducing risk. The plans must be feasible to execute within three to six months, and banks were to 'make no assumption of extraordinary support from the public sector,' according to the documents." Meaning: We ain't bailing you out. The public sector is the government and we ain't bailing you out.

You better be making plans to prevent collapse. And if it happens, you better be able to handle it on your own or else you're all going to end up like Lehman Brothers. And then we're going to have a movie made about each of you. And then the country is never, ever, going to elect a Republican again, because every bank is going to be portrayed as having been run by a Romney-type guy. Why would they be warning the banks, "You better get your disaster plans in order -- and, by the way, you can't count on the government"?

Now, the government, what are they supposed to do? Protect the economy? If there's another collapse, these guys can't count on the government? I know that they want us to believe,

"That's good, Rush. The government's not going to bail out the banks." I understand all that. I agree with this. This is another threat, though. I think... I'm just throwing this out there. It's probably very unlikely. But I saw a story the other day that all of these banks that donated money to Obama are not doing so this year.

Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch, and all these idiots that threw in with Obama and practically every dollar they donated in '08 went to him? It's now not going to Obama. Well, this is the kind of thing that might result from it. "Oh, okay. You don't see fit to contribute to me? Fine. You better get ready for the next disaster. Remember, I can cause them. And if it happens, you're not getting bailed out." In other words, if there's another collapse... You put together what he just said in Pueblo, Colorado.

"If there's another collapse, I'm going to run your bank. I'm going to come in and take your bank just like I took General Motors."

That's what the guy is.

That's what he's saying.

Don't doubt me.

Again, folks, none of this would be a big, big threat if people just had the ability and the wherewithal to look at Obama ideologically and understand what that means. Of course, it's more complicated than that. You and I understand liberalism. It's simple to us. It's the persuading others that's hard. I know it's a tough thing to do.

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Hosanna! Krauthammer Gets It! Ideology!

RUSH: Well, looky here! Look what was just been brought to my attention. It's Charles Krauthammer's column today: "The Case Against Re-Election -- Krauthammer encourages Romney to attack Obama's ideology, not just his poor record." It is about time! "There are two ways to run against Barack Obama: stewardship or ideology. You can run against his record or you can run against his ideas.

"The stewardship case is pretty straightforward: the worst recovery in US history, 42 consecutive months of 8-plus percent unemployment, declining economic growth -- all achieved at a price of an additional \$5 trillion of accumulated debt. The ideological case is also simple. Just play in toto (and therefore in context) Obama's Roanoke riff telling small-business owners: 'You didn't build that.' ...

"Mitt Romney's preferred argument, however, is stewardship. ... The ideological case, on the other hand, is not just appealing to a center-right country with twice as many conservatives as liberals, it is also explanatory." Thank God somebody has joined my refrain here, folks. Ah! I can't... I can't tell you how excited this makes me. I did not know this. Krauthammer is on board with going after the ideology! Finally, somebody besides me!

Oh, this makes my day!

"The ideological case, on the other hand, is not just appealing to a center-right country with twice as many conservatives as liberals, it is also explanatory." Yes! "It underpins the stewardship argument. Obama's ideology..." YES!!! (clapping) Folks, I'm ...I'm near orgasm time here! Do you know what it's like to be all alone on this stuff? No, no, no. I know you understand. How many years have I been talking about this?

(interruption)

Snerdley is saying, "Everybody's afraid to talk about his ideology." It was his ideology that made me say I wanted him to fail. How else did I know that this was going to happen? How could I know? "How did you know, Rush?" His ideology! He's a liberal! Liberalism means things. Words mean things. Ideas have consequences. Idea-ology! He's a liberal. This was not hard to figure out. So you're saying that people were simply afraid to say this?

(interruption)

Well, okay. Snerdley's theory is there's been a lot of fear to talk about Obama's ideology because once you talk about his ideology, then you've got to talk about where he got it. And that means you have to talk about Reverend Wright and Frank Marshall Davis, I assume, and people don't want to do that. You have to talk about all the stuff that people didn't want to talk about

regarding Obama, and still don't want to. Okay. Well, I'm telling you, all there is to Obama IS his ideology.

The "stewardship" (i.e., the things he's done) is explained by his ideology. He's defined by it! He's defined by liberalism or Marxism, socialism, whatever you want to call it. See, to me, folks, this has been... Don't misunderstand me on this. It's been simple, and I know it is for you too. You know what this cuts to? This actually... We can make a linkage to what I was talking about before the break at the bottom of the hour.

I really have been thinking about the difference between the Democrat Party and the Republican Party, just looking at it this way. And when Byron York asked me, "Why does everybody always surround Obama to protect him? Why do they circle the wagons? Why don't the Republicans do it?" It's because we're not unified. We don't have the same purpose. This is an illustration of the divide.

There are some Republicans who will simply refuse to look at Obama ideologically because, maybe, they're not conservatives themselves. They're RINOs or they're moderates or what have you. And you and I have discussed, profoundly and deeply during the Republican primaries, how even members of the Republican establishment don't like conservatives. They associate conservatism with Goldwater's landslide defeat, not Reagan's landslide victories.

But this is a "Hosanna!" moment.

Here's more Krauthammer. "Second, radical reform of health care that would reduce its ruinously accelerating cost: 'Put simply,' he said, 'our health-care problem is our deficit problem' -- a financial hemorrhage drowning us in debt. Except that Obamacare adds to spending. The Congressional Budget Office reports that Obamacare will incur \$1.68 trillion of new expenditures in its first decade.

