

DRAFT REMARKS
STATE OF THE UNION 2014
PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, members of Congress, fellow citizens:

Comment [Carney1]: Give shout out to VP. Credibility still hurting from Gates memoir.

I come here tonight to report the State of the Union. And I can report with confidence that the state of our union is stronger.

Comment [Pfeif2]: Better to use the 2013 cop-out, "stronger"? 61% say we're on the wrong track...ugh

But there's work to be done. Poverty is at record highs. And income inequality is too great.

Comment [VJ3]: We've been in charge for 5 years ... is this smart?

But we can make a difference right away. So, I'm calling on Congress to get to work.

Comment [KFallon4]: NB: the Republican House has passed 148 bills not introduced in Reid's Senate.

I'm declaring a Year of Action. And if Congress won't act. I will.

Comment [Nabors5]: Does that make the last 5 Years of Inaction? :-/

Comment [Counsel6]: um, Constitution?

I've got a pen and I've got a phone...!

Comment [JPod7]: Who the *** came up with this?

Comment [Pfeif8]: If you like your pen, you can keep you pen! LOL

Comment [JPod9]: Shut up

It is our unfinished task to pass immigration reform

Comment [Research10]: 2013 line

Comment [Research11]: Promised to do in 2009.

It is our unfinished task to create more jobs. Now, there are positive developments. Unemployment is down to 6.7%.

Comment [Carney12]: ...like shaving the beard?

Comment [Research13]: Only because Labor Force Participation Rate is as low as the Carter years.

Comment [JPod14]: Anyone miss the Carter years yet?

And yes, we still have work to do on healthcare reform. But the good news is, people are getting insurance.

Comment [DMc15]: Like getting rid of the Spanglish on ciudadodesalud.gov

Comment [Research16]: But 5 million received cancellation notices...

Comment [Research17]: Not young people.

And I know, there are people who lost their plans. That's ok. You can buy better ones.

Comment [Research18]: More expensive ones.

~~But I promise you this: if you like your doctor you can keep your doctor.~~

Comment [Research19]: False

Comment [JPod20]: ARE YOU TRYING TO GET LIE OF THE YEAR 2014?!

Think about the America within our reach: A country that leads the world in educating its people. An America that attracts a new generation of high-tech manufacturing and high-paying jobs. A future where we're in control of our own energy...an economy built to last, where hard work pays off, and responsibility is rewarded.

Comment [Research21]: This is literally copy/pasted from 2012.

We can create a Manufacturing Hub Program.

Comment [Research22]: Repeat from 2012, 2013.

Comment [Research23]: Still haven't gotten around to naming all the Hub winners for 2013!

We can make advances in clean energy.

Comment [Research24]: Repeat: '09, '10, '11, '12, '13...

We can create an immigration system that works.

Comment [Research25]: Repeat: '10, '11, '12, '13.

We can establish universal pre-school.

Comment [Research26]: Repeat: '13. Come on guys, anything new here?!

Comment [DOJ27]: Just don't mention school choice. We're shutting that down. Don't care if works.

And we can make government more transparent, open, and honest.

Yes, there's work to do. But we have accomplished a great deal.

But we can't focus only on the home front. Our strength is also measured by our relations with the rest of the world.

We have reached an agreement that will keep Iran from developing a nuclear weapon.

And I will close Guantanamo Bay.

And let me just add, for no particular reason at all, most certainly not a book, that Vice President Biden has been on the right side of all foreign policy decisions—even if someone else, I don't know who, says otherwise.

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Comment [Research28]: Repeat

Comment [VJ29]: IRS IRS IRS ... appointed donor to "investigate" ;-)

Comment [JPod30]: Benghazi Benghazi Benghazi
Don't say anything to hurt Hillary '16

Comment [Carney31]: Let's hope Jill Abramson isn't watching...

Comment [VJ33]: Should probably expand on this.
Anyone have ideas? What have we accomplished?

Comment [Research32]: Not so popular there either.

Comment [JPod34]: In the PR biz, we call this over-selling. Serious over-selling.

Comment [Research35]: But our own party wants more sanctions.

Comment [DWS36]: PLEASE DON'T thank me for helping block sanctions!

Comment [Research37]: ... said candidate Obama in 2008.

Comment [Carney38]: Do I have to do everything myself? PS. I miss my beard.