



#Obamaology: “The Private Sector Is Doing Fine”

With Obama On A Celebrity-Fueled Fundraising Blitz, No Wonder He Can't Tell The Economy Is Not “Doing Fine”

Obama: “The Private Sector Is Doing Fine.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks During A Press Conference On The Economy](#), Washington D.C., 6/8/12)

IF OBAMA SPENT MORE TIME FOCUSED ON THE ECONOMY, HE WOULD HAVE NOTICED THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS NOT “DOING FINE”

WHAT OBAMA SAID: President Obama Said That The Economy Was His “Overriding Focus.”

OBAMA: “This is my administration's overriding focus. Having brought the economy back from the brink, the question is how are we going to make sure that people are getting back to work and able to support their families.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks By The President During The Meeting Of The President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board](#), Washington, D.C., 11/2/09)

WHAT HAS REALLY HAPPENED: Obama Has “A Scattershot Record (At Best) Of Focusing On The Main Concern Of Main Street: Joblessness.” “Obama arrives at his reelection campaign not merely with a weak performance on Wall Street crime enforcement and reform but also with a scattershot record (at best) of focusing on the main concern of Main Street: joblessness.” (Frank Rich, “Obama’s Original Sin,” [New York Magazine](#), 7/3/11)

- “[E]ven After Winning The Presidency, Obama Was Loath To Accept That The Economy Was Singularly Important” And Disregarded Calls From Timothy Geithner For It To Be The Immediate Focus. “But even after winning the presidency, Obama was loath to accept that the economy was singularly important. During a conference call with several senior aides early in the transition, Geithner remarked to his new boss that ‘your signature accomplishment is going to be preventing a Great Depression.’ ... Even so, Obama’s response was slightly jarring. ‘That’s not enough for me,’ said the president-elect.” (Noam Scheiber, *The Escape Artists*, 2012, p. 15-16)

Obama Has Not Received His Economic Daily Briefing Since April 2011

OBAMA: The Daily Economic Briefing Was The First Announcement That Then-Press Secretary Robert Gibbs Made At His First Press Briefing On January 22, 2009. ROBERT GIBBS: "I'm great. Before I take a few of your questions, let me start out by letting you know something that we've added each day to the President's daily schedule. It's something that we're calling an Economic Daily Briefing that he'll receive most likely in the Oval Office each and every day. It will be treated and prepared with the same sort of renowned professionalism that the Daily Intelligence Briefing is done with. It is -- will be put together -- each night the President will receive a memo. It will be updated in the morning. The briefing will be led by NEC Director Larry Summers." (Robert Gibbs, [Press Briefing](#), 1/22/09)

NOW: The Last "Economic Daily Briefing" Listed On The Official White House Schedule Was Held On April 26, 2011. ([The White House](#), Accessed 7/23/12)

Obama Hasn't Met With His Jobs Council Since January

JANUARY 2012: Obama Boasted About "How Focused And How Hard-Working" His Jobs Council Was, Claiming That It Was Not A "Show Council." OBAMA: "One of the things that's been striking about this Jobs Council is how focused and how hard-working everybody has been around this table. This has not been a show council. This has been a work council. And because of the extraordinary commitments that each and every one of you have made, we have generated I think as good a set of proposals as we have seen coming out of the private sector to help to guide and steer our economic agenda and our approach to jobs and growth over the next couple of years." (President Barack Obama, [Opening And Closing Remarks By The President To The Council On Jobs And Competitiveness](#), Washington, DC, 1/17/12)

NOW: Obama Has Not Met With His Jobs Council In Six Months Because He Has "Got A Lot On His Plate." REPORTER: "So there's no reason they [the Jobs Council] haven't met publicly?" WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAY CARNEY: "No, there's no specific reason except the President's obviously got a lot on his plate." ([White House Press Conference](#), Washington, D.C., 7/18/12)

- **Politifact: "The RNC Said That Over The Last Six Months, Obama Has Golfed 10 Times And Held 106 Fundraisers Even As His Jobs Council Didn't Meet Once. The RNC's Tally Is On Target. We Rate This Statement True."** (Politifact, "Did Barack Obama Hold 100-Plus Fundraisers While His Jobs Council Never Met?," [Politifact](#), 7/19/12)

Obama Prefers Surrounding Himself With Celebrities Rather Than Economists

Obama Has Attended 185 Fundraisers Since Announcing His Bid For Reelection. (CBS' Mark Knoller, [Twitter Feed](#), 7/18/12; CBS' Mark Knoller, [Twitter Feed](#), 7/19/12; CBS' Mark Knoller, [Twitter Feed](#), 7/19/12; CBS' Mark Knoller, [Twitter Feed](#), 7/23/12)

