



# Still Not Clear On Second Term Agenda

## *Team Obama Spends Sunday Morning Being Asked Where And What Is Obama's Vision For A Second Term?*

**OBAMA SURROGATES SPENT THEIR SUNDAY MORNING FACING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT OBAMA WILL DO IN A SECOND TERM**



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**NBC's David Gregory: "Has The President Spent More Time Trying To Disqualify Romney As An Alternative Than Affirmatively Saying What A Second Term Would Actually Look Like?"** NBC's DAVID GREGORY: "Generally, the attack that has come on this president from his opposition, from Governor Romney and from Paul Ryan, and you heard it from Senator Rubio, a lack of a second term agenda. Is it fair, that criticism? Has the president spent more time trying to disqualify Romney as an alternative than affirmatively saying what a second term would actually look like?" (NBC's "Meet The Press," 10/21/12)

**ABC's George Stephanopoulos: "Can You Counter It And Lay Out Exactly What President Obama Would Do In A Second Term?"** GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: "He seems to be getting some traction with that argument. Can you counter it and lay out exactly what President Obama would do in a second term?" (ABC's "This Week," 10/21/12)

- **Stephanopoulos: "It Sounds Like What You're Saying Is That What You Want Is More Of**

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**What We Had The Last Four Years.”** (ABC’s “This Week,” 10/21/12)

## **OBAMA HAS HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO GIVE HIS SECOND TERM PLANS BUT VOTERS HAVE BEEN LEFT IN THE DARK**

**The Washington Post’s Dan Balz: Obama Has Been “Rightly Criticized For Not Being More Specific About His Second-Term Agenda.”** “The president has rightly been criticized for not being more specific about his second-term agenda. What economic policies does he have that he hasn’t already tried? What is he truly prepared to do on the deficit?” (Dan Balz, “For Obama and Romney, Monday’s Debate Is Crucial,” [The Washington Post](#), 10/20/12)

- **“Having Gone This Far, It’s Not Likely He Will Start Filling In Those Blanks In The Final Two Weeks. He Prefers To Tell Voters Why They Should Fear Romney.”** (Dan Balz, “For Obama and Romney, Monday’s Debate Is Crucial,” [The Washington Post](#), 10/20/12)
- **Obama Hasn’t Restored “A Sense Of Faith And Optimism About The Next Four Years.”** “But what he also hasn’t done yet is restore a sense of faith and optimism about the next four years. That’s what Michael Jones was looking for last week, not merely a recitation of a litany of actions undertaken. It remains a missing piece in the president’s message.” (Dan Balz, “For Obama and Romney, Monday’s Debate Is Crucial,” [The Washington Post](#), 10/20/12)

**Obama Has “Done Little To Outline His Priorities For The Next Four Years.”** “Yet President Obama has done little to outline his priorities and promises for the next four years, and with just 19 days left until Election Day, some are calling on the president to be more specific.” (Leigh Ann Caldwell, “With 19 Days To Go Until Election Day, Obama Stays Vague,” [CBS News](#), 10/18/12)

- **Former Clinton Adviser William Gaston: Obama “Hasn’t Said Very Much” About His Second-Term Agenda.** “But history gives no clues about where or when the turnover will come. And this president is not sharing his thoughts. In fact, his failure to talk much about his goals for a second term complicates efforts to plan or to even speculate about the people he hopes to have around him over the next four years. ‘The staff that you select should reflect your best presidential judgment as to the focus of the second-term agenda,’ said William Galston, Clinton’s top domestic adviser. ‘And I’m not the first to have noticed that the president hasn’t said very much about that during the campaign, to put it mildly.’” (George E. Condon Jr., “Stocking The Cabinet: Who Might Serve In A Second Obama Administration,” [The National Journal](#), 10/19/12)
- **Arizona Republic Editorial: Obama Isn’t Offering Americans “Much.”** “The 23 million Americans either unemployed, scraping by in part-time, low-paid jobs or not looking for work anymore need to see a commitment to revival. And, simply put, Obama isn’t offering them much. Not in his vision of the future as illustrated in debates thus far. And certainly not in the record of his first term as president.” (Editorial, “Romney Can Lead Economy Forward,” [The Arizona Republic](#), 10/20/12)
- **Lowell Sun Editorial: Obama “Hasn’t Given Voters An Inkling Of Where America Might Be Headed Through 2016.”** “President Obama makes a weak case for re-election. He says his policies need four more years to kick in. This from a commander-in-chief who hasn’t passed a federal budget in three years, hasn’t submitted a comprehensive energy bill in four years, and hasn’t given voters an inkling of where America might be headed through 2016. Where’s your plan, Mr. President?” (Editorial, “Mitt Romney For President,” [Lowell Sun](#), 10/20/12)

**“Some Democrats Say That, Now More Than Ever, Obama Has To Give Voters More Than A Defense Of His Presidency, But A Clear Plan For Economic Growth If He Gets A Second Term.”** “But what

comes next? Some Democrats say that, now more than ever, Obama has to give voters more than a defense of his presidency, but a clear plan for economic growth if he gets a second term. The problem for Obama has been exacerbated by a Romney debate strategy that has focused nearly exclusively on keeping Obama on his heels defending his record as president over the last four years. Particularly in the first presidential debate, some Democrats believe that Obama missed a critical opportunity -- when he had a captive audience of millions -- to make his case for a second term." (Abby D. Phillip, "Is Barack Obama Talking Enough About The Future?" [ABC News](#), 10/19/12)