



# Tar Heel Hypocrisy

## *Kay Hagan's Record: Saying One Thing In North Carolina And Doing Another In Washington, D.C.*

### **HAGAN CLAIMED VOTING WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS BAD IN 2008, BUT VOTES WITH OBAMA 96 PERCENT OF THE TIME**

#### *In 2008, Hagan Attacked Sen. Dole For Voting With President Bush 92 Percent Of The Time*

At The 2008 U.S. Senate Debate With Then-Sen. Elizabeth Dole, Hagan Said That "Voting 92% Of Time With The President, Whether You Support Him Or Not, Doesn't Work Here In North Carolina." HAGAN: "It is time for someone to reach across party lines and finally get something done in this country. Voting 92 percent of time with the President, whether you support him or not, doesn't work here in North Carolina." (State Sen. Kay Hagan, [U.S. Senate Debate At NC Bar Association](#), Atlantic Beach, NC 6/21/08)

Hagan: "I Don't Care What Party You're From That's Not Representing North Carolinians When You're Voting 92 Percent With President Bush." HAGAN: "Elizabeth Dole was just ranked the 93rd least effective senator and she votes with President Bush 92% of the time. I know we're all democrats here but I don't care what party you're from that's not representing North Carolinians when you're voting 92% with President Bush." (Kay Hagan, [Speech On CCCC Campus In Pittsboro](#), 3/27/08)

#### *But Hagan Votes In Lockstep With Obama And His Liberal Agenda*

**Hagan Voted With Obama 96 Percent Of The Time In 2013, According To The Non-Partisan Congressional Quarterly.** (Sen. Kay Hagan, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 6/9/14)

- **Since 2009, Hagan Has Voted With Obama An Average Of 95 Percent Of The Time.** (Sen. Kay Hagan, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 6/9/14)

**Hagan Voted With Liberal Democrats 86 Percent Of The Time In 2013.** (Sen. Kay Hagan, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 6/9/14)

- **Since 2009, Hagan Voted With Liberal Democrats 88 Percent Of The Time.** (Sen. Kay Hagan, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 6/9/14)

#### *Hagan Has Also Welcomed The Support Of Obama On Many Occasions*

In March Of 2014, Hagan Said "The President Is Always Welcome To North Carolina And To Campaign." "In recent months, though, as the approvals of both the president and Hagan have nosedived, the relationship between the two has been ostensibly abstruse. She was a no-show for the president's last two visits to the state and oblique when asked if the president would join her on the trail this election

season. "The president is always welcome to North Carolina and to campaign," Hagan said after her public remarks." (T. Kevin Walker, "Hagan: I Still Work, Meet With Obama," [Winston-Salem Chronicle](#), 3/26/14)

**In August Of 2013, Hagan Said That She Would "Be Honored" To Have Obama Campaign For Her Next Year.** "In North Carolina, which Obama narrowly carried in 2008 and narrowly lost in 2012, Republicans hope unhappiness with the health care law will topple Democratic Sen. Kay Hagan in November. Hagan, seeking a second term, told The News and Observer of Raleigh in August she would "be honored" to have Obama campaign for her. But Republicans are distributing a WTVD news clip that says Hagan didn't answer directly when asked if she would appear alongside the president." (Charles Babington, "Some Dems Keep Distance As Obama Popularity Drops," [The Associated Press](#), 12/2/13)

**Hagan Was Eager To Appear At Obama Rallies During Her 2008 Campaign.** "One clear sign things have changed: Democrats whose names will be below Obama's on the ballot want to be seen at his rallies. There was state Sen. Kay Hagan, who is trying to unseat U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, joining Obama at the rally after shooting hoops with him in the Asheville High School gym. "This is quite a switch," Democratic strategist Gary Pearce, who advised former Gov. Jim Hunt, said last week. 'Usually, somebody like that comes, they want to be as far away as they can. They all will have something at the beach.'" (Jordan Schrader, "NC Democrats Stand With Obama," [The Asheville Citizen-Times](#), 10/6/08)

