



Recycled Promises

Obama's Speech Will Call For Patience To Deliver On The Promises That Have Failed Americans Before

OBAMA'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH WILL OFFER SCALED DOWN, RECYCLED PROMISES FOR A SECOND TERM THAT HE HAS FAILED TO DELIVER ON IN HIS FIRST TERM

Obama In 2012: "Create One Million New Manufacturing Jobs By The End Of 2016" ("Excerpts: Obama To Lay Out 'Clearest Choice Of Any Time In A Generation'," [CNN](#), 9/6/12)

- In 2008, Obama Pledged To "Invest In U.S. Manufacturing" And "Create Millions Of New Jobs."** "Invest in U.S. Manufacturing: The Obama comprehensive energy independence and climate change plan not only help strengthen America's energy security and tackle global climate change, but it will also make strategic investments in American workers and American businesses to create millions of new jobs. The Obama plan will invest in America's highly-skilled manufacturing workforce and manufacturing centers to ensure that American workers have the skills and tools they need to pioneer the first wave of green technologies that will be in high demand throughout the world. Obama will also provide specific tax assistance and loan guarantees to the domestic auto industry to ensure that new fuel-efficient cars and trucks are build in the U.S. with American workers." ("Barack Obama's Economic Agenda: Keeping America's Promise," [Obama For America](#), 2/13/08)
- In 2008, Obama Proposed Creating "Million Of New Jobs" In Manufacturing By Investing In Clean Energy.** "Barack Obama believes this challenge is also a moment of great opportunity for the manufacturing sector. He will invest in climate-friendly energy development that will transform the economy and create millions of new jobs. Obama will invest \$150 billion over 10 years to advance the next generation of biofuels and fuel infrastructure, accelerate the commercialization of plug-in hybrids, promote development of commercial scale renewable energy, invest in low emissions coal plants, and begin transition to a new digital electricity grid. A principal focus of this fund will be devoted to ensuring that technologies that are developed in the U.S. are built by American workers and deployed around the globe." ("Barack Obama: Strengthen Domestic Manufacturing To Create Jobs And Meet The Challenges Of The 21st Century," [Obama For America](#), 2008)
- In 2008, Obama Promised To Create Five Million New Jobs.** OBAMA: "And then we can invest \$15 billion a year in renewable sources of energy, building wind turbines and solar panel, a new electricity grid, the next generation of biofuels, invest in clean coal technology, find ways that we

can create five million new jobs, new energy jobs, all across it country, jobs that pay well, jobs that can't be outsourced.” (Sen. Barack Obama, [Remarks At Campaign Event](#), Cleveland, OH, 11/2/08)

Obama In 2012: “Double Exports By The End Of 2014” (“Excerpts: Obama To Lay Out 'Clearest Choice Of Any Time In A Generation',” [CNN](#), 9/6/12)

- **In 2010, Obama Promised To Double Exports By 2015.** “In promising Wednesday night to double the United States’ export growth over the next five years, President Obama set an ambitious goal for American trade policy that, he said, could create two million jobs.” (Helene Cooper, “Obama Sets Ambitious Export Goal,” [The New York Times](#), 1/28/10)

Obama In 2012: “Cut Net Oil Imports In Half By 2020” (“Excerpts: Obama To Lay Out 'Clearest Choice Of Any Time In A Generation',” [CNN](#), 9/6/12)

- **Obama Promised In 2008: “And For The Sake Of Our Economy, Our Security, And The Future Of Our Planet, I Will Set A Clear Goal As President: In 10 Years, We Will Finally End Our Dependence On Oil From The Middle East.”** (Sen. Barack Obama, [Acceptance Speech Remarks At The Democratic National Convention](#), Denver, CO, 8/28/08)

Obama In 2012: “Reduce The Deficit By More Than \$4 Trillion Over The Next Decade” (“Excerpts: Obama To Lay Out 'Clearest Choice Of Any Time In A Generation',” [CNN](#), 9/6/12)

- **In 2009, Obama Pledged To Cut The Deficit In Half By The End Of His First Term.** OBAMA: “And that's why today I'm pledging to cut the deficit we inherited by half by the end of my first term in office.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At The Fiscal Responsibility Summit](#), Washington, D.C., 2/23/09)
- **“President Barack Obama Plans To Cut The U.S. Budget Deficit To \$533 Billion By The End Of His First Term ...”** (Hans Nichols, “Obama Plans To Reduce Budget Deficit To \$533 Billion By 2013,” [Bloomberg](#), 2/21/09)

