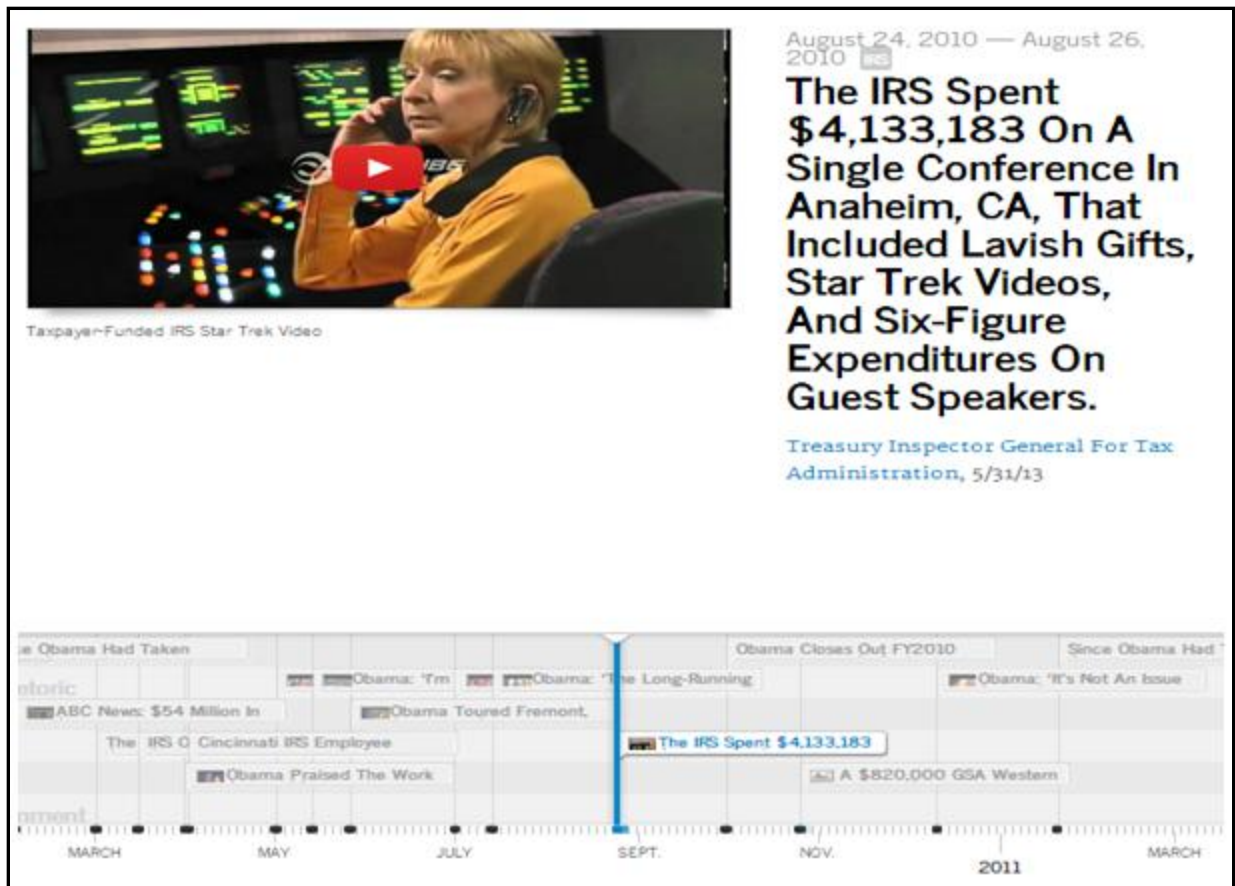




Obama's Government Gone Wild

Obama's Rhetoric On Big, Small, And Smart Government Doesn't Live Up To His Record



