



# Obama Makes The Case Against His Own Re-Election

*Obama Admits He'd Run Against His Economic Record And Concedes He Failed To Change Washington*

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OBAMA ADMITS "IF I WAS IN [ROMNEY'S] SHOES I'D BE MAKING THE SAME ARGUMENT" ABOUT MY FAILURE TO FIX THE ECONOMY



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**CBS's Charlie Rose:** "But suppose, I mean he clearly will say, let's look at your record. Let's look at the fact that unemployment is at 8.2 percent. It is unlikely to change. Let's look at how effective the stimulus was."

**Obama:** "Right."

**Rose:** "Let's look at your management of the economy."

**Obama:** "Exactly."

**Rose:** "Yes, it was a bad hand you were dealt, but you have not made it to what it ought to be."

**Obama:** "Right."

**Rose:** "That is the centrality of their campaign."

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**Obama:** “Exactly. That is his argument and you don't hear me complaining about him making that argument, because if I was in his shoes I'd be making the same argument.”

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## OBAMA ADMITS “I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CHANGE THE ATMOSPHERE HERE IN WASHINGTON”



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**Rose:** “This was also a time of ‘Yes We Can,’ ‘Hope and Change.’ What happened to that? Because that’s not the narrative today.”

**Obama:** “Well, it is funny. I just came back from a bus tour in Ohio and we’ve just started to get in the campaign swing and I tell people this campaign is still about hope. If somebody asks you it’s still about change. Washington feels as broken as it did four years ago, and, you know, if you ask me what is the one thing that has frustrated me most over the last four years, it’s not the hard work, it’s not, you know, the enormity of the decisions, it’s not the pace, it is that I haven't been able to change the atmosphere here in Washington to reflect the decency situation and common sense of ordinary people, Democrats, Republicans and Independents who I think just want to see their leadership solve problems. And, you know, there’s enough blame to go around for that.”

**Rose:** “And do you blame yourself in part because I mean you had this confidence that you had the skills that would allow you to bridge the gap? I mean...”

**Obama:** “I think there is no doubt that I underestimated the degree to which, in this town, politics trumps problem solving.”

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