## **HAGAN CLAIMS TO "GET RESULTS" BUT HER RECORD IN D.C. SAYS OTHERWISE**

**Hagan, At A Recent Debate: "I Am The Most Moderate Senator. ... [I] Get Results For The People Of North Carolina."** HAGAN: "It shows once again that I am the most moderate senator. That I can work across the aisle and get things done. Get results for the people of North Carolina." (North Carolina Senatorial Candidates Debate, Research Triangle Park, NC, 9/3/14)

**In January 2013, Hagan Described Herself As A Moderate Who Governs As A "Common Sense, Middle Of The Road, Independent Thinker, But The Bottom Line Is (Being) Results-Oriented."** "I look at myself — common sense, middle of the road, independent thinker, but the bottom line is (being) results-oriented," said Hagan, adding that constituents ask her all the time why Congress can't get along. Despite billing herself as a moderate, Hagan's future may hinge on President Barack Obama's approval marks at the midterm elections. Hagan will be at the top of the ballot and could serve as a proxy for Obama, who lost North Carolina in 2012 by 92,000 votes." (Gary D. Robertson, "N.C. Sen. Hagan Says She's Governing As Moderate," [The Associated Press](#), 1/20/13)

### ***Hagan Has Yet To Sponsor Legislation That Has Been Enacted Into Law***

**Since Being Elected To The U.S. Senate In 2009, Hagan Has Never Sponsored Legislation Enacted Into Law.** ([Library Of Congress Website](#), Accessed 9/3/14)

### ***And Hagan Also Supports Harry Reid And His Ineffective Leadership In The Senate***

**Hagan: "Harry Reid Is Our Leader, And I Certainly Do Support Harry ..."** "Harry Reid is our leader, and I certainly do support Harry," said Sen. Kay Hagan (D-N.C.). "And I have a huge race going on right now, and I will be victorious. And I will be back next year. And we can talk all about that then." (Manu Raju And John Bresnahan, "Harry Reid Set To Lead Democrats, In Majority Or Not," [Politico](#), 4/3/14)

**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's Leadership In The Senate Has Been Described As "Brutish" As He Wields "Uncompromising Control" Over The Senate.** "Mr. Reid's brutish style matters beyond the marbled chamber of the Senate. Senate legislation has increasingly turned into a battle over amendments and Mr. Reid's uncompromising control over the process. The six Republicans who voted to take up the unemployment bill on Tuesday expected at least to be allowed votes on their amendments to shape the legislation. Instead, Mr. Reid dismissed all Republican proposals as unacceptable and then proposed his

own new unemployment deal.” (Jonathan Weisman, “Reid’s Uncompromising Power Play In Senate Rankles Republicans,” [The New York Times](#), 1/9/14)

- **“Reid Has Clamped Down On The Traditional Right Of Freewheeling Debate And Amendment.”** (Andrew Taylor, “Reid Pulls Spending Bill After Spat With GOP,” [The Associated Press](#), 6/19/14)
- **Reid’s Senate Is “On Pace For Their Worst Year In More Than Three Decades” On Bringing Bills To The Floor.** “Through the end of June, just 41 measures have been reported as being out of committees and gone to the Senate floor, which puts senators on pace for their worst year in more than three decades. Total bills considered are also down, as are roll-call votes on amendments.” (Stephen Dinan and S.A. Miller, “Harry Reid Lords Over Crippled Congress,” [The Washington Times](#), 7/7/14)

## **HAGAN PROMISED NORTH CAROLINIANS THAT THEY COULD KEEP THEIR HEALTH PLANS, BUT SHE VOTED AGAINST JUST THAT**

**Hagan, In 2009: “If You’ve Got Health Insurance, In Our Country, You Keep It. Whatever We Do, I Don’t Want To Dismantle Any System Where People Are Happy With The Coverage That They Have.”** (Sen. Kay Hagan, [Remarks At HCAN Rally](#), 6/25/09)

