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Senior White House Official Says Obama's GOP Outreach Is "A Joke" And "Wasting" Time

A Senior White House Official Claimed Obama's Outreach To Republican Lawmakers Is "A Joke" And That He Is Only Doing It For The Media. "Obama's sudden burst of public outreach coincides with a drop in his approval ratings, noted first by Democratic pollsters advising the White House last week and now surfacing in a spate of public polls. This raises the uncomfortable question: Is this schmooze-a-thon a legitimate act of humility and leadership or a cynical public display? I can't answer that question because I don't pretend to know Obama's state of mind. I can tell you that some of his advisers are no more convinced that this strategy will work than they were a few days ago. 'This is a joke. We're wasting the president's time and ours,' complained a senior White House official who was promised anonymity so he could speak frankly. 'I hope you all (in the media) are happy because we're doing it for you.'" (Ron Fournier, "Humility Or Cynicism? Whatever Is Driving Obama Is Better Than Nothing," [National Journal](#), 3/12/13)