"From Tinseltown To Broadway, Obama Has Surrounded Himself With Blockbuster Names Lately: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Reese Witherspoon, Spike Lee, Will Smith, Oprah Winfrey, Ellen Degeneres, Cher And Many Others Who Make More In One Year Than Most People Do In A Lifetime." (Ben Feller, "In Search For Cash, Obama's Keep An A-List Cast," [The Associated Press](#), 6/14/12)

- **"Obama Played Basketball With A Batman (Clooney) And A Spiderman (Tobey Maguire), All In One Game."** (Ben Feller, "In Search For Cash, Obama's Keep An A-List Cast," [The Associated Press](#), 6/14/12)
- **"He Held A Private Chat In Los Angeles With Some Of Town's Young Stars Last Week, From Jessica Alba To Jeremy Renner."** (Ben Feller, "In Search For Cash, Obama's Keep An A-List Cast," [The Associated Press](#), 6/14/12)
- **"He Has Had Some Of The Most Popular Musicians In The Business Perform At His Fundraisers, Such As Alicia Keys, Cee Lo Green, Dave Matthews And The Foo Fighters. For**

His Gig With Obama, Jon Bon Jovi Even Caught A Ride On Air Force One. (Ben Feller, "In Search For Cash, Obama's Keep An A-List Cast," [The Associated Press](#), 6/14/12)

WITH SUCH A WARPED VIEW OF THE ECONOMY, IT'S NO WONDER A MAJORITY OF VOTERS BELIEVE THAT OBAMA'S POLICIES HAVE MADE THE ECONOMY WORSE

53 Percent Of Voters Say Obama Has Taken The Wrong Actions And Slowed The Economy Down.

"The poll, conducted for The Hill by Pulse Opinion Research, found 53 percent of voters say Obama has taken the wrong actions and has slowed the economy down. Forty-two percent said he has taken the right actions to revive the economy, while six percent said they were not sure." (Sheldon Alberts, "The Hill Poll: Voters Blame President Most For Slow Economic Recovery," [The Hill](#), 7/23/12)

- **USAToday/Gallup Poll: "A Record Number Of Americans Express Skepticism About The Activist Role Of Government Obama Espouses ..."** "A record number of Americans express skepticism about the activist role of government Obama espouses; 61% say the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. That's the highest number since Gallup began asking the question in 1992." (Susan Page, "Poll: Romney preferred over Obama to handle the economy," [USA Today](#), 7/23/12)

Focus Group Participants When Asked What Obama Had Accomplished After Three Years In Office "Responded With Blank Stares And Silence." "They expressed disappointment with the job Obama has done so far on the economy. When asked about what accomplishments he'd achieved in his three years in office, many of the women responded with blank stares and silence. In Richmond, the question hung in the air for a while until finally one woman piped up, 'His wife is encouraging us to eat healthy.'" (Amy Walter, "Can Romney Convince Walmart Moms He's Up To The Job?" [ABC News](#), 6/8/12)

- **Former Clinton Pollster Doug Schoen: "They Have No Clear Message Or Overarching Theme Other Than Class Warfare And Attack Politics."** "Doug Schoen, the former Clinton pollster who routinely knocks other Democrats and helped promote the now-defunct third-party group Americans Elect, summed up this critique in an interview with BuzzFeed. 'They have no clear message or overarching theme other than class warfare and attack politics,' Schoen said of Obama's campaign." (Alexander Burns and John F. Harris, "Second-Guessing President Obama," [Politico](#), 6/14/12)
- **Schoen: "They Don't Have A Vision For The Second Term. No Clear Sense As To What The Administration Is Offering For A Second Term."** (Alexander Burns and John F. Harris, "Second-Guessing President Obama," [Politico](#), 6/14/12)

The Associated Press: "The President Can't Tell Voters About A Grand Economic Comeback Story Because There Isn't One To Tell." (Ken Thomas, "Obama Doesn't Emphasize Issues He Fought Hard For," [The Associated Press](#), 6/12/12)

- **"The U.S. Economy Is Not Doing Fine. Not In The Private Sector, And Especially Not In The Public Sector. President Obama Was Wrong To Say Otherwise – That The Private Sector Is Fine – Last Week."** (Jim Tankersley, "Three Iron Truths Of The (Not-Fine) Recovery," [National Journal](#), 6/11/12)
- **CBS News' Scott Pelley: "This Is The Worst Economic Recovery America Has Ever Had."** PELLEY: "This is worst economic recovery America has ever had. We've been looking for hopeful signs, but today the chairman of the Federal Reserve threw a cold splash of reality on those hopes. Ben Bernanke said any improvement in unemployment will 'likely be frustratingly slow.' Well, yes, to say the least." ([CBS Evening News With Scott Pelley](#), 7/17/12)