Obama In 2012: “Recruit 100,000 Math And Science Teachers Over The Next 10 Years” (“Excerpts: Obama To Lay Out 'Clearest Choice Of Any Time In A Generation',” [CNN](#), 9/6/12)

- **In January 2010, Obama Announced A \$250 Million Initiative To Train More Than 100,000 Math And Science Teachers Over The Next Decade.** “President Barack Obama is announcing a \$250 million initiative Wednesday to train math and science teachers in an effort to reach his administration's goal of moving American students from the middle to the top of the pack in those subjects over the next decade. “The quality of math and science teachers is the most important single factor influencing whether students will succeed or fail in science, technology, engineering and math,’ Obama said in a statement. The money will help prepare 10,000 new teachers and train 100,000 more, the administration said.” (Julie Pace, “Obama To Announce Teacher Training Initiative,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/6/10)

Obama In 2012: “Cut The Growth Of College Tuition In Half Over The Next 10 Years” (“Excerpts: Obama To Lay Out 'Clearest Choice Of Any Time In A Generation',” [CNN](#), 9/6/12)

- **Obama In 2008: “When I'm President, I Will Make College Affordable For Every American.”** OBAMA: “And that’s why the American people will have a clear choice in November - because when I'm President, I will make college affordable for every American. To reach that goal, I've proposed an annual, fully refundable American Opportunity Tax Credit of \$4,000 for Americans who need a hand with tuition and fees. This will cover two-thirds of tuition at the average public college or university, and will make tuition free and help cover expenses for students to go to a community college like Wayne County Community College.” (Sen. Barack Obama, [Remarks At A Town Hall On College Affordability](#), Taylor, MI, 6/17/08)

- **In 2008, Obama Promised That A \$4,000 Tax Credit Would “Help Make College Affordable.”** OBAMA: “I’ll invest in early childhood education, and recruit an army of new teachers to our schools, and provide a \$4,000 tuition tax credit to help make college affordable for any middle class student who’s willing to serve their community or their country.” (Sen. Barack Obama [Remarks At A Campaign Event](#), Daytona Beach, Florida, 9/20/08)
- **Obama Fell “Well Below The \$4,000” He Promised.** “Congress granted additional tax benefits for students in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 it approved Feb. 13, 2009. Congress even gave the program the name Obama used during the campaign: the ‘American Opportunity Tax Credit.’ But it falls short of what Obama promised on the trail, which was a \$4,000 a year tax credit for college students. The credit had been \$1,800 under existing law and will now go to \$2,500 thanks to the stimulus. But that’s still well below the \$4,000 Obama promised.” (Angie Drobnic Holan, “Tax Credit For College Not As Much As Obama Promised,” [Politifact](#), 2/17/09)

Obama In 2012: “Train Two Million Workers For Real Jobs At Community Colleges” (“Excerpts: Obama To Lay Out ‘Clearest Choice Of Any Time In A Generation,’” [CNN](#), 9/6/12)

- **As Part Of His Budget, Obama Already Announced An \$8 Billion Community College To Career Fund To Create 2 Million Jobs.** “As part of his budget, President Obama on Monday proposed an \$8 billion Community College to Career Fund, with the goal of training two million workers for well-paying jobs in high-demand industries. ... In his State of the Union address, Mr. Obama called for a national commitment to help create an economy built to last by training two million workers with skills that will lead directly to a job.” (Tamar Lewin, “Money Urged for Colleges to Perform Job Training,” [The New York Times](#), 2/13/12)
- **President Obama Announced The Initiative In His 2012 State Of The Union Address.** OBAMA: “Join me in a national commitment to train 2 million Americans with skills that will lead directly to a job. My administration has already lined up more companies that want to help. Model partnerships between businesses like Siemens and community colleges in places like Charlotte, and Orlando, and Louisville are up and running. Now you need to give more community colleges the resources they need to become community career centers -- places that teach people skills that businesses are looking for right now, from data management to high-tech manufacturing.” (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At State Of The Union Address](#), Washington, DC, 2/13/12)