



Big Government And Broken Promises

Obama Promised A Leaner And More Responsible Government – But All He Delivered Was A Bloated Government Lacking Accountability

OBAMA PROMISED TO BRING A SMARTER GOVERNMENT TO WASHINGTON

Obama: “I Ran For Office Pledging To Make Our Government Leaner And Smarter And More Consumer-Friendly.” OBAMA: “I ran for office pledging to make our government leaner and smarter and more consumer-friendly. And from the moment I got here, I saw up close what many of you know to be true: The government we have is not the government that we need.” (President Barack Obama, Remarks On Government Reform, [Washington, DC](#), 1/13/12)

- **Obama Said “What We Should Be Asking Is Not Whether We Need ‘Big Government’ Or A ‘Small Government,’ But How We Can Create A Smarter And Better Government.”** OBAMA: “So, class of 2010, what we should be asking is not whether we need ‘big government’ or a ‘small government,’ but how we can create a smarter and better government.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks By The President At University Of Michigan Spring Commencement](#), Ann Arbor, MI, 5/1/10)
- **Obama Said “The Long-Running Debate Between Big Government And Small Government Misses The Point; It Isn’t Relevant To Today’s Challenges.”** OBAMA: “Peter also shares my view that the long-running debate between big government and small government misses the point; it isn’t relevant to today’s challenges. The real debate is about how we make government smarter, more effective, and more efficient in the 21st century.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks By The President In Selection Of Jack Lew To Be Director Of OMB](#), Washington, DC, 7/13/10)

Obama Said “I Think There's Going To Have To Be A Fundamentally Different Approach To Things. And I Described Earlier What I Think That Approach Has To Be. It's Not An Issue Of Big Government Versus Small Government. It's An Issue Of Smart Government.” NPR's STEVE INSKEEP: “Let me ask you about two or three years out. I'm thinking of the 1990s when President Clinton famously said, ‘The era of big government is over.’ Because of the medium- and long-term need to restrain or cut spending, are you going to be in a position where the era of big government is going to be over again; there's going to have to be a fundamentally different approach to things?” OBAMA: “I think there's going to have to be a fundamentally different approach to things. And I described earlier what I think that approach has to be. It's not an issue of big government versus small government. It's an issue of smart government.” (President Barack Obama, Interview With Steve Inskeep, [NPR's “Morning Edition.”](#) 12/10/10)

Obama: “We Don’t Need A Big Government Agenda Or A Small Government Agenda...” OBAMA: “So,

Colorado, we know what change is. We know what the future requires. We don't need a big government agenda or a small government agenda -- we need a middle class agenda that rewards the values of hard work and responsibility." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks By The President At A Campaign Event](#), Boulder, CO, 12/1/12)

AND OBAMA PROMISED THAT HE WOULD "BE JUDGED BY RESULTS" AND WAS "RESPONSIBLE" FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Obama Said That Part Of His New Course For Washington Was "Making Sure That When I Screw Up That I'm Taking Responsibility For It." OBAMA: "It's not going to be perfect. There are going to be bumps and fits and starts on this thing. But as long as I stay focused on them and putting them back to work, making sure that they have health insurance, making sure their kids can afford college, cleaning up attitudes around here, including making sure that when I screw up that I'm taking responsibility for it. I think that people will feel that three or four or five years down the road that you know we set a new course." (President Barack Obama, [Interview With Katie Couric Of CBS News](#), 2/3/09)

Obama Said "I Expect To Be Judged By Results. And There's No -- I'm Not Going To Make Any Excuses." OBAMA: "I expect to be judged by results. And there's no -- I'm not going to make any excuses. If stuff hasn't worked and people don't feel like I've led the country in the right direction, then you'll have a new President." (President Obama, [Remarks At Fort Myers Town Hall](#), Fort Myers, FL, 2/10/09)

Obama: "As President Of The United States, It's Pretty Clear To Me That I'm Responsible For Folks Who Are Working In The Federal Government And You Know, Harry Truman Said The Buck Stops With You." OBAMA: "Well, here's what I know, we were just talking about responsibility and as president of the United States, it's pretty clear to me that I'm responsible for folks who are working in the federal government and you know, Harry Truman said the buck stops with you." ("President Obama Says Romney Should Answer Bain Capital Questions," [WJLA](#), 7/13/12)

- **Obama: "One Of The Things You Learn Is, You Are Ultimately Responsible For The Conduct Of Your Operations..."** OBAMA: "Ultimately Mr. Romney, I think, is going to have to answer those questions, because if he aspires to being president one of the things you learn is, you are ultimately responsible for the conduct of your operations, but again that's probably a question that he's going to have to answer and I think that's a legitimate part of the campaign." ("President Obama Says Romney Should Answer Bain Capital Questions," [WJLA](#), 7/13/12)

