

WRONG FOR OHIO

THE STORY OF HOW OBAMA'S POLICIES
FAILED THE BUCKEYE STATE



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Jobs: Since Obama Took Office, Ohio Has Lost 16,500 Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/25/12)

Unemployed: Ohio Has 413,357 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 9/25/12)

- **“44.2 Percent Of The Unemployed In Ohio Have Been Out Of Work For Six Months Or Longer.”** “An all-time high of 44.2 percent of the unemployed in Ohio have been out of work for six months or longer. That's up from 42.4 percent in 2010. The study notes the longer people do not have a job, the more difficult it is for them to get hired because of skill degradation and employer discrimination.” (Russ Zimmer, “Study: Wages, Jobs Suffering In Ohio,” *Newark Advocate*, 9/3/12)
- **286,000 Ohio Children, Or 11 Percent, Have At Least One Unemployed Parent.** ([The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center](#), Accessed 10/18/11)

Median Household Income: Under Obama, Median Household Income In Ohio Has Declined From \$50,136 To \$45,749. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 9/25/12)

- **In 2010, Ohio Households Were “Poorer” Than They Had Been In More Than 25 Years.** “Ohio households were poorer last year than they’ve been in more than 25 years, and the number of people living in poverty is higher than it’s been in more than 30 years, according to a census report released yesterday.” (Bill Bush, “Median Income In Ohio Hits 27-Year Low,” *Columbus Dispatch*, 9/14/12)

Tax Hikes: Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Ohio 27,500 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama’s Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost Ohio \$6.5 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, “Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013,” [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

Median Wage: “Between 2000 And 2011, The Median Wage In Ohio Fell To \$15.20, A Loss Of \$1.33.” “Real wage loss in Ohio since 2000 has been second only to Michigan, says a report released Sunday by Policy Matters Ohio. Between 2000 and 2011, the median wage in Ohio fell to \$15.20, a loss of \$1.33. Declines have sped up since 2006.” (Olivera Perkins, “Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

Food Stamps: Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In Ohio Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 40 Percent. (“Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; “Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating,” [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 8/30/12)

Poverty: Under Obama, 353,646 More People In Ohio Have Fallen Into Poverty. (“Poverty: 2007 And 2008,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; “Poverty: 2010 And 2011,” [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

Ohio’s Poverty Rate Is At 15.3 Percent, Worse Than The Nation’s. “Ohio’s level of poverty — 15.3 percent — was worse than the nation’s, which was at 15.1 percent. Ohio’s level jumped 2 percentage points from 2009; it has never been this high since those records were first kept in 1980. The worst year before 2010 was 1994, when 14.1 percent of Ohioans were in poverty. (Bill Bush, “Median Income In Ohio Hits 27-Year Low,” *Columbus Dispatch*, 9/14/12)

- **1.74 Million Ohio Residents Live Below The Poverty Line.** “The 15.3 percent translates into 1.74 million Ohio residents living below the poverty line last year, which means a family of four making less than \$22,300 a year. About 639,000 Ohioans younger than 18 were in poverty, and 244,000 children younger than 5 were.” (Bill Bush, “Median Income In Ohio Hits 27-Year Low,” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/14/12)
- **1 In 6 Ohio Households Struggle To Put Food On The Table.** “The recession may have ended but 1 in 6 Ohio households continues to struggle to put food on the table.” (Catherine Candisky, “Report: Ohioans Still Struggling With ‘Food Insecurity,’” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/5/12)

Childhood Poverty: The Number Of Children In Ohio Living In Poverty Has Increased 4 Percent Since The Recession Started. “A new national study has ranked Ohio 27th in the nation when it comes to child well-being and found that the number of children living in poverty in the state has increased by 4 percentage points amid the recession.” (Amanda Lee Myers, “More Ohio Kids Living In Poverty, Study Says,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)

- **According To A Survey By Kids Count, 624,000 Ohio Children Were Living In Poverty In 2010.** “The annual Kids Count survey, published today, found that 624,000 Ohio children, or 23 percent, were living in poverty in 2010. The national figure was 22 percent in 2010, the most recent figures available.” (Amanda Lee Myers, “More Ohio Kids Living In Poverty, Study Says,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)
- **The Number Of Children Living In High-Poverty Areas In The State Has Increased From 5 To 12 Percent.** “The survey also found that the number of children living in high-poverty areas in Ohio has nearly doubled, increasing by 5 percentage points to 12 percent, or 324,000 children.” (Amanda Lee Myers, “More Ohio Kids Living In Poverty, Study Says,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)
- **Cincinnati, Ohio’s Childhood Poverty Rate Is At 45.3 Percent.** “Cincinnati’s childhood poverty estimate of 45.3 percent ranked 12th among cities with more than 100,000 residents, and 70 percent of Cincinnati Public Schools’ 33,000 students live in poverty.” (Mark Curnutte, “Kids, Families Slide Into Poverty,” [Cincinnati.com](#), 9/20/12)

Ohio’s New Jobs Have Been Primarily Lower In Wages

The Growth In New, Lower Wage Jobs Is Forcing Ohioans To Sacrifice “Not Only Wages In Many Cases, But Also Full Health Care And Pensions.” “One of the big storm clouds hovering over the economic recovery in Ohio is the quality of jobs coming back to the Buckeye State. ... And while the unemployment rate has finally begun to come down, most of the new jobs being created are in retail and other low-wage occupations. That means Ohioans are sacrificing not only wages in many cases, but also full health care and pensions.” (Randy Tucker, “Ohioans Are Back To Work But Make Less,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/19/12)

- **“The Pocketbooks Of Workers Who Lost Their Jobs At The Height Of The Last Recession Have Been Hit The Hardest.”** “Even professional occupations are not as lucrative as they once were because most companies have learned to maintain productivity while adopting sharp cost-cutting measures to operate more efficiently. The pocketbooks of workers who lost their jobs at the height of the last recession have been hit the hardest....” (Randy Tucker, “Ohioans Are Back To Work But Make Less,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/19/12)

According To A Study, The Average Worker That Lost Their Jobs Between October 2008 And April 2009 Took A New Job With An Average Pay Cut Of 17 Percent. “The pocketbooks of workers who lost their jobs at the height of the last recession have been hit the hardest, according to analysis of government labor statistics by the Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C.-based public policy think tank. Researchers for Brookings’ Hamilton Project tracked the earnings and employment of full-time workers who lost their jobs between October 2008 and April 2009 and were re-employed sometime over the past two years. Before they lost their jobs, those workers earned about \$43,700 a year, on average. Two years later, the workers who found new jobs were earning an average of \$36,400 a year, a 17 percent cut.” (Randy Tucker, “Ohioans Are Back To Work But Make Less,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/19/12)

“The Middle” Has Fallen Out Of The Cleveland Labor Market, As Jobs That Traditionally Supported A Middle-Class Lifestyle Are “Disappearing.” “The middle may have fallen out of the Cleveland area labor market. On this Labor Day, upper- and lower-level jobs are proliferating, but jobs that traditionally supported a middle-class lifestyle - often with only a high school diploma -are disappearing.” (Olivera Perkins, “Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

