



# ObamaCare Unpopular From Coast To Coast

*Even Obama's Fundraising Isn't Immune From ObamaCare Woes*

**As His Fundraising Prowess Is Called Into Question By Sinking Approval Ratings, Obama Heads To The West Coast To Drum Up Cash For Democrats.** "President Obama's ability to boost his party in a time of waning political fortunes will face a big test next week as he embarks on a West Coast fundraising swing to help congressional Democrats stock their 2014 campaign coffers. The quest for contributions is made all the more urgent by the bungled launch of his health care law and its use as a bludgeon by Republicans trying to seize control of the Senate. Moreover, the stakes are increasing for the Democrats just as the president is getting weaker, with the lowest approval ratings of his presidency weighing him down as the midterm election cycle kicks into full gear." (Matt Viser, "Weakened Obama Heads West To Raise Campaign Cash," [The Boston Globe](#), 11/23/13)

- **Obama's Approval Rating In National Polls Has Sunk To Between 37 And 41 Percent While The Demands For Him To Help Raise Money For Democrats is "Strong."** "Obama's approval rating in national polls has sunk to between 37 and 41 percent. Yet demands on Obama to help raise money to prepare for 2014 elections are strong. Democrats' control of the Senate has been made more tenuous because of the furor over chronic technical problems with [healthcare.gov](#), the insurance enrollment website for 36 states. Recognizing the hardships Americans have encountered attempting to sign up for the Affordable Care Act's mandatory insurance, the administration Friday extended a sign-up deadline by eight days, to Dec. 23, for plans taking effect at the beginning of the year." (Matt Viser, "Weakened Obama Heads West To Raise Campaign Cash," [The Boston Globe](#), 11/23/13)
- **Organizers For One Event Have Already Been Forced To Lower Ticket Prices.** "Organizers say they are confident Obama will prove to be a strong draw for campaign dollars on his three-city tour of California and Washington, even though they have already lowered the ticket price for one San Francisco event to help ensure a packed hall." (Matt Viser, "Weakened Obama Heads West To Raise Campaign Cash," [The Boston Globe](#), 11/23/13)

**Obama's Fundraising Swing "Will Bring Him Face-To-Face With Frustrated Donors Who Watched The Botched Rollout Of The Affordable Care Act With Chagrin."** "The mood of many Democratic contributors is likely to make the job more awkward than usual. Obama's three-day fundraising swing down the West Coast, which begins Sunday in Seattle, will bring him face-to-face with frustrated donors who have watched the botched rollout of the Affordable Care Act with chagrin — and who are not shy about expressing their alarm." (Matea Gold, "In Fundraising Swing, Obama Likely To Hear Advice And Frank Talk From Frustrated Donors,"

[The Washington Post](#), 11/22/13)

- **“The Crisis Has Left The Party’s Major Financiers Shaking Their Heads, Compounding The Challenge For The Democratic National Committee As It Works To Pay Down \$16 Million In Debt From Last Year’s Campaign, According To Top Fundraisers And Donors.”** (Matea Gold, “In Fundraising Swing, Obama Likely To Hear Advice And Frank Talk From Frustrated Donors,” [The Washington Post](#), 11/22/13)
- **Former DNC Finance Director David Rosen: “My Ideological Donors Are So Demoralized With Health Care, You Can’t Even Talk About It With Them.”** “Without a campaign to rally around, donors have to be energized to help execute a specific mission, said fundraiser David Rosen, a former DNC finance director. And right now, many are feeling glum. ‘My ideological donors are so demoralized with health care, you can’t even talk about it with them,’ Rosen said. ‘They’re business people — you don’t launch until it’s ready.’” (Matea Gold, “In Fundraising Swing, Obama Likely To Hear Advice And Frank Talk From Frustrated Donors,” [The Washington Post](#), 11/22/13)
- **“After The Shaky Debut Of The Federal Health Insurance Exchange, ‘Absolutely, There Are Insiders Who Say, ‘I’m Going To Be Less Supportive Now,’ Said A Person Involved In The Planning Of One Of The West Coast Events Who Spoke On The Condition Of Anonymity To Describe Private Discussions.”** (Matea Gold, “In Fundraising Swing, Obama Likely To Hear Advice And Frank Talk From Frustrated Donors,” [The Washington Post](#), 11/22/13)

