



What They Are Saying

The Reviews Are In: "Irritated"

AN "ANNOYED," "RUSTY," "ABSENT," AND "FRUSTRATED" OBAMA SHRINKS TO THE CHALLENGE OF DEFENDING HIS FAILED PRESIDENCY

Bill Maher: "I Can't Believe I'm Saying This, But Obama Looks Like He DOES Need A Teleprompter"

(Bill Maher, [Twitter Account](#), 10/3/12)

- **Bill Maher:** "Obama made a lot of great points tonight. Unfortunately, most of them were for Romney" (Bill Mather, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The Washington Post's Chris Cillizza: "Good golly. Obama looks very annoyed/unhappy." (Chris Cillizza, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

NBC's David Gregory: "One hour in Romney is far more energetic and aggressive than the President." (David Gregory, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

- **NBC's David Gregory:** "Bipartisan feedback im getting right now is that Romney is doing much better than expected." (David Gregory, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The New York Times' John Harwood Tweets: "Another Dem strategist: 'Incumbent presidents usually shocked in 1st 30 mins of first debate. Obama seemed rusty, frustrated by Romney'" (John Harwood, [Twitter Account](#), 10/3/12)

Newsweek's David Frum: "Romney consistently looks at Obama when Obama speaks. Obama looks down when Romney speaks. Not alpha dog behavior." (David Frum, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

Buzzfeed's Andrew Kaczynski: "Beginning to think Obama should have done debate prep instead of skipping it to watch football." (Andrew Kaczynski, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The New York Times' Adam Nagourney Tweets: "Who is more absent from the stage? Jim Leher or President Obama. Close call." (Adam Nagourney, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The Philadelphia Inquirer's Thomas Fitzgerald: "Romney is puncturing the presidential bubble..." (Thomas Fitzgerald, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

MSNBC's Chuck Todd: "Very important night for Mitt Romney. And he rose to the challenge." (Chuck Todd, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The Hill's Cameron Joseph: "When you're explaining, you're losing. Obama's been explaining all night." (Cameron Joseph, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

University Of Virginia's Professor Larry Sabato: "Somehow I doubt the Obamas are going to fondly remember this 90 mins of their 20th anniversary. " (Larry Sabato, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

- **Larry Sabato:** "My judgment: Romney won 1st debate. Not especially close. Obama left his A game at White House." (Larry Sabato, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)
- **Larry Sabato:** "Probably Romney's best debate ever. Maybe Obama's worst. I lost count of # of opportunities Obama missed." (Larry Sabato, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

Politico's Roger Simon: "I think Professor Obama and not Presidential Candidate Obama showed up for this debate." (Roger Simon, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

NBC News' Luke Russert: "Obama shooting himself by not getting personal on HCR. Clinton probably screaming at TV. He needs an 'I feel your pain' moment." (Luke Russert, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

Mother Jones' David Corn: "Romney looks like he's having a good time. Obama does not. #debate" (David Corn, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The Washington Post's Suzy Khimm: "Obama is stumbling, hesitant in describing the selling points of his signature achievement. Not good." (Suzy Khimm, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The Miami Herald's Marc Caputo: "How I know Obama is losing: Dems are fuming that Romney's "getting away with it." (Marc Caputo, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

WMUR-ABC Manchester's Josh McElveen: "We have never seen @BarackObama on the defensive like this. Unprecedented. Wrong or right. @MittRomney is on the game he needed to be on." (John McElveen, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

NBC's Betsy Fischer Martin: "Bottom line: Obama is simply not accustomed to being challenged & answering questions for a prolonged period. In 2008, he was." (Betsy Fischer Martin, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The Boston Herald's Dave Wedge: "Obama looks like Rex Ryan against Belichick. Perplexed." (Dave Wedge, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

The Tampa Bay Times' Adam Smith: "Two words for Obama @ next debate: Red Bull" (Adam Smith, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

MSNBC's Joe Scarborough: "Tonight was a big win for Mitt Romney. He dominated the debate in every way. This wasn't even close." (Joe Scarborough, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)

CNN's Erin Burnett: "Undecided Dial Test Raw #S Show: #Romney Won The 'Big Moments' 7 Comments Scored Over 70. #Obama Had 4." (Erin Burnett, [Twitter Feed](#), 10/3/12)