



# Democrats Spend Sunday Dodging Obama Super PAC

***#DebbieDoesntKnow Or Even Admit On TV That The Super PAC Is Obama Endorsed***

**THIS MORNING, TOP DEMOCRATS EVADED QUESTIONS ABOUT PRIORITIES USA AND REFUSED TO CRITICIZE ITS DISGRACED AND INACCURATE AD**



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**This Morning, Obama Campaign Adviser David Axelrod Refused To Say Whether The Priorities USA Ad Was Appropriate And Whether President Obama Condemned It. ABC's GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: "And I'll ask Tim Pawlenty about that. But does the President think that this kind of an ad was appropriate?" AXELROD: "Look, as I said, I don't think Governor Romney can be blamed for that woman's death. What he can be blamed for is taking that steel company, two bankruptcies, walking away with millions of dollars and leaving workers without pensions, without the health coverage they were promised. That's the real issue. He has run on his business experience and his business experience is things like the GS steel story, where they loaded companies with debt, profited from it to the tune of millions of dollars, and then left workers and creditors holding the bag." (ABC's "This Week," 8/12/12)**

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**This Morning, DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz Even Refused To Acknowledge The Political Affiliation Of The Obama Endorsed Super PAC.** FOX NEWS' JOHN ROBERTS: "Let me switch gears if we could. You probably saw we were talking with John McCain a couple of minutes ago. We aired a little bit of that Priorities USA ad. Should the Democrats be releasing an ad of accusing a presidential candidate for being responsible, through an inference, of being responsible for a woman's death." DNC CHAIR DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ: "First of all, that's a Priorities USA, not a Democratic ad. That's a Priorities USA ad, which we have nothing to do with." ROBERTS: "Do you deny that they're Democrats?" WASSERMAN SCHULTZ: "I have no idea of the political affiliation of folks who are associated with that Super PAC." ROBERTS: "Bill Burton, who used to work at the White and worked for the Obama campaign in 2008. Clearly they're Democrats." WASSERMAN-SCHULTZ: "That is a Super PAC ad that is not affiliated with our campaign or with the party." (Fox's "[Fox News Sunday](#)," 8/12/12)

## **OBAMA LAMENTS "CRAZY" SUPER PACS, BUT TURNS A BLIND EYE TO HIS OWN SUPER PAC'S AD, WHICH HAS EARNED FOUR PINOCCHIOS**

**Obama Lamented Super PACs That Are "Just Going Crazy."** OBAMA: "Now over the next three months, 89 days to be precise, the other side will be spending more money than we've ever seen. You got these guys writing \$10 million checks. You got these Super PACs that are just—that are just going crazy." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks](#), Grand Junction, CO, 8/8/12)

- **In 2007, Obama Called Upon His Opponents To Own Up To Outside Group Expenditures On Their Behalf.** OBAMA: "[Y]ou can't say yesterday, you don't believe in 'em, and today, you're having three-quarters of a million dollars being spent for you. You can't just talk the talk." (Sen. Barack Obama, Remarks At A Campaign Event, [Oskaloosa, IA](#), 12/22/07)
- **Obama: "I Don't Just Talk The Talk; I Walk The Walk."** OBAMA: "I don't just talk the talk; I walk the walk. ... I've been doing this all my life." (Sen. Barack Obama, Remarks At A Campaign Event, [Oskaloosa, IA](#), 12/22/07)

**Priorities USA Has An Ad Featuring A Former Steelworker Who "Appears To Blame Romney For the Death Of His Wife."** "Joe Soptic, a former steelworker, makes yet another appearance in a pro-Obama ad, this time for the Super PAC Priorities USA Action. We have examined this case before, and for the benefit of readers we repeat our main points from an earlier column that awarded the Obama campaign One Pinocchio for the use of this case study against presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney. Most controversially, Soptic this time appears to blame Romney for the death of his wife after he lost his health insurance when the steel plant closed." (Glen Kessler, "New Anti-Romney Ad: Same Steelworker, Tougher Message," The Washington Post's "[The Fact Checker](#)," 8/7/12)

- ***The Washington Post's Fact Checker: "Four Pinocchios."*** (Glen Kessler, "New Anti-Romney Ad: Same Steelworker, Tougher Message," The Washington Post's ["The Fact Checker."](#) 8/7/12)
- **CNN: "Ad Linking Romney To Death Of The Wife Of A Laid Off Steelworker Inaccurate."** (Brianna Keller, "Ad Linking Romney To Death Of The Wife Of A Laid Off Steelworker Inaccurate." [CNN](#), 8/7/12)

## DEMOCRATS MAY REFUSE TO CONDEMN THE AD, BUT TOP OBAMA OFFICIALS HAVE HELPED FUND PRIORITIES USA

**At Least Four Of Obama's Cabinet Members Answered His Call To "Help Fill The Coffers" Of Super PACs.** "At least four Cabinet members appear ready and willing to answer President Barack Obama's call to help fill the coffers of Democratic outside spending groups, which have to date been badly outgunned by better-funded Republican organizations." (Michael Beckel, "Fundraising Activities Are Limited, But Star Power Brings In The Bucks," [iWatch News](#), 2/13/12)

- **White House Officials Offered To Appear At PAC Events With Donors – "Some Likely To Have Substantial Business Interests Before The Administration."** "Under the plan, White House officials will appear at events with donors — some likely to have substantial business interests before the administration — for a super PAC that is legally required to be independent of Mr. Obama's campaign." (Nicholas Confessore, "Unleashed, Democrats Hunt For 'Super PAC' Donors," [The New York Times](#), 2/7/12)
- **"Big Corporate Donors, Unions And Other Wealthy Individuals" Will Have Access To Key Administration Officials That They Haven't Had Since 2002.** "The shift gives big corporate donors, unions and other wealthy individuals time with policymakers, lawmakers and key administration aides that they haven't had since McCain-Feingold took effect in 2002." (Michael Beckel, "Fundraising Activities Are Limited, But Star Power Brings In The Bucks," [iWatch News](#), 2/13/12)

**Interior Secretary Salazar, Energy Secretary Chu, Education Secretary Duncan And U.S. Trade Rep. Kirk Will Attend Fundraising Events For Democratic Super PACs.** "Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Education Secretary Arne Duncan and U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk have all indicated they would be open to participation in activities designed to help the nascent Democratic super PACs, like 'Priorities USA Action,' raise money." (Michael Beckel, "Fundraising Activities Are Limited, But Star Power Brings In The Bucks," [iWatch News](#), 2/13/12)

**"Officials Tapped To Participate Include Health And Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, White House Senior Adviser David Plouffe And Mr. Messina, A Campaign Official Said."** (Laura Meckler, "In A Shift, Obama Campaign Moves To Support Outside 'Super PAC'" [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/7/12)

**Obama Spokesman Ben LaBolt: "Campaign And White House Officials Have Participated In And Will Continue To Participate In" Super PAC Events.** "And the Obama campaign made clear that it still fully supports the political action committee. 'We have been crystal clear in expressing our support for Priorities USA Action and its mission: re-electing the President,' campaign spokesman Ben LaBolt said. 'Campaign and White House officials have participated in and will continue to participate in their events across the country.'" (Steven T. Dennis, "Cabinet Members A Super PAC No-Show," [Roll Call](#), 7/10/12)