**Obama Is Expected To “Get An Earful” From His Donors Who Are “Baffled” By The Administration’s ObamaCare Failures.** “Both states are operating their own relatively successful health care websites. But highlighting the potential negatives for the fund-raiser in chief: Obama is expected to get an earful from California technology executives and other contributors who are baffled that Obama’s administration has been unable to create a functioning health care website.” (Matt Viser, “Weakened Obama Heads West To Raise Campaign Cash,” [The Boston Globe](#), 11/23/13)

- **“Even Those Who Are Giving Top-Dollar Donations Refer To It As The President’s Health Care ‘Debacle.’”** (Matt Viser, “Weakened Obama Heads West To Raise Campaign Cash,” [The Boston Globe](#), 11/23/13)

**Obama Donor Salesforce.com CEO Marc Benioff: “Clearly Everyone In Silicon Valley Is Extremely Disappointed With How The Obamacare Website Has Gone.”** “‘Clearly everyone in Silicon Valley is extremely disappointed with how the Obamacare website has gone,’ said Marc Benioff, chief executive of cloud computing firm Salesforce.com who is hosting an hourlong lunch for Obama at his San Francisco home on Monday.” (Matt Viser, “Weakened Obama Heads West To Raise Campaign Cash,” [The Boston Globe](#), 11/23/13)

- **Benioff: “I Think It Will Dominate The Conversation. Truly, People Are Upset,’ He Said. ‘It Will Be An Intense Conversation.’”** (Matt Viser, “Weakened Obama Heads West To Raise Campaign Cash,” [The Boston Globe](#), 11/23/13)

### ***Things Aren’t Looking Any Better For Obama In Washington D.C. As Democrats Distance Themselves From Obama***

**ObamaCare’s Disastrous Rollout Has Left Democrats “Frustrated, Bitter And Angry.”** “They are letting it be known that House and Senate Democrats are increasingly frustrated, bitter and angry with the White House over ObamaCare’s botched rollout, and that the president’s mea culpa in a news conference last week failed to soothe any ill will.” (Amie Parnes, “Obama Hits New Low With Dems,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 11/20/13)

- **2014 Democrats Are “Freaking Out” According To A Senior Democratic Aide.** ““They’re freaking out, as they should be,” said one senior Senate Democratic aide, adding that the rollout continues to be ‘a lasting mess.’” (Amie Parnes, “Obama Hits New Low With Dems,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 11/20/13)

**Democrats In Swing Districts Are Likely To Avoid Obama At All Costs.** “The White House hasn’t indicated just how much Obama will help campaign for those who are up for reelection next year. The president, who has been attending a string of fundraisers in recent days — including a West Coast check-collecting trip this weekend — is expected to help lawmakers and both campaign committees throughout 2014. But as the healthcare problems continue to persist, lawmakers in swing districts aren’t sure that’s the best idea, especially because, according to one Democrat, ‘systemically you have what is a long-term problem.’” (Amie Parnes, “Obama Hits New Low With Dems,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 11/20/13)

- **“‘It Wouldn’t Be Helpful,’ The Senate Aide Said.”** (Amie Parnes, “Obama Hits New Low With Dems,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 11/20/13)

**Democrats Are Directing Their Anger At Obama For The ObamaCare Rollout Debacle.** “Democrats around Capitol Hill say there are lots of people to blame for the debacle that has engulfed them. But increasingly the anger is directed at one person only: Obama.” (Amie Parnes, “Obama Hits New Low With Dems,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 11/20/13)

- **Hill Aide: “It’s Probably The Worst I’ve Ever Seen It.”** ““It’s probably the worst I’ve ever seen it,’ the aide said of the recent mood on Capitol Hill. ‘It’s bad. It’s really bad.’” (Amie Parnes, “Obama Hits New Low With Dems,” [The Hill’s Health Watch](#), 11/20/13)

**Blue State Democrats Facing Reelection Next Year Have Joined Red State Democrats To Distance Themselves From The ObamaCare Rollout.** “It’s not just red-state Democrats, like Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu, distancing themselves from the law. It’s blue-state senators like Oregon’s Jeff Merkley and New Hampshire’s Jeanne Shaheen -- and top blue-state recruits like Michigan’s Gary Peters and Iowa’s Bruce Braley, who voted for GOP legislation Friday that the White House said would ‘gut’ the law.” (Josh Kraushaar, “Why ObamaCare Is On Life Support,” [National Journal](#), 11/18/13)