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UNACCOUNTABLE**

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2009: Obama Said That Part Of His “New Course” For Washington Was “Making Sure That When I Screw Up That I’m Taking Responsibility For It.” OBAMA: “It’s not going to be perfect. There are going to be bumps and fits and starts on this thing. But as long as I stay focused on them and putting them back to work, making sure that they have health insurance, making sure their kids can afford college, cleaning up attitudes around here, including making sure that when I screw up that I’m taking responsibility for it. I think that people will feel that three or four or five years down the road that you know we set a new course.” (President Barack Obama, [Interview With Katie Couric Of CBS News](#), 2/3/09)

- **March 20, 2009: Solar Company Solyndra Received A \$535 Million Loan Guarantee By The U.S. Department Of Energy.** (Press Release, “Solyndra Offered \$535 Million Loan Guarantee By The U.S. Department Of Energy,” [Solyndra](#), 3/20/09)
- **September 22, 2009: Then-Secretary Of Energy Steven Chu Announced A \$528 Million Loan For Advanced Vehicle Technology For Fisker Automotive.** (Press Release, “US Energy Secretary Chu Announces \$528 Million Loan For Advanced Vehicle Technology For Fisker Automotive,” [U.S. Department Of Energy](#), 9/22/09)
- **September 30, 2009: Obama Closes Out FY2009 With A Deficit Of \$1.413 Trillion, The Highest In U.S. History.** (“Monthly Budget Review: November 2011,” [Congressional Budget Office](#), 11/7/11)

2010: Obama Said “What We Should Be Asking Is Not Whether We Need ‘Big Government’ Or A ‘Small Government,’ But How We Can Create A Smarter And Better Government.” OBAMA: “So, class of 2010, what we should be asking is not whether we need ‘big government’ or a ‘small government,’ but how we can create a smarter and better government.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks By The President At University Of Michigan Spring Commencement](#), Ann Arbor, MI, 5/1/10)

- **March 2010: The IRS Begins Targeting Conservative Organizations.** “The targeting of conservatives by the IRS started earlier and was more extensive than the IRS acknowledged last week, according to a draft IRS inspector general report obtained by ABC News. As we reported on ‘Good Morning America’ this morning, the IRS began targeting ‘Tea Party or similar organizations’ in March 2010. That was when the Cincinnati-based IRS unit responsible for overseeing the applications for tax exempt status starting using the phrases ‘Tea Party,’ ‘patriots’ and ‘9/12’ to search for applications warranting greater scrutiny.” (Jonathan Karl, “IRS IG Report: Targeting Conservatives Began In 2010,” [ABC News](#), 5/13/13)
- **August 24- 26, 2010: The IRS Spent \$4,133,183 On A Single Conference In Anaheim, CA, That Included Lavish Gifts, Star Trek Videos, And Six-Figure Expenditures On Guest Speakers.** (“Review Of The August 2010 Small Business/Self-Employed Division’s Conference In Anaheim, California,” [Treasury Inspector General For Tax Administration](#), 5/31/13)
- **October 25 – October 29, 2010: An \$820,000 GSA Western Regions Conference In Vegas Is Later Found To Be “Excessive And Wasteful.”** (“Management Deficiency Report: General Services Administration Public Buildings Service – 2010 Western Regions Conference,” [General Services Administration Inspector General](#), 4/2/12)

2011: Obama Appointed Biden To Lead The Effort Against Government Waste, Saying “We Need To Go After Every Dime.” OBAMA: “All of these efforts to target waste and make government more efficient have been a priority for my Administration since day one. But as we work to tackle the budget deficit we need to step up our game. We need to go after every dime. We need to make government work for you. That’s why – starting today- I’ve asked the Vice President to lead a renewed effort to hunt down misspent tax dollars in every agency and department of this government. We’re calling it ‘The Campaign To Cut Waste,’ and I know Joe is the right man to lead it, because nobody messes with Joe.” (“Campaign To Cut Waste,” [The White House](#), 6/13/11)