**183,821 North Carolinians Have Had Their Insurance Policy Cancelled, Affecting 473,724 People According To The North Carolina Department Of Insurance.** “Twenty-one companies terminated 183,821 individual and group health insurance policies affecting 473,724 people by late October, according to figures collected by North Carolina’s Insurance Department. Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina issued 151,640 cancellations, followed by 20,370 by Coventry Health and 4,459 by Aetna. Aetna bought Coventry this year.” (Emery P. Dalesio, “Obama Move On Canceled Plans May Touch 475K In NC,” [The Associated Press](#), 11/14/13)

### ***Hagan Even Voted Against Legislation That Would Have Allowed North Carolinians To Keep Their Plans***

**In 2010, Senate Republicans Attempted To Strike Down “The ObamaCare Rule That Is Largely Responsible For Some Of The Health Insurance Cancellation Letters That Are Going Out.”** “Senate Democrats voted unanimously three years ago to support the Obamacare rule that is largely responsible for some of the health insurance cancellation letters that are going out. In September 2010, Senate Republicans brought a resolution to the floor to block implementation of the grandfather rule, warning that it would result in canceled policies and violate President Barack Obama’s promise that people could keep their insurance if they liked it.” (Chris Frates, “Senate Democrats Supported Rule That Led To Insurance Cancellations,” [CNN](#), 10/31/13)

- **Hagan Voted With Every Other Senate Democrat To Protect The ObamaCare Rule That Is Kicking People Off Of Their Plans.** (S.J. Res 39, [Roll Call Vote #244](#), Defeated 40-59: R 40-0; D 0-59, 9/29/10, Hagan Voted Nay)

## **IN 2008, HAGAN WAS “READY AND WILLING” TO DEBATE, BUT NOW SHE IS RUNNING FROM DEBATING THOM TILLIS**

**During Her 2008 Campaign For Senate, Hagan Was “Ready And Willing” To Debate Then Sen. Dole.** “The lack of face-to-face debates is particularly noticeable in the Senate race, where Dole has declined to commit to five televised debates ... Officials with Hagan’s campaign said they agreed to those debates. But event organizers said Dole never committed as scheduling deadlines passed. Hagan has not made a major issue of Dole’s reluctance to debate. When asked about it last week, Hagan said, ‘I’m definitely ready and willing.’” (Rob Christensen, “Dole, Perdue Content To Avoid Debates,” [The News & Observer](#), 10/8/08)

**But Just Last Week, Hagan Said She Will Decline An Invite To Debate Thom Tillis At A Future Debate.** "Time Warner Cable News, and our media partners the News and Observer of Raleigh and Charlotte Observer will produce a U.S. Senate debate on Oct. 21. The leading candidates in the race have been notified they will be invited to participate should they meet qualifying criteria. One of the top candidates says he is ready to debate, the other says she plans to decline ... Kay Hagan has said she intends to decline." (Loretta Boniti, "TWC News, News And Observer, Charlotte Observer Announce US Senate Debate," [Time Warner Cable News](#), 9/8/14)

**Political Observers Say Hagan's Decision To Decline The Debate "Is Surprising."** "Political observers say it is surprising the Hagan campaign is declining an opportunity to debate because the race is so close, and she faces challenge not often encountered by incumbents. 'So the two conditions- the incumbent being better known than the challenger and the incumbent having a lead over the challenger - the two things that tend to make incumbents shy away from debates aren't present in this situation,' said Andrew Taylor with North Carolina State University. 'So you would think that it would be much more likely that Sen. Hagan would be willing to engage in a series of debates.'" (Loretta Boniti, "TWC News, News And Observer, Charlotte Observer Announce US Senate Debate," [Time Warner Cable News](#), 9/8/14)

**Hagan's Decision Follows Her Hometown Paper Criticizing Her Debate Performance, Saying Hagan "Could Have Done So Much Better."** "The Democratic incumbent could have done so much better, but she let her Republican challenger get through the televised encounter with little damage ... Tillis' effort in the first debate was a little better than Hagan's." (Editorial, "First Round To Tillis," [Greensboro News & Record](#), 9/5/14)