- **Bruce Weinberg, An Economics Professor At Ohio State University: “The Hollowing Out Takes A Group Of People Who Otherwise Would Have Had A Pretty Good Shot At Maintaining A Middle-Class Standard Of Living And Makes That Increasingly Difficult To Do.”** ““The hollowing out takes a group of people who otherwise would have had a pretty good shot at maintaining a middle-class standard of living and makes that increasingly difficult to do,” said Bruce Weinberg, an economics professor at Ohio State University.” (Olivera Perkins, “Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

Six Of The 10 Occupations Losing The Most Jobs Were Moderate Or Higher-Paying, Including Administrative Assistants And Secondary-School Teaching Positions. “Six of the 10 occupations losing the most jobs were moderate or higher-paying. They included executive secretaries and administrative assistants; business operation specialists, including brokers; and most secondary-school teaching positions.” (Olivera Perkins, “Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

- **Six Of The 10 Fastest Growing Occupations Are Lower-Paying, Most Less Than \$2 Above Ohio’s Minimum Wage.** “Six of the 10 fastest-growing occupations are lower-paying, most with median hourly pay less than \$2 above Ohio's minimum wage of \$7.70, according to a Plain Dealer analysis of U.S. Labor Department data from 2006-11.” (Olivera Perkins, “Jobs With Mid-Range Pay Are Disappearing From Cleveland Area Labor Market,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 9/3/12)

Obama Has Left Ohio’s Youth Jobless And In Debt

In 2011, The Unemployment Rate For Ohio Workers Ages 16-24 Was 15.7 Percent. “In Ohio, the annualized unemployment rate for the 869,000 workers ages 16-24 was 15.7 percent last year, down sharply from 23.6 percent in 2010, but still much higher than pre-recession levels of 12.9 percent, based on the latest figures available from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.” (Randy Tucker, “Young Adults Face Toughest Job Prospects Since WWII,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 8/9/12)

- **Fewer Than 2 In 5 Ohio Teens Found Summer Work In 2011.** “Fewer than two in five Ohio teenagers were able to find summer jobs in 2011, a rate that has continued to drop every year since 2000. Only 38.5 percent of Ohio teenagers ages 16-19 held jobs in the summer last year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey.” (Kelsey Cundiff, “Ohio Teens’ Job Rate Worsens,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 6/16/12)

In 2010, 68 Percent Of Ohio College Students Graduated With An Average Debt Of \$27,713. “In 2010, about 68 percent of Ohio college students graduated with an average debt of \$27,713, according to the latest figures available from Project on Student Debt.” (Randy Tucker, “Young Adults Face Toughest Job Prospects Since WWII,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 8/9/12)

OBAMA’S HOUSING POLICIES HAVE LEFT OHIO HOMEOWNERS STRUGGLING

“The Rising Number Of ‘Underwater’ Homeowners, Or Those Who Owe More On Their Mortgages Than Their Homes Are Worth, Continues To Restrain Growth In Ohio And The Rest Of The Nation.” “Unemployment is down. The stock market is up. And the economy is improving faster than most economists had expected. But the rising number of ‘underwater’ homeowners, or those who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth, continues to restrain growth in Ohio and the rest of the nation.” (Randy Tucker, “Mortgages Exceeding Home Values, Restraining Growth,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/9/12)

- **“Nearly A Quarter Of Ohio Homeowners” Owe More Than Their House Is Worth.** “Nearly a quarter of Ohio homeowners were drowning in mortgage debt at the end of last year, based on figures from housing data tracker, CoreLogic. That was slightly higher than the U.S. rate of about 23 percent of all residential properties. Nationally, that means about 11 million homeowners are under water. Ohio has the nation’s ninth highest percentage of mortgages under water.” (Randy Tucker, “Mortgages Exceeding Home Values, Restraining Growth,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/9/12)
- **“On Average, Ohio Mortgage Borrowers Were Under Water By \$30,878.”** “Locally, 38,950 mortgages — or about 21 percent of all residential mortgages in the Dayton Area — were in negative equity in the fourth quarter last year, compared with 36,390 mortgages in the prior three-month period. On average, Ohio mortgage borrowers were under water by \$30,878.” (Randy Tucker, “Mortgages Exceeding Home Values, Restraining Growth,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/9/12)

In The First Quarter Of 2012, Ohio Had 23,780 Foreclosure Filings, Making It Among Nation’s Top Ten States For Foreclosure Activity Totals. “Other states with foreclosure activity totals among the nation’s 10 highest were Georgia (34,234), Michigan (27,934), Arizona (26,956), Texas (23,807), Ohio (23,780), Pennsylvania (12,746), and Wisconsin (12,727).” (“Q1 2012 Foreclosure Activity Lowest Since Q4 2007,” [RealtyTrac](#), 4/05/12)

In August 2012, Ohio Had The Nation’s Seventh Highest Foreclosure Rate In The Nation, As One Out Of Every 556 Housing Units Posted A Foreclosure Filing. “Other states with foreclosure rates among the nation’s 10 highest were Arizona (one in every 360 housing units with a foreclosure filing), Nevada (one in 402 housing units), Georgia (one in 431 housing units), Ohio (one in 556 housing units), Michigan (one in 593 housing

units), Delaware (one in every 610 housing units) and Colorado (one in every 617 housing units).” (Press Release, “August Foreclosure Activity Flat Nationwide, Spikes In Some States,” [RealtyTrac](#), 9/13/12)

As Of July 2012, Ohio Had The Nation’s Eighth Highest Foreclosure Rate, As One Out Of Every 528 Housing Units Had A Foreclosure Filing. “Along with Florida, the four other judicial foreclosure states with foreclosure rates in the top 10 all posted year-over-year increases in foreclosure activity in July: Illinois at No. 5 (one in every 385 housing units with a foreclosure filing); Ohio at No. 8 (one in every 528 housing units); South Carolina at No. 9 (one in every 536 housing units); and Indiana at No. 10 (one in every 665 housing units).” (Press Release, “Foreclosure Starts Increased For The Third Straight Month In July,” [RealtyTrac](#), 8/9/12)

In July, Akron, OH Foreclosure Activity Increased 66 Percent From July 2011, Giving It The Thirteenth Highest Metropolitan Foreclosure Rate Nationwide. “Foreclosure activity in Akron, Ohio, increased 66 percent from July 2011, boosting that city’s foreclosure rate to 13th highest nationwide, while a 49 percent year-over-year increase in foreclosure activity helped the foreclosure rate in Rockford, Ill., to rank 12th highest nationwide.” (Press Release, “Foreclosure Starts Increased For The Third Straight Month In July,” [RealtyTrac](#), 8/9/12)

OBAMA’S ENERGY POLICY IS DESTROYING OHIO JOBS

COAL

According To The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity, Due To EPA Regulations, 30 Coal Units In Ohio Are Retiring Or Being Converted, Resulting In The Retiring Or Converting Of 6,623 Megawatts Of Electricity. (“Coal Retirements As Of September 2012,” [The American Coalition For Clean Coal Electricity](#), Accessed 9/25/12)

ACCE CEO Mike Duncan: “EPA Continues To Ignore The Damage That Its New Regulations Are Causing To The U.S. Economy And To States That Depend On Coal For Jobs And Affordable Electricity.” (Evan Weese, “30 Coal-Fired Power Plants In Ohio Threatened, Industry Charges,” [Columbus Business First](#), 9/19/12)