"To say nothing of the price of the uncertainty introduced by an impossibly complex remaking of one-sixth of the economy -- discouraging hiring and expansion as trillions of investable private-sector dollars remain sidelined. The third part of Obama's promised transformation was energy. His cap-and-trade federal takeover was rejected by his own Democratic Senate. So the war on fossil fuels has been conducted unilaterally by bureaucratic fiat.

"Regulations that will kill coal. A no-brainer pipeline (Keystone) rejected lest Canadian oil sands be burned. (China will burn them instead.) A drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico that a federal judge severely criticized as illegal. That was the program -- now so unpopular that Obama barely mentions it. Obamacare got exactly two lines in this year's State of the Union address. Seen any ads touting the stimulus? The drilling moratorium? Keystone?"

That's exactly right. Take a look at that Obama's "Romney Killed My Wife" ad. If Obama was proud of Obamacare, that would have been what they said in that ad, not "Romney killed my wife!" They would have said, "Obamacare would have saved her life," if he was proud of it. But he can't say Obamacare! He doesn't want to mention Obamacare, because it's unpopular. He doesn't campaign on the Keystone pipeline. He doesn't campaign on anything he's done.

He's a sitting duck, ideologically.

He's a sitting duck.

He's a landslide defeat waiting to happen, if we would just unify and go at him ideologically. Now, Krauthammer points out here that the Romney campaign decided they're going to go after, "He's a lousy president. He's a lousy steward." And Snerdley may have a point on that because it's Romney who said, "I'm not going to call him a socialist. I'm going to call him a nice guy who doesn't know what he's doing."

Well, he's not a nice guy, A; and, B, he knows exactly what he's doing. He's an ideologue. He's a liberal Marxist. He knows exactly what he's doing. None of this is incompetent. None of it is an accident. It's all on purpose, if you understand liberalism. Ah! This is a "Hosanna!" moment. I, El Rushbo, no longer feel stranded on an island. Now what's going to happen is blogs will pick this up, Krauthammer's thing, and it will spread. And maybe it will get linkage, traction, whatever, and take off.

I don't care.

I just think it's great that somebody has put two and two together here. But it's still going to boil down to: "Will Romney do it? Will Romney give up this notion, 'Eh, he's not really a bad guy. He's a nice guy; he just doesn't understand. He's incompetent. He's not a socialist'?" I remember telling you back two summers ago, various potential Republican presidential candidates came knocking on the door. It was a kiss-the-ring kind of thing, and this is before most had announced.

It was before it really got ginned up, and I'm not going to mention any names because it won't matter. Virtually every one of them that I spoke to said, "We gotta go after Obama's policies, Rush! We can't go after him. We have to go after his policies," and that's what Romney is doing. We're going after his policies (as Krauthammer says, his "stewardship"), because -- you're, right, Snerdley -- they were afraid (and still are) to go after Obama as what he really is.

They're afraid to make the allegation, and every day the Democrats get up and thank whoever is their god that we leave it alone. I guarantee you they do, because that's the one thing they're scared to death of. And I think it may explain why they're upset at Romney's welfare ad, because it combines going after "stewardship" and also illustrates Obama's ideology. Because it's liberals who don't like the work component in welfare.

RUSH: I have been begging Romney to do this. I have been begging Romney to do this since he became the front-runner in the primaries. When I applauded Newt during the primaries, during the debates, it is because he went ideological. You remember one of the biggest events...? I think it was the South Carolina primary debate. Newt got one of the biggest standing Os, and the first one was when he explained the conservative view about work and how we don't want anybody denied a job.

We want people to be able to go to schools to actually learn things, to be able to read the diploma, and come out and own the business. Remember how the place stood up? He got a couple of other standing Os afterwards. He went ideological. He talked about ideas. This is the foundation. When you learned about all this in junior high, Government 101 or Civics 101, whatever they called it, they covered this. The way it was taught to me, anyway -- and it was naive, admittedly.

But it was the people with the best ideas who won elections. It had nothing to do with who ran the dirtiest campaign or had the most money or any of that. This is the idealistic stage when you're being taught this stuff. But it still works. Ideas matter, ideas triumph, particularly when you believe them and can explain them. That's when you become persuasive. I told Byron York... This did not make his cut, by the way, in the piece at the Washington Examiner.

I said, "All Romney has to do is to get some real conservatives as his spokespeople and this problem won't happen anymore." We don't need the Etch A Sketch guy and we don't need people who are not ideological. I've even used the word. I have begged Romney and the Republican Party at large: "Would you please say this is ideological? Would you please start thinking in terms of ideology?" Say "Democrats are liberals," and that alone tells everybody all they need to

know about what somebody in politics plans to do.

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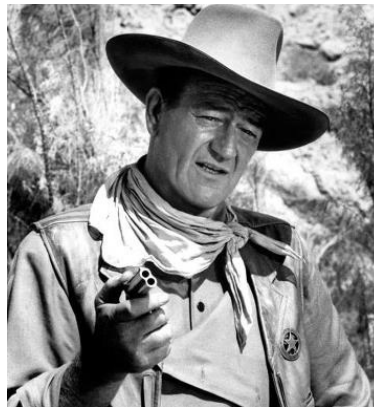
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