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They Said It!

Obama Promises Compromise In A Second Term, But His First Term Was Marked By Partisan Politics

WHILE OBAMA TALKS “COMPROMISE” IN A SECOND TERM, A NEW BOOK REVEALS HIS FIRST TERM WAS FULL OF ANYTHING BUT

SHOT: Obama Says He Is “More Than Happy To With Work With The Republicans.” “President Obama is ‘more than happy to work with the Republicans’ on creating a bipartisan budget that could pass a split Congress, he told CBS News anchor Scott Pelley in part of an exclusive interview that aired Sunday on ‘Face the Nation.’” (Lindsey Boerma, “Obama Won’t Compromise ‘Balanced Approach’ On Budget, Despite Gridlock,” [CBS News](#), 9/9/12)

CHASER: During The Stimulus Negotiations, Obama’s Then-Chief Of Staff Rahm Emanuel Said “‘We Have The Votes. F—‘em’” In The Administration’s Decision To Abandon A Bipartisan Effort. “With the president taking charge, though, Obama found that he had little history with members of Congress to draw on. His administration’s early decision to forego bipartisanship for the sake of speed around the stimulus bill was encapsulated by his then-chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel: ‘We have the votes. F--- ‘em,’ he’s quoted in the book as saying.” (Rick Klein, “Bob Woodward Book: Debt Deal Collapse Led To ‘Pure Fury’ From President Obama,” [ABC News](#), 9/5/12)

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