FirstEnergy

As A Result Of EPA Regulations, FirstEnergy Will Close Three Ohio Coal-Fired Power Plants, Eliminating Over 400 Jobs. “At the first of the year, FirstEnergy said it would close the old power plants by Sept. 1, estimating that some 400 jobs in Ohio would be lost. Also on the death list were two small power plants in Maryland and two in West Virginia, which the company intends to close this year as originally planned. The company decided to close the old plants because it did not want to install expensive new pollution controls to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s new restrictions on emissions of mercury and other toxic metals. Those standards take effect 2014, or with an EPA-approved extension, 2015.” (John Funk, “FirstEnergy Will Keep Older Power Plants Open Until 2015, Launch Nearly \$1 Billion In Transmission Upgrades,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 5/1/12)

- **FirstEnergy’s Eastlake Plant Closing Will Cost 100 Jobs And Five Percent Of The City’s Revenues.** “With the elimination of the plant and its roughly 100 employees, the city will be losing about \$400,000 in local income tax revenue, and another \$190,000 in real estate tax revenue. This nearly \$600,000 shortfall is the equivalent of 5 percent of the city’s annual budget. Andrzejewski says the city’s

already in a bind because of the downturn in the economy, and more cuts to the budget will only make existing problems worse.” (Nate Berg, “What Happens To A Small Town When Its Coal Plant Shuts Down?” [The Atlantic](#), 2/1/12)

- **Democrat Mayor Ted Andrzejewski: “It’s A Huge Hit.”** (Nate Berg, “What Happens To A Small Town When Its Coal Plant Shuts Down?” [The Atlantic](#), 2/1/12)

The Cleveland Plain Dealer: “These Plant Closures Will Be A Punch In The Gut For Communities Already Battling Sour Unemployment Numbers.” “These plant closures will be a punch in the gut for communities already battling sour unemployment numbers. Three of the plants are in Cleveland, Eastlake and Ashtabula, which stand to lose millions in property taxes as well as many jobs.” (Editorial, “Coal Plants’ Loss Will Hurt Ohio,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 1/29/12)

FirstEnergy Reduced Operations At Its Sammis Coal-Fired Power Plant On September 16; Affecting 400 Workers. “Akron’s FirstEnergy Corp. intends to reduce operations at its giant W.H. Sammis coal-fired power plant because the electricity is not needed. Minimal operations will begin Sept. 16 at the plant southeast of Akron in Jefferson County and will affect 440 workers, company spokesman Mark Durbin said Thursday.” (Bob Downing, “FirstEnergy To Cut Back Operations At Sammis Power Plant,” [Akron Beacon Journal](#), 8/17/12)

According To FirstEnergy Spokesman Mark Durbin, The Cutbacks Will Continue “Indefinitely” Until The Economy Improves. “The cutbacks will continue indefinitely — until the stagnant economy improves, he said. ‘It’s tough to say how long the reduced operations might last. It could be awhile. We’ll just have to wait and see,’ Durbin said.” (Bob Downing, “FirstEnergy To Cut Back Operations At Sammis Power Plant,” [Akron Beacon Journal](#), 8/17/12)

- **Due To Low Market Prices For Electricity, It Is No Longer Cost-Effective To Run The Plant.** “‘Because of low [electricity] market prices, it is just not cost-effective to run the plant,’ Durbin said. ‘We don’t see a need, right now, to run the plant.’” (Bob Downing, “FirstEnergy To Cut Back Operations At Sammis Power Plant,” [Akron Beacon Journal](#), 8/17/12)
- **In 2010, FirstEnergy Completed Installing Anti-Pollution Control Equipment At The Sammis Plant – A \$1.8 Billion Project.** “FirstEnergy in late 2010 completed installing anti-pollution equipment, including scrubbers, at the Sammis plant. It was a \$1.8 billion project that began in 2005.” (Bob Downing, “FirstEnergy To Cut Back Operations At Sammis Power Plant,” [Akron Beacon Journal](#), 8/17/12)

FirstEnergy Expects To Eliminate 200 Jobs From Akron, Ohio In November As A Result Of The “Continued Weak Economy.” “The utility company said Wednesday that it expects in November to eliminate 200 employees at support departments and FirstEnergy Solutions. Most of the jobs are located in Akron. In the news release announcing the cuts, FirstEnergy said it ‘is conducting an organizational study to determine how its workforce should be aligned to best meet the challenges of the continued weak economy.’ The study will be finished in November and employees will know if they will lose their jobs.” (“FirstEnergy May Cut 200 Akron Jobs In November,” [The Canton Repository](#), 9/19/12)

- **The Job Cuts Are “In Response To A Combination Of Economic Factors.”** “The job cuts are ‘in response to a combination of economic factors, including continued slow customer load growth and an abundance of electric generation supply

resulting in low power prices,’ said Anthony J. Alexander, FirstEnergy president and chief executive officer.” (“FirstEnergy May Cut 200 Akron Jobs In November,” [The Canton Repository](#), 9/19/12)

Duke Energy

Duke Energy Will Close Its Walter C. Beckjord Generating Station In Clermont County.

“Large Ohio coal plants will go dark within a few years. Duke Energy announced that the Walter C. Beckjord Generating Station in Clermont County east of Cincinnati will cease operating coal-fired units in 2015. The plant has produced energy for six decades.” (Steve Bennish, “EPA Rules To Force Old Coal Plants To Adapt, Close,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 1/6/12)

- **According To Duke Energy, The New EPA Rules “Would Require Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars – To Which Our Customers Would Be Exposed – To Bring The Plant Into Compliance.”** “Due to the age and physical limitations of the Beckjord facility, the (new EPA rules) would require hundreds of millions of dollars — to which our customers would be exposed — to bring the plant into compliance. This fact, combined with a lower plant usage forecast, compelled Duke Energy Ohio to accelerate Beckjord’s anticipated retirement date,’ Duke said.” (Steve Bennish, “EPA Rules To Force Old Coal Plants To Adapt, Close,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 1/6/12)

American Electric Power

AEP’s Ohio Picway Plant Is Scheduled For Shutdown On June 1, 2015, When Tougher Federal Air Pollution Rules Take Effect.

“After nearly 60 years of producing power, the Picway plant is headed for retirement. Nestled along the Scioto River near Lockbourne, Picway is scheduled for shutdown by June 1, 2015, when tougher federal air pollution limits take effect.” (Spencer Hunt, “Coal Power Plants May Be Razed Or Sold Once Closed,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 6/10/12)

- **Two Of AEP’s Generating Units At Conesville Will Continue To Operate. One Generator At AEP’s Muskingum Plant Might Be Converted To Burn Natural Gas.** “Two of Conesville’s three generating units have scrubbers and will continue to operate, McHenry said. One of five generators at AEP’s Muskingum plant might be converted to burn natural gas, McCullough said.” (Spencer Hunt, “Coal Power Plants May Be Razed Or Sold Once Closed,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 6/10/12)

GenOn

GenOn Will Close Plants In Niles And Avon Lake, OH. “Ohio plants affected include those in Niles and Avon Lake, and plants retiring in Pennsylvania are in New Castle, Portland, Shawville, Titus and Elrama. The closures will occur between 2012 and 2015.” (Chelsea Miller, “7 Coal-Powered Plants To Close In Ohio And Pa.,” [Youngstown Vindicator](#), 3/1/12)

GenOn Energy Will Close Its Avon Lake, OH, Coal-Fired Power Plant In 2015 Due To “Insufficient Returns” As A Result Of EPA Regulations.

