



Where's Kay?

Obama's In North Carolina, But Kay Hagan Is Nowhere To Be Found

KAY HAGAN IS SUDDENLY RELUCTANT TO ASSOCIATE HERSELF WITH OBAMA

Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) Is Skipping President Obama's Speech Today In Raleigh. "One of North Carolina's most prominent Democrats doesn't plan to attend President Barack Obama's speech Wednesday in Raleigh. A spokeswoman for U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan said Monday the senator won't be at the president's event on the North Carolina State University campus because she'll be in Washington as the Senate meets this week." ("Hagan Will Stay In DC While Obama Travels To NC," [The Associated Press](#), 1/13/14)

- **CNN's Brianna Keilar Called Hagan's Excuse "The Congressional Equivalent Of 'I Can't Go, I'm Washing My Hair.'"** CNN's BRIANNA KEILAR: "I know you're saying her office has addressed this – that she's here, and the Senate's in session. But I think people take that as the congressional equivalent of 'I can't go, I'm washing my hair.'" ([White House Daily Press Briefing](#), 1/14/14)

Hagan's Ducking Of Obama Recalls A Recent Interview, Where She Repeatedly Dodged Answering Whether She Approves Of Obama's Job Performance. "'This race is not about the president,' Hagan said in an interview, twice refusing to say whether she approves of Obama's job performance." (Manu Raju, "North Carolina's Choice," [Politico](#), 12/12/13)

Hagan Isn't Too Busy To Meet With Obama Where Her Constituents Won't See

Hagan And Other Democratic Senators Are Scheduled To Meet With Obama Tonight At The White House. "And Hagan is likely to see the president later that night, when Obama will host Democratic senators at the White House. The North Carolina event is among a broader economic push by the White House ahead of the State of the Union address on Jan. 28." (Justin Sink, "Hagan Won't Join Obama In North Carolina," [The Hill](#), 1/13/14)

Hagan Used To Say That She Would "Be Honored" To Campaign With Obama

In August, 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)

- **In December, Hagan's Campaign Confirmed Her Desire To Have Obama Campaign For Her Reelection.** "That's nonsense, says Hagan spokeswoman Sadie Weiner. Hagan 'has said she'd

certainly have him campaign' for her, Weiner said." (Charles Babington, "Some Dems Keep Distance As Obama Popularity Drops," [The Associated Press](#), 12/2/13)

HAGAN HOPES NORTH CAROLINIANS WILL FORGET THAT SHE HAS BEEN A CLOSE OBAMA ALLY AND RUBBER STAMP

Hagan Has Been A Rubber Stamp For Obama, Voting With Him 96 Percent Of The Time

According To The Non-Partisan *Congressional Quarterly*, Hagan Voted With Obama 96 Percent Of The Time In 2012. (Sen. Kay Hagan, [Congressional Quarterly](#), Accessed 1/13/14)

Hagan Endorsed Obama In 2008 And 2012 And Was Eager To Appear At His Rallies

In 2012, Hagan Endorsed Obama And Said Americans "Need President Obama In The White House For Four More Years." "I worry about and think about jobs, jobs, jobs, every day. And that's exactly why we need President Obama in the White House for four more years." (Sen. Kay Hagan, [ABC News](#), 9/5/12)

Hagan Hit The Campaign Trail For Obama The Day Before The 2012 Election. "This led the Obama campaign to quickly organize the rally in Raleigh, which also featured appearances by U.S. Senator Kay Hagan, Lt. Governor Walter Dalton and former Governor Jim Hunt." (Brennan McGowan, "Clinton rallies support for Obama in Raleigh," [Elon Local News](#), 11/5/12)

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 Also Frequently Invoked Obama In Her Stump Speeches.** "Hagan introduced Obama, Biden, and their wives, when they appeared in North Carolina and invoked Obama in her stump speech." (David Magleby, "The Change Election," Temple University Press, 2011, pg. 116)

HAGAN ALSO DOESN'T WANT VOTERS TO RECALL THAT SHE WAS A KEY VOTE FOR OBAMACARE AND ECHOED OBAMA'S "LIE OF THE YEAR"

Hagan Voted To Pass ObamaCare. (H.R. 3590, [Roll Call Vote #396](#), Adopted 60-39; R 0-39; D 60-0, 12/24/09, Hagan Voted Yea)

- **Hagan Voted Against Repealing ObamaCare.** (S.Amdt.202 to S.Con.Res. 8, [Roll Call Vote #51](#), Rejected 45-54; R 45-0; D 0-54, 3/22/13, Hagan Voted Nay)

Hagan And Obama Promised North Carolinians That They Would Be Able To Keep Their Existing Plans

