



# Obama's Same Old Tiresome Undertakings

*With Numerous State Of The Union Speeches Already Behind Him, Obama Will Repeat The Same Promises He Already Made*

## OBAMA WILL USE TONIGHT'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS TO AGAIN PIVOT TO THE ECONOMY

**In His State Of The Union, Obama Is Expected To Address The "Tepid" Economy, "Including Proposals For Investments In Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Clean Energy And Education."**

"Obama, who began his second term last month after winning re-election in November, is expected to use Tuesday night's speech to offer his plan for spurring the tepid economy, including proposals for investments in infrastructure, manufacturing, clean energy and education." ("Economy, Deficit Top Voter Issues Ahead Of Obama Speech," [Reuters](#), 2/11/13)

## BUT IT WILL BE NOTHING MORE THAN THE SAME PROMISES THAT WE'VE ALL HEARD BEFORE

### *Recycled Promises On Infrastructure*

**Obama In 2012: "Building This New Energy Future Should Be Just One Part Of A Broader Agenda To Repair America's Infrastructure. So Much Of America Needs To Be Rebuilt."** OBAMA: "Building this new energy future should be just one part of a broader agenda to repair America's infrastructure. So much of America needs to be rebuilt. We've got crumbling roads and bridges; a power grid that wastes too much energy; an incomplete high-speed broadband network that prevents a small business owner in rural America from selling her products all over the world." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/24/12)

**Obama In 2011: "China Is Building Faster Trains And Newer Airports. Meanwhile, When Our Own Engineers Graded Our Nation's Infrastructure, They Gave Us A 'D.' We Have To Do Better."** OBAMA: "The third step in winning the future is rebuilding America. To attract new businesses to our shores, we need the fastest, most reliable ways to move people, goods, and information -- from high-speed rail to high-speed Internet. Our infrastructure used to be the best, but our lead has slipped. South Korean homes now have greater Internet access than we do. Countries in Europe and Russia invest more in their

roads and railways than we do. China is building faster trains and newer airports. Meanwhile, when our own engineers graded our nation's infrastructure, they gave us a 'D.' We have to do better." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/25/11)

- **Obama Said "We'll Put More Americans To Work Repairing Crumbling Roads And Bridges."** OBAMA: "We'll put more Americans to work repairing crumbling roads and bridges. We'll make sure this is fully paid for, attract private investment, and pick projects based [on] what's best for the economy, not politicians." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/25/11)

**Obama In 2010: "Next, We Can Put Americans To Work Today Building The Infrastructure Of Tomorrow."** OBAMA: "Next, we can put Americans to work today building the infrastructure of tomorrow. From the first railroads to the Interstate Highway System, our nation has always been built to compete. There's no reason Europe or China should have the fastest trains, or the new factories that manufacture clean energy products." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/27/10)

### *Recycled Promises On Manufacturing*

**Obama In 2012: "Now, This Blueprint Begins With American Manufacturing."** OBAMA: "No, we will not go back to an economy weakened by outsourcing, bad debt, and phony financial profits. Tonight, I want to speak about how we move forward, and lay out a blueprint for an economy that's built to last -- an economy built on American manufacturing, American energy, skills for American workers, and a renewal of American values. Now, this blueprint begins with American manufacturing." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/24/12)

- **Obama Said "We Have A Huge Opportunity, At This Moment, To Bring Manufacturing Back."** OBAMA: "So we have a huge opportunity, at this moment, to bring manufacturing back. But we have to seize it. Tonight, my message to business leaders is simple: Ask yourselves what you can do to bring jobs back to your country, and your country will do everything we can to help you succeed." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/24/12)

### *Recycled Promises On Energy*

**Obama In 2012: "This Country Needs An All-Out, All-Of-The-Above Strategy That Develops Every Available Source Of American Energy."** OBAMA: "But with only 2 percent of the world's oil reserves, oil isn't enough. This country needs an all-out, all-of-the-above strategy that develops every available source of American energy. A strategy that's cleaner, cheaper, and full of new jobs. We have a supply of natural gas that can last America nearly 100 years. And my administration will take every possible action to safely develop this energy." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/24/12)

- **Obama Said "I Will Not Walk Away From The Promise Of Clean Energy."** OBAMA: "Our experience with shale gas, our experience with natural gas, shows us that the payoffs on these public investments don't always come right away. Some technologies don't pan out; some companies fail. But I will not walk away from the promise of clean energy." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/24/12)