“GenOn Energy is moving forward with its plan to close the Avon Lake power plant in April 2015. According to an email from GenOn spokesman Mark Baird, after more review of the viability of adding additional controls to bring the plant into conformity with EPA regulations, ‘forecasted returns are insufficient.’” (Cheryl Higley, “GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)

City Schools Will Face An Annual Revenue Loss Of \$3.9 Million Due To The Plant's Closure. "Replacing the revenue generated from the plant will be crucial for the city schools, which could lose \$3.9 million annually when the plant closes. Those losses come on top of state funding cuts and past devaluations of the power plant that are contributing to a projected \$3 million deficit by fiscal year 2014." (Cheryl Higley, "GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)

- **According To School Superintendent Bob Scott, The Plant Closure Is "Disheartening."** "Scott said the closure is disheartening since the district had worked to build a cushion after voters approved a 2006 levy. Before the revenue cuts, the district believed it would be able to extend the life of that money to 2014-15 or beyond. That is no longer a possibility, according to Autumn Streng, treasurer." (Cheryl Higley, "GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)
- **School Layoffs Cannot Be Ruled Out As A Way To Offset The Revenue Losses.** "The district will try to minimize the impact on education by focusing cutbacks in the administrative areas whenever possible, including reducing staff by attrition. Scott said it was too early to tell whether layoffs will be needed in 2013-14 to help offset the losses, but they cannot be ruled out." (Cheryl Higley, "GenOn On Track With Closing Plant In Avon Lake," [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/6/12)

Murray Energy

OhioAmerican Energy, Inc., A Subsidiary Of Murray Energy, Announced The Closure Its Coal Mining Operations In Brilliant, Ohio, Citing Obama And His Appointees As The Reason. "OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. ("OhioAmerican"), a Subsidiary Of Murray Energy Corporation ("Murray Energy"), today announced the closure of its coal mining operations near Brilliant, Jefferson County, Ohio. Regulatory Actions By President Barack Obama And His Appointees And Followers Were Cited As The Entire Reason. 'Mr. Obama has already destroyed 83,000 megawatts of coal-fired electricity generation in America,' said Mr. Michael T.W. Carey, Vice President of Government Affairs for Murray Energy. 'Electric Prices in the recent PJM Interconnection monthly auction were bid up 800 percent (8 times) for 2015-2016 because of this,' he added." (Press Release, "OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. Coal Mining Operation Closed In Eastern Ohio," [Murray Energy](#), 7/31/12)

- **Murray Energy Estimates That The Obama Administration Has Destroyed 2,868 Jobs In Eastern Ohio.** "'At its peak, OhioAmerican employed 239 local people in high-paying, well-benefited jobs,' said Mr. Stanley T. Piasecki, General Manager and Superintendent. 'University studies show that our Mines can create up to eleven (11) secondary jobs in our communities, for store clerks, teachers, etc., to serve our direct employees. Thus, if one uses the eleven (11) to one (1) multiplier, the Obama Administration has destroyed 2,868 jobs in eastern Ohio with this forced Mine closure,' stated Mr. Piasecki." (Press Release, "OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. Coal Mining Operation Closed In Eastern Ohio," [Murray Energy](#), 7/31/12)

Mr. Stanley T. Piasecki, General Manager And Superintendent Of Murray Energy: "There Will Be Additional Layoffs" Throughout The Country's Coal Industry "Due To Mr. Obama's 'War On Coal.'" "There will be additional layoffs, not only at Murray Energy, but also throughout the United States coal industry due to Mr. Obama's 'War on Coal' and

the destruction that it has caused to so many jobs and families in the Ohio Valley area and elsewhere,' said Mr. Murray. 'Both Mr. Obama and Vice President Biden stated that there would be 'no coal in America' prior to their elections,'" said Mr. Piasecki. "They are making good on their intentions while they destroy so many lives and family livelihoods in this area for no benefit whatsoever,' he concluded." (Press Release, "OhioAmerican Energy, Inc. Coal Mining Operation Closed In Eastern Ohio," [Murray Energy](#), 7/31/12)

Another Affiliate Of Murray Energy, Ohio Valley Coal Company, Recently Announced The Elimination Of 29 Hourly Jobs At Its Powhattan No. 6 Mine Citing "Regulatory Excess Of The Obama Administration As A Direct Cause Of The Layoffs." "The Ohio Valley Coal Company announced Friday it has been forced to reduce its workforce at the Powhattan No. 6 Mine in Belmont County, Ohio. According to a news release 29 hourly jobs will be cut. The company cites regulatory excess of the Obama Administration as a direct cause to the layoffs." (Colin Lawler, "Ohio Valley Coal Co. Announces Layoffs," [WTRE](#), 7/21/12)

- **General Manager Ronald Koontz: The Obama Administration's War On Coal Is "Seeking To Destroy The Coal Industry And The Jobs Of Our Own Employees And The Livelihoods Of Their Families."** "Announcing the reduction of 29 jobs at its Powhattan No. 6 Mine in Belmont County, Ohio, General Manager Ronald Koontz attacked the Obama administration for a 'war on coal seeking to destroy the coal industry and the jobs of our own employees and the livelihoods of their families.'" (Erich Schwartzel, "Two Coal Companies Downsize," [Pittsburgh Post Gazette](#), 7/20/12)

Manager Of Industrial Engineering For Murray Energy Corp: We Are Using Less And Less Coal "Because Of The Environmental Restrictions From The EPA." "Sener Calis, manager of industrial engineering for Murray Energy Corp. in Alledonia, has been working in the coal industry for 42 years. He testified that EPA regulations are making it harder for companies to mine coal. 'We have enough coal in this country to last us 300 years, to provide us with a clean source of energy, a reliable source of energy, but we are using less and less because of the environmental restrictions from the EPA. ... I had been in the (Ohio) Valley since 1972 and it's a much cleaner environment, it's a much better environment. As far as I'm concerned, it's about the cleanest we've ever been,' he said." (Sarah Harmon, "'War On Coal' Hearing Held In St. Clairsville," [The Intelligencer, Wheeling News-Register](#), 8/1/12)

FERROALLOYS

EPA Regulations Could Lead To Closure Of Eramet Ferroalloys Plant In Marietta, Ohio And Felman Production In Letart, WV. "New emission regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could result in the shutdown of a local ferroalloys plant, a company representative said Tuesday." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

The EPA's National Emissions Standards For Hazardous Air Pollutants Ferroalloys Production Rule Was Released In November 2011 And Will Take Affect This June. "The EPA released its National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ferroalloys Production at the end of November. The rule, which takes effect in June, is similar to the EPA's Maximum Achievable Control Technology rule over toxic emissions that impacted coal-fired power plants, resulting in the closure of three facilities in West Virginia, including at Willow Island." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [The Marietta Times](#), 5/2/12)

The Ferroalloys Rule Requires The Plants To Install Emissions Controls. Costs At The Eramet Ohio Plant Could Reach \$80 Million, Dwarfing The \$40 Million Already Spent By The Plant In The Last Four Years To Improve Environmental Performance. "The ferroalloys rule also requires the plants to install emissions controls to meet the stricter standards, Frank-Collins said. The cost at Eramet would be from \$70 million to \$80 million, dwarfing the \$40 million spent there in the last four years to improve environmental performance, an investment that could not be recovered, she said." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [*The Marietta Times*](#), 5/2/12)

