



## They Said It!

### ***Democrat Senator Calls Obama's \$17 Trillion Debt "Irresponsible"***

**Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO): "I Do Believe A \$17 Trillion Dollar Debt Is Irresponsible. I Do Believe That."** "Missouri Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill railed against the national debt speaking in Kansas City as part of her 'McCaskill on Main Street' tour on Wednesday. ... 'I do believe a \$17 trillion dollar debt is irresponsible. I do believe that,' McCaskill said, while adding that she supported raising the minimum wage and extending unemployment insurance." (Andrew Kaczynski, "Democratic Senator: Debt Is Going To Make U.S. 'Not A First-Tier Nation Anymore'," [BuzzFeed](#), 3/19/14)

- **McCaskill: "[I]t's Gonna Put Us In A Position Where We're Not A First-Tier Nation Anymore If We Get Swallowed Up By The Debt."** "McCaskill said if the U.S. continued along current spending lines and got 'swallowed up by the debt,' the country would no longer be a first-tier nation. 'I do think we have to be careful about making the federal government the answer to everything, because it's gonna put us in a position where we're not a first-tier nation anymore if we get swallowed up by the debt.'" (Andrew Kaczynski, "Democratic Senator: Debt Is Going To Make U.S. 'Not A First-Tier Nation Anymore'," [BuzzFeed](#), 3/19/14)

**Since Obama Took Office, The National Debt Has Grown By \$6.9 Trillion, Increasing From \$10.6 Trillion In January 2009 To \$17.5 Trillion Today.** ([U.S. Department of the Treasury](#), Accessed 3/19/14)

- **FLASHBACK: In 2008 - When The National Debt Was \$9.5 Trillion - Obama Said Adding \$4 Trillion To The Debt Was "Irresponsible. It's Unpatriotic."** OBAMA: "The problem is, is that the way Bush has done it over the last eight years is to take out a credit card from the Bank of China in the name of our children, driving up our national debt from \$5 trillion for the first 42 presidents - #43 added \$4 trillion by his lonesome, so that we now have over \$9 trillion of debt that we are going to have to pay back -- \$30,000 for every man, woman and child. That's irresponsible. It's unpatriotic." (Sen. Barack Obama, [Remarks At A Campaign Event, Fargo, ND](#), 7/3/08)