- **September 6, 2011: Solyndra Filed For Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.** ("Solyndra LLC Chapter 11 Information," [Solyndra](#), 9/6/11)
- **September 8, 2011: The FBI Raided Solyndra Headquarters.** GRACE LEE: "Federal agents are still searching the headquarters of solar panel maker, Solyndra. The FBI swooped in at the Fremont Plant just this morning." FRANK MALLICONT: "That now defunct company filed for bankruptcy just two days ago and left U.S. taxpayers on the hook for more than a half a billion dollars because most of the money from federal loans are guaranteed, it's now all gone." (KPIX's "[CBS 5](#)," 9/8/11)

2012: Obama: "As President Of The United States, It's Pretty Clear To Me That I'm Responsible For Folks Who Are Working In The Federal Government And You Know, Harry Truman Said The Buck Stops With You." OBAMA: "Well, here's what I know, we were just talking about responsibility and as President of the United States, it's pretty clear to me that I'm responsible for folks who are working in the federal government and you know, Harry Truman said the buck stops with you." ("President Obama Says Romney Should Answer Bain Capital Questions," [WILA](#), 7/13/12)

- **April 16, 2012: At A House Oversight And Government Committee Hearing, The GSA Official Who Planned The Lavish Conference In Vegas, Jeff Neely, Pled The Fifth.** CHAIRMAN DARRELL ISSA (R-CA): "Mr. Neely, what is your title at GSA?" JEFF NEELY: "Mr. Chairman, on the advice of counsel, I respectfully decline to answer based upon my fifth amendment constitutional privilege." (Oversight Committee, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Hearing](#), 4/16/12)

2013: White House Press Secretary Jay Carney Said Obama "Has Zero Tolerance For Misconduct By Any Government Employee." CARNEY: "Well, let me say a couple of things. These allegations are currently under investigation by an independent inspector general. There is no final report on these inquiries by the independent inspector general. And as in keeping with the position we take when we are dealing with independent inspector general investigations or audits, we will not comment until we have seen the results of that investigation. And there's a process in place for reviewing any sort of allegation of misconduct the likes of which you mentioned, and we believe that that process should unfold under regular order, and we're not going to prejudge anyone or anything before all the facts are determined. That said, I want to make clear the President has zero tolerance for misconduct by any government employee. And I think his zero tolerance for misconduct has been demonstrated amply throughout his presidency. But we're not going to prejudge based on unfinished investigations by an independent IG." (White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, [Press Briefing](#), Washington, D.C., 6/11/13)

- **May 15, 2013: Politico's Mike Allen: The IRS Scandal "Was Like A Bad Fantasy Of Big Government Gone Wild."** ALLEN: "This is amazing, Willie. We saw some of the letters that the IRS wrote to conservative groups, tea party groups that were applying for tax-exempt status and there were two frustrations by these groups. One, they went months and months and, in some cases, years not getting any response from the IRS and this is something that the Inspector General criticized the management for in that response. And then when they did hear from the IRS, look at what they were asking for: printouts of their Facebook postings and other social media postings by the group, transcripts of their interviews -what were they saying on the radio, what books were they reading and discussing, what tea party figures in the community did they know. It was like a bad fantasy of big government gone wild." (MSNBC's "[Morning Joe](#)," 5/15/13)

OBAMA MAY NOT LIKE THE BIG VS. SMALL GOVERNMENT DEBATE – BUT HIS SCANDALS ARE TIED TO A GOVERNMENT THAT KEEPS GROWING

November 7, 2012: Under Obama, Government Spending As A Percentage Of GDP Has Exceeded The 40-Year Average Of 21 Percent Every Single Year. ("Monthly Budget Review: Fiscal Year 2012," [Congressional Budget Office](#), 11/7/12; [Office Of Management And Budget](#), Accessed 6/12/13)

January 20, 2013: Since Obama Had Taken Office Four Years Prior, The Debt Increased by \$5,805,742,375,789.98. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 6/12/13)

June 7, 2013: Since Obama Took Office, Employment By The Federal Government – Minus The Postal Service – Has Increased By 103,800. ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 6/12/13)

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