The Two Plants Employ 450 People, 200 Of Them At Eramet. "We don't want to panic people, but people need to understand what's going on," said Joy Frank-Collins, a spokesman for Eramet Marietta and Felman Production of Letart, W.Va., the only two manganese ferroalloy plants in the United States, which are about 80 miles apart. The plants employ more than 450 people, with 200 at Eramet." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [*The Marietta Times*](#), 5/2/12)

Joy Frank-Collins, A Spokesman For Eramet Marietta And Felman Production Of Letart, WV: "If The Rule Is Finalized As It Is Proposed, It Would Be Nearly Impossible For These Two Companies To Continue Operating." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [*The Marietta Times*](#), 5/2/12)

- **Frank-Collins: "Basically This Rule Has The Potential To Kill Our Industry."** (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [*The Marietta Times*](#), 5/2/12)

As A Result Of The EPA Regulation, The United States' Trade Deficit Will Increase By More Than \$500 Million And American Steel Producers Will Be Reliant On Foreign Sources. "It's a national issue impacting the United States steel industry and will increase the trade deficit by more than \$500 million. American producers of steel, of which ferromanganese is a component, will be reliant on foreign sources, Frank-Collins said." (Jess Mancini, "New EPA Rules Threaten Eramet," [*The Marietta Times*](#), 5/2/12)

OBAMA'S DEFENSE BUDGET THREATENS OHIO JOBS

Mansfield Air National Guard Base

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney Was Not Aware That Air Force One Landed At An Ohio Air Base That Obama Wants To Eliminate. REPORTER: "Can you talk a little bit about why the president is going back to the same area of Akron, Ohio tomorrow that he has visited before? And in Mansfield the local paper is reporting if President Obama has his way his Air Force One arrival would be one of the final flights into the Mansfield airport, because the president wants to do away with the mission for the 800 guardsmen at the Mansfield." WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY Jay Carney: "I'll have to take the question, I'm not aware of that particular issue. In terms of why is he going to Ohio and Akron –" REPORTER: "But that area of Ohio, Mansfield and Akron, I mean he was just there on the bus tour." CARNEY: "There is not an inch of Ohio that the president does not love to visit. It's a great state, my wife's home state." REPORTER: "In terms of Mansfield, can we get you to take that question?" CARNEY: "Sure. I'm not aware of even the policy implications or what issue this is." ([White House Press Briefing](#), 7/31/12)

Obama Will Jeopardize 551 Part-Time And 204 Full-Time Airmen's Jobs At Mansfield Air National Guard Base As His Defense Cuts Would Eliminate The C-27J Program, Leaving The Wing Without A Flying Mission. "President Barack Obama has cited an aircraft flown by the Mansfield Air National Guard Base as an example of 'unnecessary' defense programs and recommended it for termination... Elimination of the program would leave the 179th Airlift Wing without a flying mission. It could jeopardize the future of the unit, which has 551 part-time and 204 full-time airmen. The Mansfield base has two of its four C-27Js deployed in Afghanistan. It received the planes last summer, and was the first base in the country to deploy to Afghanistan with them." (Bryan Bullock, "Mansfield Base's C-27js Called 'Unnecessary,'" *The Mansfield News Journal*, 2/14/12)

According To The Ohio National Guard, "The Air Force's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request Includes The Elimination Of The C-27J Spartan Aircraft Program And Mission At The Mansfield Air National Guard Base." "As part of a broader effort to control defense spending, the Air Force's fiscal year 2013 budget request includes the elimination of the C-27J Spartan aircraft program and mission at the Mansfield Air National Guard Base, home of the 179th Airlift Wing, which would result in the elimination of 794 Ohio Air National Guard jobs. Of that, 309 are full-time positions and 485 are part-time positions." (Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pavlik, "179th Airlift Wing Works To Educate About Benefits Of C-27J Spartan Aircraft Program," [Ohio National Guard](#), 3/23/12)

- **"Legislators Have Said The C-27J Aircraft -- A Twin-Engine, Multipurpose Cargo Plane -- Has Proven Cost-Effective And Important For National Security."** (Bryan Bullock, "Mansfield Base's C-27js Called 'Unnecessary,'" *The Mansfield News Journal*, 2/14/12)

***Mansfield News Journal*: Mansfield "Cannot Sustain" The Loss Of the 179th Air National Guard Base.** "It is critical that Congress reverse it. Mansfield cannot sustain another loss of this magnitude. The blow we took from the General Motors plant closing put several thousand people out of work. Taking jobs away from Mansfield by ending the 179th Airlift Wing's mission is simply an irrational decision." (Editorial, "Mansfield Cannot Stand To Lose 179th," *Mansfield News Journal*, 2/16/12)

- **The Mansfield Guardsmen "Have Become A Valuable Part" Of The Community.** "These highly skilled Guardsmen have become a valuable part of our community. They bring with them a strong work ethic and an understanding of their value to our city. Lahm Airport itself benefits greatly from having an air base share many of its facilities." (Editorial, "Mansfield Cannot Stand To Lose 179th," *Mansfield News Journal*, 2/16/12)

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH): "We've Saved Mansfield Once Before. My Hope Is We Can Do It Again." "The good news from last week's meetings included a bipartisan agreement that Obama's proposal is a bad idea that would hurt Ohio's economy. 'We've saved Mansfield once before,' said Sen. Sherrod Brown, referring to the 2005 base closure process when Mansfield was targeted. 'My hope is we can do it again.'" (Editorial, "Mansfield Cannot Stand To Lose 179th," *Mansfield News Journal*, 2/16/12)

- **Brown: Eliminating The C-27J Program In Mansfield Is "Pound Foolish."** "Our message to Secretary Donley was clear: eliminating the C-27J program is pennywise but pound foolish. In addition to affecting roughly 800 jobs in Mansfield, eliminating the C-27J program would affect domestic relief efforts and shift Air Force operations to cargo planes that are more expensive to operate,' Brown said." (Press Release, "Sens.

Brown, Portman Organize Ohio Delegation Meeting With Air Force Secretary To Urge Preservation Of C-27J Program," [Sen. Sherrod Brown](#), 3/21/12)

- **Brown: Eliminating The C-27J Would Be Detrimental To The Mansfield Community.** "On Monday, I traveled to Mansfield to meet with the men and women of Ohio's Air National Guard. While we do need to make some tough decisions on how to continue to meet our national security needs while reducing our deficit, the C-27J is more cost-efficient than other aircraft and it is a vital part of our military mission—and that's why eliminating the C-27J would be detrimental to both our national security and the Mansfield community." (Press Release, "Sens. Brown, Portman Organize Ohio Delegation Meeting With Air Force Secretary To Urge Preservation Of C-27J Program," [Sen. Sherrod Brown](#), 3/21/12)

Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base

Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base In Ohio Is Set To Lose More Than 200 Jobs Due To Budget Cuts. "The proposal also shows Rickenbacker Air National Guard base losing six of its 18 refueling aircraft and about 200 of its 1,150 jobs. That would have a big effect on the Ohio National Guard as well, Ashenhurst said, but wouldn't lead to a base closure." (Jeb Phillips, "Cuts To Ohio Air Guard Base Draw Fire," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 3/20/12)