PolitiFact Named Obama's False Promise That People Would Be Able To Keep Their Existing Health Coverage Its 2013 "Lie Of The Year." "Boiling down the complicated health care law to a soundbite proved treacherous, even for its promoter-in-chief. Obama and his team made matters worse, suggesting they had been misunderstood all along. The stunning political uproar led to this: a rare presidential apology. For all of these reasons, PolitiFact has named 'If you like your health care plan, you can keep it,' the Lie of the Year for 2013." (Angie Drobnic Holan, "Lie Of The Year: 'If You Like Your Health Care Plan, You Can Keep It,'" [PolitiFact](#), 12/12/13)

In 2009, Hagan Said She Was “Focused On A Reform Bill That...Ensures That If You Like Your Insurance And Your Doctors, You Keep Them.” “I have been focused on a reform bill that prevents insurance companies from turning patients away who have a preexisting condition, that expands coverage, and ensures that if you like your insurance and your doctors, you keep them.” (Sen. Kay Hagan, [Floor Remarks](#), 11/5/09)

- **Hagan: “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)

For Every One North Carolinian Who Signed Up For ObamaCare, Four Have Received A Cancellation Notice

473,724 North Carolinians Have Received Insurance Cancellation Letters Due To ObamaCare 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)

- **107,778 North Carolinians Had Selected An ObamaCare Plan As Of December 28, 2013.** (“Health Insurance Marketplace: January Enrollment Report,” [Department Of Health And Human Services: Office Of The Assistant Secretary For Planning And Evaluation](#), 1/13/14, p. 13)

Hagan Had The Chance To Fix This Problem In 2010, But Stood With Obama And Senate Democrats Instead

In 2010, Senate Republicans Attempted To Strike Down The ObamaCare Regulation Costing People Their Healthcare. “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)

The Republican Resolution Would Have Struck Down HHS’s Regulations That Narrowed The Grandfathering Provision In ObamaCare That Was Intended To Help Americans Keep Their Insurance Plans. “The precipitating event was the federal regulation detailing the grandfathering provision of the law, which exempts existing health plans from certain requirements such as having to offer benefits without cost sharing. Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) introduced a resolution of disapproval calling for a do-over on the regulation, which many businesses say is too onerous.” (Julian Pecquet, “Grandfathering Vote Sparks Renewed Health Reform Debate,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 10/29/10)

Senate Democrats Voted Unanimously To Protect The Rule. “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.” (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)

BUT VOTERS DO REMEMBER, AND THAT’S WHY KAY HAGAN’S POLL NUMBERS ARE IN FREEFALL

A Poll Released Yesterday By Democratic Polling Firm Public Policy Polling Found Hagan 10 Points Underwater, With 39 Percent Of North Carolinians Approving Of Her Job Performance And 49 Percent Disapproving ([Public Policy Polling](#), 1384 RV, 2.6% MoE, 1/9-12/14)

- **In The December PPP Poll, Hagan's Net Approval Was -6, With 43 Percent Of North Carolinians Approving And 49 Percent Disapproving.** ([Public Policy Polling Poll](#), 1,281 RV, 2.7% MoE, 12/5-8/13)
- **In November, Hagan's Net Approval Was -5, With 44 Percent Approving Of Her Job Performance And 49 Percent Disapproving.** ([Public Policy Polling Poll](#), 701 RV, 3.7% MoE, 11/8-11/13)
- **When Polled By PPP In September, North Carolinians Gave Hagan A +4 Approval Rating, With 43 Percent Approving And 39 Percent Disapproving.** ([Public Policy Polling Poll](#), 600 RV, MoE 4.0%, 9/6-9/13)

In Head-To-Head Matchups, Hagan Has A 1 Or 2 Point Deficit Against Each Of Her Potential Republican Opponents. "She has 1 or 2 point deficits against each of her potential GOP foes. She's down by 1 to Heather Grant (42/41) and Thom Tillis (43/42), and trails by 2 against the rest of the field (43/41 against Greg Brannon and Mark Harris, 44/42 against Bill Flynn.)" ([Public Policy Polling](#), 1384 RV, 2.6% MoE, 1/9-12/14)

Obama And ObamaCare Are The Reason For Hagan's Plummeting Numbers

ObamaCare Is "Driving" Much Of Hagan's Electoral "Trouble" With Just 38 Percent Of Voters Supporting It. "Unpopularity of the Affordable Care Act seems to be driving much of her trouble. Only 38% of voters in the state overall support it to 48% who are opposed, and independents are more against it than the overall electorate at 31/57." ([Public Policy Polling](#), 1384 RV, 2.6% MoE, 1/9-12/14)

61 Percent Of Voters Say The Implementation Of ObamaCare Has Been Unsuccessful While 32 Percent Say It Has Been A Success. ([Public Policy Polling](#), 1384 RV, 2.6% MoE, 1/9-12/14)/14)

Obama Remains Unpopular In North Carolina, And In December Had A Net Approval Rating Of -11, With 44 Percent Approving Of His Job Performance And 55 Percent Disapproving. ([Public Policy Polling Poll](#), 1,281 RV, 2.7% MoE, 12/5-8/13)