BUT RECENT HEADLINES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT OBAMA'S "SMARTER GOVERNMENT" IS JUST ANOTHER BROKEN PROMISE

The IRS Used Taxpayer Funds To Push A Political Agenda

NBC News Headline: "IRS Apologizes For Targeting Conservative Groups." (Mark Murray, "IRS Apologizes For Targeting Conservative Groups," [NBC News](#), 5/10/13)

The Associated Press Headline: "IRS Assured Congress Tea Party Not Targeted." (Stephen Ohlemacher, "IRS Assured Congress Tea Party Not Targeted," [The Associated Press](#), 5/13/13)

The Washington Post Headline: "IRS Officials In Washington Were Involved In Targeting Of Conservative Groups." (Juliet Eilperin and Zachary Goldfarb, "IRS Officials In Washington Were Involved In Targeting Of Conservative Groups," [The Washington Post](#), 5/13/13)

Politico Headline: "White House IRS Timeline Shifts Again." (Reid J. Epstein, "White House IRS Timeline Shifts Again," [Politico](#), 5/21/13)

The Hill Headline: "IRS Official To Plead The Fifth." (Peter Shroeder, "Report: IRS Official To Plead The Fifth," [The Hill](#), 5/21/13)

The Associated Press Headline: "IRS Supervisor In DC Scrutinized Tea Party Cases." (Stephen Ohlemacher, "IRS Supervisor In DC Scrutinized Tea Party Cases," [The Associated Press](#), 6/16/13)

The IRS Spent Nearly \$50 Million On Conferences

The Associated Press Headline: "Report: IRS Spent \$50M Holding 220 Employee Conferences Over Three Years." (Alan Fram, "Report: IRS Spent \$50M Holding 220 Employee Conferences Over Three Years," [The Associated Press](#), 6/3/13)

- **The Hill** Headline: "IG Report Finds Broad, Wasteful Spending On IRS Conferences." (Peter Shroeder, "IG Report Finds Broad, Wasteful Spending On IRS Conferences," [The Hill](#), 6/4/13)
- **The Hill** Headline: "IRS Officials Suspended For Taking Gifts." (Bernie Becker, "IRS Officials Suspended For Taking Gifts," [The Hill](#), 6/5/13)

HHS Secretary Sebelius Is Soliciting Cash From Private Companies To Fund ObamaCare

The Washington Post, Headline: "Budget Request Denied, Sebelius Turns To Health Executives To Finance ObamaCare." (Sarah Kliff, "Budget Request Denied, Sebelius Turns To Health Executives To Finance ObamaCare," [The Washington Post](#), 5/10/13)

- **The Washington Post** Editorial: "Kathleen Sebelius Dances On Ethical Line." (Editorial, "Kathleen Sebelius Dances On An Ethical Line," [The Washington Post](#), 5/18/13)

The EPA Transformed A Warehouse Into A Secret Man Cave And Allows Its Officials to Use Secret Email Accounts

The Huffington Post Headline: "EPA Finds Secret Man Caves: Warehouse Said To Be Used To Apex Logistics Contractors." ("EPA Finds Secret Man Caves: Warehouse Said To Be Used To Apex Logistics Contractors," [The Huffington Post](#), 6/9/13)

National Journal: "'Deplorable' Conditions Cited At EPA Warehouse In Maryland." (Amy Harder, "'Deplorable' Conditions Cited At EPA Warehouse In Maryland," [National Journal](#), 6/3/13)

The Associated Press Headline: "Top Obama Appointees Using Secret Email Accounts." (Jack Gillum, "Top Obama Appointees Using Secret Email Accounts," [The Associated Press](#), 6/4/13)

IT'S NO WONDER AMERICANS DON'T HAVE FAITH IN GOVERNMENT & OBAMA'S GOVERNING ABILITY

CNN Poll: "Fifty-Seven Percent Of Those Questioned Say They Disagree With The President's Views On The Size And Power Of The Federal Government, And 53% Say He Cannot Manage The Government Effectively." ("CNN Poll: Obama Approval Falls Amid Controversies," [CNN](#), 6/17/13)

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll: 42 Percent Of Americans Say They Have "Very Little" Or No Confidence In Government "At All," Compared To Just 29 Percent Who Say They Have "Some" Confidence And A Mere 17 Percent Who Say They Have "Quite A Bit" Or A "Great Deal Of Confidence." ([NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll](#), 1000A, MoE 3.1%, 5/30-6/2/13)

Quinnipiac Poll: 83 Percent Of Americans Say They Trust Government In Washington "To Do What Is Right" Either "Some Of The Time" Or "Hardly Ever" While Just 15 Percent Say They Trust It "Most Of The Time" Or "Almost Always." ([Quinnipiac University Poll](#), 1,419 RV, 2.6% MoE, 5/22-28/13)