- **Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH): "The President Will Be Greeted By 200 Ohio Air National Guardsmen Whose Mission Is In Jeopardy Due To The President's Arbitrary Budget Cuts."** "The president will be greeted by 200 Ohio Air National Guardsmen whose mission is in jeopardy due to the president's arbitrary budget cuts," said U.S. Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio. "I hope in the past couple weeks he has taken the time to study his proposal to cut experienced Air National Guard units and realized that is not the most cost-effective solution. If he did, let's hope he'll tell us about a new secret plan to restore his cuts at Rickenbacker, too." (Joe Vardon, "GOP Again Criticizing Obama On Guard Cuts," [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 8/21/12)

Youngstown Air Reserve Station

As Part Of Obama's FY2013 Budget, The Youngstown Air Reserve Station Will Lost 97 Part-Time And 33 Full-Time Jobs. "The Youngstown Air Reserve Station will lose 97 part-time and 33 full-time positions in fiscal year 2013, part of the plan to cut \$487 billion from the defense budget over the next 10 years." (Denise Dick, "Vienna Air Base To Lose 130 Positions, A 7% Cut," [Vindy](#), 3/8/12)

Wright - Patterson Air Force Base

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base To Lose 452 Positions As Part Of A Cost-Cutting Reduction Of 10,000 Positions Across The Air Force. "Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will lose 452 positions among active-duty and civilian ranks this year and next, part of a cost-cutting reduction of approximately 10,000 positions across the Air Force, defense officials said Tuesday. The 445th Airlift Wing, the unit at Wright-Patterson that flies C-17 transport aircraft for the Air Force, will see a net gain of 57 positions among weekend and full-time reservists, the Air Force said." (John Nolan And Barrie Barber, "452 Positions To Be Cut At Wright-Patterson," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/6/12)

- **The 452 Positions Include The Base's Loss Of 235 Civilian Positions Previously Announced.** "The 452 positions — 290 civilian and 162 active-duty military — to

be eliminated at Wright-Patterson this year and in 2013 include the base's net loss of 235 civilian positions previously announced by the Air Force in November and January. The job cuts will affect the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force Institute of Technology and the base's Band of Flight musicians, among others, base spokesman Daryl Mayer said." (John Nolan And Barrie Barber, "452 Positions To Be Cut At Wright-Patterson," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/6/12)

- **The Civilian Positions Being Eliminated Involve Intelligence, Surveillance And Reconnaissance Operations.** "The bulk of the civilian positions being eliminated involve intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations, Mayer said." (John Nolan And Barrie Barber, "452 Positions To Be Cut At Wright-Patterson," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/6/12)

"Wright-Patterson, The Largest Single-Site Employer In Ohio With 27,000 Employees, Is A Key Hub Of Air Force Acquisition, Logistics, Research And Development, And Intelligence Analysis Operations." (John Nolan And Barrie Barber, "452 Positions To Be Cut At Wright-Patterson," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 3/6/12)

- **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Has A \$5 Billion Annual Economic Impact On The Region.** "The association's more than 250 member companies, with a combined 10,000 employees, primarily serve Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the Air Force's 27,000-employee logistics and acquisition center that has a \$5 billion annual economic impact on the region." (John Nolan, Barrie Barber, "Ohio Defense Industry Faces Layoffs If Congress Fails To Take Action," [Detroit News](#), 7/1/12)
- **Wright-Patterson's Computer, Math, Architecture And Engineering Jobs Represent 6 Percent Of The Area's Total Jobs.** "Wright-Patterson is a big reason why the area has so many computer, math, architecture and engineering jobs, Stock said. Together, those fields represent 6 percent of the area's total jobs, the bureau said." (Chelsey Livingston, "Base, Health Care Jobs Keep Wages Up," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 6/18/12)

President Of The Dayton Chamber Of Commerce, Phil Parker, Said Defense Job Losses Have The Potential To Eliminate The Job Gains The Region Has Experienced With An Expansion Of Jobs At Wright-Patterson. "Phil Parker, president of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, said defense job losses have the potential to eliminate the job gains the region has reached with an expansion of jobs at Wright-Patterson while manufacturing faded." (Barrie Barber, "Possible Military Cuts Unnerve Contractors," [The Dayton Daily News](#), 8/14/12)

Joint Systems Manufacturing Center

The Military Wants To Slow Production Of The Abrams Tank Until 2014 When It Will Stop Ordering Them All Together For Three Years Until It Is Ready For The Next Generation Of Tanks. "The military's plan is to slow production of the M1A2 Abrams until 2014, when it wants to stop ordering them all together for about three years, until it's ready for the next generation of battle tanks. Army officials told lawmakers earlier this year that they must make tough choices." (John Seewer, "Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks," [The Associated Press](#), 7/5/12)

- **The Cost Of Shutting Down And Then Restarting The Joint Systems Manufacturing Center Would Be \$1.6 Billion.** "General Dynamics Corp.'s land systems unit, which operates the government-owned plant, estimates that the cost of shutting down the plant and then restarting it would be \$1.6 billion,

while keeping it open with minimal production over four years would cost \$1.4 billion. The Army puts the price of pausing production much lower - around \$400 million. It thinks the plant could stay open without its orders by building new tanks and upgrading older models for foreign countries such as Saudi Arabia, Israel and Morocco.” (John Seewer, “Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/5/12)

Workers At The Joint Systems Manufacturing Center In Lima, OH, Are Worried About Losing High-Paying Manufacturing Jobs As The Obama Budget Calls For A Halt In Tank Production. “But the Pentagon says it will soon have enough tanks and wants to halt production for several years as it wrestles with deep cuts in military spending over the next decade. Caught in the middle are hundreds of workers at the northern Ohio tank plant who are worried about losing high-paying manufacturing jobs at a time when those positions are scarce.” (John Seewer, “Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/5/12)

- **Currently, There Are 800 Workers At The Plant.** “Now there are about 800 workers who refurbish the Abrams tanks with new weapons and sophisticated navigation and communications systems, churning out one tank about every two days. The plant also makes the Stryker light-armored vehicle.” (John Seewer, “Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/5/12)
- **Halting Production Would Mean Workers Would Be Forced To Leave Ohio For Elsewhere.** “Halting production for even a couple of years would mean the loss of many skilled trade workers who would most likely be forced to leave Ohio for work elsewhere, said Keith Deters, plant manager at the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center.” (John Seewer, “Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/5/12)

President Of The United Auto Workers Local 2075: “They’re Dangling This Carrot Over Your Head That They Can Shut You Down At Any Time.” “‘They’re dangling this carrot over your head that they can shut you down at any time,’ said Russ Clewley, president of the United Auto Workers Local 2075, which represents production and skilled trade workers.” (John Seewer, “Congress, White House Fight Over Funding For Tanks,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/5/12)

The Greentree Group

Defense Contractor The Greentree Group Is Laying Off 20 Percent Of Its Workforce, Including President Everett G. Odgers. “Defense contractor The Greentree Group is laying off 20 percent of its workforce, including president and chief operating officer Everett G. Odgers. The Greentree Group is laying off 20 of its approximately 100 employees, all at the Beavercreek headquarters.” (John Nolan, “Layoffs Include Company President,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

The Layoffs Were Prompted By Cuts In Federal Defense Spending, Including A Halt To A Troubled Air Force Computer Modernization Project That Had Generated Work For Greentree. “Travis Greenwood, chief executive officer, said the layoffs were prompted by cuts in federal defense spending, including a halt to a troubled Air Force computer modernization project that had generated work for Greentree.” (John Nolan, “Layoffs Include Company President,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

