



# Elizabeth Occupy Warren

*Elizabeth Warren's Appearance At The DNC Is A Reminder Of Obama's Belief In The Government Over Individuals And Free Enterprise*

## OBAMA'S "YOU DIDN'T BUILD THAT" REMARK IS A "WATERED DOWN VERSION" OF ELIZABETH WARREN'S BELIEFS

**Democrat Senate Candidate Elizabeth Warren Said She "Laid The Intellectual Foundation For The Occupy Movement."** "At least one candidate seems to be channeling the energy of the Occupy Wall Street movement: Democrat Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard Law School professor challenging Republican Sen. Scott Brown in Massachusetts. Warren's campaign drew national attention after she said the rich should pay more in taxes since they have benefited the most from government policies. Warren later claimed to have laid the 'intellectual foundation' for the Occupy movement but stressed that protesters need to obey the law." (Beth Fouhy, "Wary Democrats Keep Distance From Occupy Protests," [The Associated Press](#), 11/17/11)

**Obama's You Didn't Build That Blunder Is A "Watered Down Version Of Warren's View Of The Free Market."** "But it's worth remembering that Obama's biggest recent campaign blunder was when he downplayed the individual efforts of entrepreneurs, in ad-libbed remarks in Roanoke, Virginia. It was his watered down version of Warren's view of the free market, remarks that went viral last year." (Josh Kraushaar, "Obama's Elizabeth Warren Test," [National Journal](#), 7/31/12)

**Warren: "There Is Nobody In This Country Who Got Rich On His Own. Nobody."** (Elizabeth Warren, [Remarks](#), Andover, MA, 8/11)

**Warren: "You Built A Factory Out There? Good For You. But I Want To Be Clear: You Moved Your Goods To Market On The Roads The Rest Of Us Paid For; You Hired Workers The Rest Of Us Paid To Educate."** WARREN: "You built a factory out there? Good for you. But I want to be clear: You moved your goods to market on the roads the rest of us paid for; you hired workers the rest of us paid to educate; you were safe in your factory because of police forces and fire forces that the rest of us paid for. You didn't have to worry that marauding bands would come and seize everything at your factory, and hire someone to protect against this, because of the work the rest of us did." (Elizabeth Warren, [Remarks](#), Andover, MA, 8/11)

## WARREN'S EXTREME VIEW OF FREE ENTERPRISE HAS SOME DEMOCRATS WORRYING SHE MAY ALIENATE VOTERS

*Warren's Prominent Speaking Role Raises Questions For Obama*

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**“What’s Unclear Is Whether Warren Is The Ideal Messenger” To Contrast Romney And Obama.**

“The Obama campaign tapped populist Massachusetts Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren to give a primetime address on the Wednesday of the Democratic National Convention, lining up just before Bill Clinton. It’s a clear sign the campaign intends to sharply draw contrasts between Romney’s wealth and President Obama’s message of fighting for the middle class. What’s unclear is whether Warren is the ideal messenger to deliver that red meat rhetoric in front of a nationally-televised audience.” (Josh Kraushaar, “Obama’s Elizabeth Warren Test,” [National Journal](#), 7/31/12)

**Warren’s Speech At The DNC Is “A High-Risk Gamble For President Obama.”** “Elizabeth Warren’s prime-time speaking slot at the Democratic National Convention is a high-reward move for the Massachusetts Senate candidate. But Republicans, and some Democrats, believe it also is a high-risk gamble for President Obama, whose opponents have spent a year defining him as anti-business – culminating with a now infamous line from a speech he gave that was similar to Warren’s messaging on the economy, the ‘you didn’t built that’ riff.” (Maggie Haberman, “Elizabeth Warren: Dem Convention Plus Or Minus?” [Politico](#), 8/6/12)

- **Warren’s “Plum Speaking Spot” Has “Prompted Misgivings Among Some Centrist Democrats.”** “Elizabeth Warren’s plum speaking slot at next month’s Democratic National Convention has prompted misgivings among some centrist Democrats, who worry the Massachusetts Senate candidate could turn off independent voters.” (Luke Russert, “Centrist Dems Fret About Warren’s Prime Role At Convention,” [NBC News](#), 8/2/12)
- **Some Democrats Worry Warren “Might Hurt The Party On A National Level.”** “But some members of the party wonder if selecting a figure like Warren — whom Republicans have sought to characterize as an out-of-touch elitist and cloistered Harvard professor — might hurt the party on a national level. She will speak the evening of Weds., Sept. 5, before a famed centrist Democrat: former President Bill Clinton.” (Luke Russert, “Centrist Dems Fret About Warren’s Prime Role At Convention,” [NBC News](#), 8/2/12)
- **A Democrat Operative Says Voters Could See Warren As “Polarizing And Part Of The Problem.”** “One Democratic operative NBC News that Warren could do that, too, but, ‘she carries a risk. I’d say she’s high risk, high reward,’ said the operative. ‘People could relate to her down with the ‘greedy guys’ talk, or see her as polarizing and part of the problem.’” (Luke Russert, “Centrist Dems Fret About Warren’s Prime Role At Convention,” [NBC News](#), 8/2/12)