**Obama In 2011: "So Instead Of Subsidizing Yesterday's Energy, Let's Invest In Tomorrow's."** OBAMA: "We need to get behind this innovation. And to help pay for it, I'm asking Congress to eliminate the billions in taxpayer dollars we currently give to oil companies. I don't know if -- I don't know if you've noticed, but they're doing just fine on their own. So instead of subsidizing yesterday's energy, let's invest in tomorrow's. Now, clean energy breakthroughs will only translate into clean energy jobs if businesses

know there will be a market for what they're selling." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/25/11)

- **Obama Said "Already, We're Seeing The Promise Of Renewable Energy."** OBAMA: "And in a few weeks, I will be sending a budget to Congress that helps us meet that goal. We'll invest in biomedical research, information technology, and especially clean energy technology -- (applause) -- an investment that will strengthen our security, protect our planet, and create countless new jobs for our people. Already, we're seeing the promise of renewable energy." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/25/11)

**Obama In 2009: "The Only Way This Century Will Be Another American Century Is If We Confront At Last The Price Of Our Dependence On Oil..."** OBAMA: "But the only way to fully restore America's economic strength is to make the long-term investments that will lead to new jobs, new industries, and a renewed ability to compete with the rest of the world. The only way this century will be another American century is if we confront at last the price of our dependence on oil and the high cost of health care; the schools that aren't preparing our children and the mountain of debt they stand to inherit. That is our responsibility." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 2/24/09)

### *Recycled Promises On Education*

**Obama In 2012: "Higher Education Can't Be A Luxury -- It Is An Economic Imperative That Every Family In America Should Be Able To Afford."** OBAMA: "Some use better technology. The point is, it's possible. So let me put colleges and universities on notice: If you can't stop tuition from going up, the funding you get from taxpayers will go down. Higher education can't be a luxury -- it is an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/24/12)

- **Obama Said "At A Time When Other Countries Are Doubling Down On Education, Tight Budgets Have Forced States To Lay Off Thousands Of Teachers."** OBAMA: "But to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow, our commitment to skills and education has to start earlier. For less than 1 percent of what our nation spends on education each year, we've convinced nearly every state in the country to raise their standards for teaching and learning -- the first time that's happened in a generation. But challenges remain. And we know how to solve them. At a time when other countries are doubling down on education, tight budgets have forced states to lay off thousands of teachers." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/24/12)

**Obama In 2011: "Of Course, The Education Race Doesn't End With A High School Diploma. To Compete, Higher Education Must Be Within The Reach Of Every American."** (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/25/11)

- **Obama Said That, With His Proposal, "By The End Of The Decade, America Will Once Again Have The Highest Proportion Of College Graduates In The World."** OBAMA: "If we take these steps -- if we raise expectations for every child, and give them the best possible chance at an education, from the day they are born until the last job they take -- we will reach the goal that I set two years ago: By the end of the decade, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/25/11)

**Obama In 2010: "In The 21st Century, The Best Anti-Poverty Program Around Is A World-Class Education."** OBAMA: "Fourth, we need to invest in the skills and education of our people. Now, this year, we've broken through the stalemate between left and right by launching a national competition to

improve our schools. And the idea here is simple: Instead of rewarding failure, we only reward success. Instead of funding the status quo, we only invest in reform -- reform that raises student achievement; inspires students to excel in math and science; and turns around failing schools that steal the future of too many young Americans, from rural communities to the inner city. In the 21st century, the best anti-poverty program around is a world-class education.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 1/27/10)

**Obama In 2009: “The Third Challenge We Must Address Is The Urgent Need To Expand The Promise Of Education In America.”** OBAMA: “The third challenge we must address is the urgent need to expand the promise of education in America. In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity – it is a pre-requisite.”

(President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 2/24/09)

- **Obama Said “It Will Be The Goal Of This Administration To Ensure That Every Child Has Access To A Complete And Competitive Education.”** OBAMA: “This is a prescription for economic decline, because we know the countries that out-teach us today will out-compete us tomorrow. That is why it will be the goal of this administration to ensure that every child has access to a complete and competitive education – from the day they are born to the day they begin a career.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, D.C., 2/24/09)