- **The Air Force Halted The Expeditionary Combat Support System Project Because Of Delays And Escalating Costs.** “In September, the Air Force halted the

Expeditionary Combat Support System project because of delays and escalating costs. The project had been run by prime contractor Computer Sciences Corp. from Beavercreek.” (John Nolan, “Layoffs Include Company President,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

CEO Of Greentree Travis Greenword: “Unfortunately, That Means That Companies Like Greentree Will Have To Learn To Do More With Less.” “Greentree Group, which also serves corporate and state government customers with information technology and technical support services, had to reduce its management. ‘It’s a tumultuous time for the federal government,’ said Greenwood, whose father, Samuel Greenwood, founded the company in 1993. ‘Unfortunately, that means that companies like Greentree will have to learn to do more with less,’ he said.” (John Nolan, “Layoffs Include Company President,” [The Dayton Daily News](#), 7/5/12)

Obama’s Inaction On Sequestration Will Cost Additional Ohio Jobs

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In Ohio Losing 21,280 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, “The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies,” [Report](#), 7/17/12)

- **Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, Ohio’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined \$161,802,251.00 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)
- **In Ohio, Sequestration Would Mean 1,377 Fewer Active-Duty Service Members And A Loss Of 8,261 DOD Civilian Personnel.** “House Armed Services Committee estimates show defense cuts in Ohio would mean 1,377 fewer active-duty service members out of 8,261, and the loss of 6,250 Defense Department civilian personnel out of 25,001 in the state, according to the nonprofit and nonpartisan Center for Security Policy in Washington, D.C.” (John Nolan, Barrie Barber, “Ohio Defense Industry Faces Layoffs If Congress Fails To Take Action,” [Detroit News](#), 7/1/12)

As A Result Of Sequestration, Montgomery And Greene Counties In Ohio Would Have A Projected Annual Decline To Defense Contractors Of \$92.5 Million And \$70.1 Million. “Montgomery and Greene counties, home to Wright-Patterson, would have a projected annual decline to defense contractors of \$92.5 million and \$70.1 million, respectively, through 2021 if the full cuts land on Ohio, the Center for Security Policy estimated. In Hamilton County, home of GE Aviation in suburban Cincinnati, the reduction could hit \$306.8 million a year.” (John Nolan, Barrie Barber, “Ohio Defense Industry Faces Layoffs If Congress Fails To Take Action,” [Detroit News](#), 7/1/12)

- **Executive Director Of The Dayton Development Coalition: Sequestration “Has Potentially Disastrous Consequences For The Economy Of The Dayton Region Which Depends So Heavily On Defense Spending.”** ““That has potentially disastrous consequences for the economy of the Dayton region which depends so heavily on defense spending,’ said Jeff Hoagland, executive director of the Dayton Development Coalition. ‘The implementation of the cuts would result in significant job losses in Dayton and in the state. National defense is by far the biggest creator of jobs in the Dayton region.’” (Barrie Barber, “Possible Military Cuts Unnerve Contractors,” [Dayton Daily News](#), 8/14/12)

OBAMACARE WAS REJECTED IN OHIO

A Ballot Measure Aimed At Blocking Obama's Health Care Law Won In All 88 Ohio Counties With 66 Percent Of The Vote. "A ballot measure that State Impact Ohio (a creation of local public media and NPR) describes as 'a referendum on a constitutional amendment...aimed at keeping the national health care reform law from taking [e]ffect' won in all 88 counties in Ohio. In 81 of the counties, it won by a margin of at least 20 percentage points. Statewide, it won by 32 points (66 to 34 percent)." (Jeffrey H. Anferon, Anti-Obamacare Measure Sweeps All 88 Counties in Ohio," [The Weekly Standard](#), 11/9/11)

- **Including, "Cuyahoga County – A Traditional Democratic Stronghold."** "The measure was ahead by a wide margin even in Cuyahoga County -- a traditional Democratic stronghold." (Aaron Marshall, "Ohio Voters Say No To Health Insurance Mandates, Older Judges," [The Plain Dealer](#), 11/9/11)

John Abdalla, Mayor Of The Village Of Stratton And Head Of the Jefferson County Democrat Party: "What's Going To Hurt Obama Is This ObamaCare." "In the corner of the steakhouse, sitting at the counter on a stool closest to the grill, John Abdalla monitors a slow night in the restaurant. He's the head of the Jefferson County Democratic Party and mayor of the village of Stratton, population 300. 'What's going to hurt Obama is this ObamaCare,' the mayor says." (Joel Achenbach, "In Ohio County, Electorate Is Hardened And Fractured," [The Washington Post](#), 9/23/12)

ObamaCare Is Busting Ohio's Budget

The Heritage Foundation Estimates From 2014 To 2020 ObamaCare Will Cost Ohio An Additional \$633.5 Million. (Edmund Haislmaier and Brian Blasé, "Obamacare: Impact On States," [The Heritage Foundation](#), 7/1/10)

Ohio Will Have To Spend \$1 Billion More On Medicaid Next Year On Account Of ObamaCare, Exacerbating \$8 Billion Budget Shortfall. "Unless Ohio gets more federal stimulus help, state leaders will have to spend \$1 billion more next year on Medicaid just to keep the same level of coverage that's in place today... The sobering statistic was one of many relayed during a four-hour hearing today of the Budget Planning and Management Commission, the bipartisan legislative panel that is examining ways to deal with a future budget shortfall that could reach \$8 billion." (Jim Siegel, "Medicaid To Add \$1 Billion To State Budget Quandary," [Columbus Dispatch](#), 7/21/10)

The Cost Of Medicaid In Ohio Has Nearly Doubled In The Past Decade To \$14.7 Billion And Consumes About 26 Percent Of The State Budget. "The cost of Ohio's largest safety-net program has nearly doubled in the past decade. Taxpayers spent \$14.7 billion last year to provide health coverage to poor and disabled Ohioans as Medicaid - the largest and fastest growing segment of state government - now consumes about 26 percent of the state budget." (Catherine Candisky, "Medicaid Growth Burning Budget," [Columbus Dispatch](#), 8/8/10)

- **"A Recession-Fueled Surge In Enrollment And An Aging Population With Greater Health-Care Needs Also Are To Blame For Medicaid's Strain On Ohio's Budget As Well As Those Nationwide."** (Catherine Candisky, "Medicaid Growth Burning Budget," [Columbus Dispatch](#), 8/8/10)

- **The More Money Is Spent On Medicaid, The Less The State Has For Local Government Spending.** “‘Between education and Medicaid, that’s about 80percent of the budget,’ said Sen. John A. Carey Jr., a Wellston Republican who is chairman of the state’s Senate Finance Committee. ‘The more we spend on Medicaid, the less we have for local governments, libraries and other things.’” (Catherine Candisky, “Medicaid Growth Burning Budget,” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 8/8/10)

CEO Of University Hospitals In Cleveland, Ohio Warns ObamaCare “Creates A Larger Burden On The States.” “UH’s Zenty said, ‘Even though it appears more coverage will be provided through Medicaid, that creates a larger burden on the states. And with the state of Ohio’s looming budget deficit, we need to be mindful of how that will be funded.’” (Evelyn Theiss, “Health Care Bill Should Save Cleveland Hospitals Money On Treating Poor, But Exact Amount Unclear,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/7/10)