**DGA Executive Director Nathan Daschle: Americans “Work So Hard To Provide For Their Families That They Naturally Resent Anyone They Perceive As Taking Credit Away. What They Hear Is ‘You Didn’t Work Hard Enough To Deserve What You Have.’”** “Most Americans are optimists, not pessimists. They don’t see themselves as victims. They see themselves as upwardly mobile, and that’s the product of their own sweat and labor. They work so hard to provide for their families that they naturally resent anyone they perceive as taking credit away. What they hear is ‘You didn’t work hard enough to deserve what you have.’” (Maggie Haberman, “Elizabeth Warren: Dem Convention Plus Or Minus?” [Politico](#), 8/6/12)

***Even Some Democrats Agree That Warren Is “Extreme”***

**Rep. Jason Altmire (D-PA): “Having Someone From The More Extreme Wing Of The Party, Being Given The Primetime Slot Sends The Wrong Message To People In The Middle.”** “Having someone from the more extreme wing of the party, being given the primetime slot sends the wrong message to people in the middle who are legitimately up for grabs in this race,’ said Pennsylvania Rep. Jason Altmire (D-PA).” (Luke Russert, “Centrist Dems Fret About Warren’s Prime Role At Convention,” [NBC News](#), 8/2/12)

- **“If You’re Trying To Win Over People From The Center — Moderates And Centrists Who Could Go Either Way — I Would Guess There Are Other Faces You Could Put Forward Who Would Be Better For That,’ He Said.”** (Luke Russert, “Centrist Dems Fret About Warren’s Prime Role At Convention,” [NBC News](#), 8/2/12)

**Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK): “If We Are Going To Become A Big Tent, We Need Language That Speaks To Fiscal Responsibility.”** “Another retiring Blue Dog, Oklahoma Rep. Dan Boren, argued for better geographic representation in the convention’s prime speaking slots. ‘If we are going to become a big tent, we need language that speaks to fiscal responsibility, we need some speakers who are from the South, we are already winning in the coastal areas of the country,’ Boren told NBC News. ‘If you’re going to speak to the 4 percent [of undecided swing state voters] you’re going to want somebody who can appeal to independents, I think it would be better to have somebody from more Middle America.’” (Luke Russert, “Centrist Dems Fret About Warren’s Prime Role At Convention,” [NBC News](#), 8/2/12)

**Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC): “I Hope In Time, Democrats Realize In Order For Us To Appeal To More Voters, We Need To Highlight More Moderates.”** “But another retiring Blue Dog, North Carolina Rep. Heath Shuler, expressed concern that Democrats could risk seeming as though they’re uninterested in moderates by putting Warren front-and-center. ‘I hope in time, Democrats realize in order for us to appeal to more voters, we need to highlight more moderates, not show just the far left of the party but in fact give people an opportunity to see we are a big tent,’ he said, pointing to the GOP’s struggles with the Tea Party as a cautionary tale. ‘That helps us with independents; we don’t want to be pushing out moderates just like the Republicans are doing.’” (Luke Russert, “Centrist Dems Fret About Warren’s Prime Role At Convention,” [NBC News](#), 8/2/12)

**Will Marshall, Progressive Policy Institute: Obama “Needs To Deal With The (Republican Criticism) That He Is Insufficiently Appreciative Of Entrepreneurs And The Role Of Free Enterprise In Prosperity.”** ““The truth is that most of the public isn’t going to know who she is, so I don’t think that’s going to be a big problem for her or the party,’ said Will Marshall, president of the center-left Progressive Policy Institute. But he added that the criticism is valid that Obama ‘needs to deal with the (Republican criticism) that he is insufficiently appreciative of entrepreneurs and the role of free enterprise in prosperity.’” (Maggie Haberman, “Elizabeth Warren: Dem Convention Plus Or Minus?” [Politico](#), 8/6/12)