- **And Executive Director Of Center For Community Solutions In Cleveland, Ohio Said Ohio Will Have To Raise Taxes “To Meet The Obligations Assumed In The Bill.”** “John Begala, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Community Solutions, said preliminary analyses show that \$20 billion (per year) in costs for health care reform will be divided among the 50 states, but added, ‘The budget estimates on this bill are so convoluted it’s simply impossible to know more.’ ‘We’re already facing a \$3 [billion] to \$4 billion shortfall going in the next biennium. It’s almost unimaginable that Ohio will be in a position three years from now to meet the obligations assumed in the bill without raising revenue for that purpose.’” (Evelyn Theiss, “Health Care Bill Should Save Cleveland Hospitals Money On Treating Poor, But Exact Amount Unclear,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 4/7/10)

ObamaCare Is Causing A Spike In Ohio Insurance Premiums

Recent Study Finds That Individual Insurance Premiums Expected To Rise Between 55 And 85 Percent Due To ObamaCare. “Ohioans who buy individual insurance policies could see their premiums jump 55 to 85 percent in 2014 when key provisions of the new federal health-care law kick in, according to a new report. Rates also are expected to increase for those with employer-sponsored coverage but not nearly as much.” (Catherine Candisky, “Insurance Premiums Expected To Increase, Report Says,” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/20/11)

- **Premiums Offered Through Small Businesses In Ohio Could Increase 5 To 15 Percent While Large Employers Premiums May Increase 3 To 5 Percent.** “The analysis by Milliman Inc. projected that premiums on policies offered through small businesses could increase 5 to 15 percent while the cost of insurance through large employers may jump 3 to 5 percent.” (Catherine Candisky, “Insurance Premiums Expected To Increase, Report Says,” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 9/20/11)

Last Year, “Health Care Costs In Southwest Ohio Continue[d] To Climb, And At A Faster Pace Than In Previous Years.” “Health care costs in Southwest Ohio continue to climb, and at a faster pace than in previous years, according to a new survey. On Wednesday, Employers Resource Association announced the results of its 2011 Health and Welfare Benefits Survey.” (Joe Coglian, “Report: Employers Health Costs Rise At Faster Pace,” [The Dayton Business Journal](#), 8/3/11)

- **3 Out Of 4 Employers Experienced An Increase In Health Care Costs, Along With 1 In 5 Who Saw An Increase Of More Than 12 Percent.** “More than 75

percent of the employers surveyed in this corner of the state experienced an increase in their healthcare costs, including 22 percent of respondents who saw an increase of more than 12 percent, a higher rate than in previous years.” (Joe Coglian, “Report: Employers Health Costs Rise At Faster Pace,” [The Dayton Business Journal](#), 8/3/11)

- **“Also, Deductibles Rose, On Average, By 18 Percent From 2010 To 2011 Across All Health Plans.”** (Joe Coglian, “Report: Employers Health Costs Rise At Faster Pace,” [The Dayton Business Journal](#), 8/3/11)

ObamaCare’s Medical Device Tax Threatens Ohio Jobs

Cleveland Clinic Chief Executive Toby Cosgrove Said ObamaCare Could “Stifle Medical Innovation.” “Cleveland Clinic Chief Executive Toby Cosgrove told a full house at a City Club speech Wednesday he’s concerned that health-care reform could stifle medical innovation. ‘I think we have to worry very significantly about innovation,’ Cosgrove said in response to a question about the effects of health-care reform. He was referring specifically, he said, to the comparative-effectiveness provision in the law. Comparative effectiveness is shorthand for studying different treatments and paying for those that work.” (Diane Suchetka, “Cleveland Clinic CEO Toby Cosgrove Talks About Health-Care Reform And More At City Club,” [The Cleveland Plain Dealer](#), 8/19/10)

Currently, Medical Device Makers Employ 20,000 In Ohio. “In Ohio, about 20,000 workers are employed by medical-device and equipment manufacturers. A few large companies are affected, including Cardinal Health in Dublin and Invacare in Elyria. But industry-wide, 80 percent of these businesses have fewer than 50 employees. Since the tax is on all revenue, not profits, small companies are particularly worried that they’ll be put out of business by it.” (Editorial, “The True Cost,” [The Columbus Dispatch](#), 3/26/12)

- **CEO Of Cleveland’s Invacare Said Medical Device Tax Is Like “Throwing A Hand Grenade” Into Health Care Industry.** “The law includes a 2.3% excise tax on the sale of all medical devices except for consumer goods, such as contact lenses and hearing aids...Among established medical device companies, Invacare Corp. of Elyria, the world’s largest wheelchair maker, has been a vocal opponent of the tax. Invacare CEO A. Malachi Mixon III in a January interview with *Crain’s* went so far as to say the tax was the equivalent of ‘throwing a hand grenade in the middle of the health care economy.’” (Chuck Soder, “Tax On Medical Device Manufacturers Could Be Taxing,” *Crain’s Cleveland Business*, 3/29/10)

“The Leader Of One Ohio-Based Medical-Device Manufacturer Said The Tax Puts Companies That Do Most Of Their Business In The United States At A Disadvantage Compared To Competitors That Are Based In Europe Or Asia And Do Business There.” “The leader of one Ohio-based medical-device manufacturer said the tax puts companies that do most of their business in the United States at a disadvantage compared to competitors that are based in Europe or Asia and do business there. Those competitors wouldn’t feel the tax burden as much if they sold fewer products in the United States, said Walter Rosebrough, president and CEO of Mentor-based STERIS, which develops, manufactures and markets products aimed at preventing infection and contamination.” (Ben Sutherly, “Medical-Device Makers Fight Tax,” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 5/15/12)

- **The Tax Would Affect Dublin-based Cardinal Health, Which Employs 4,400 Ohioans.** “The tax would affect Dublin-based Cardinal Health’s \$1 billion medical-kit

business, said Michael Lynch, executive vice president. Cardinal's earnings as a percentage of sales are in the low single digits, so the excise tax could cause the company to reconsider competing in certain business segments subject to the tax, he said. Cardinal Health employs about 4,400 people in Ohio." (Ben Sutherly, "Medical-Device Makers Fight Tax," [Columbus Dispatch](#), 5/15/12)

- **"Stephen Ubl, President And CEO Of AdvaMed, The Largest Trade Group Representing Medical-Technology Companies, Said The Tax Could Ultimately Cost The United States Tens Of Thousands Of Jobs."** (Ben Sutherly, "Medical-Device Makers Fight Tax," [Columbus Dispatch](#), 5/15/12)

In Lorain County Ohio, The Threat Of Obama's Medical Device Tax Is Caused One Of Their Largest Businesses To Stop Hiring. "[I]n the short run, some of his policies could cost existing jobs, especially health-care reform, if it is enacted. One of the few large businesses that has prospered in Lorain County in recent years has been Invacare, a maker of home medical devices, such as walkers and wheelchairs... The company has 1,300 employees in Lorain County but has stopped hiring in anticipation of a tax on medical devices that was proposed to help pay for the president's health-care reform plan." (Michael A. Fletcher, "Assessing Obama's Promises Of Jobs In A Hub Of Manufacturing," [The Washington Post](#), 1/22/09)

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