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OBAMA ISN'T HELD TO AN ACCURACY STANDARD

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Here's what provoked me:

Donald Trump isn't given credit for anything by the liberal press and liberal politicians. I won't deny that he has contributed significantly to the disdain in which many liberals hold him, but when actual facts are involved, he shouldn't be the only one expected to tow the line.

Here's my response:

Obama Isn't Held to an Accuracy Standard

This week liberal politicians and press have been obsessed with Trump's silly, clumsy, and typically exaggerated claim about the GDP/unemployment comparison. They shout, "why can't he tell the truth?" And then, he gave a mild fist pump coming off Airforce One on his way to a 9/11 Remembrance in that Pennsylvania field. The liberal press and politicians were beside themselves one more time for Trump's often discordant words and actions.

A few days ago, Obama ambushed Trump with claims that favorable wages, unemployment, and most other indicators were actually the same as, or continuation of, measurements during his administration. He was grossly exaggerating and even misrepresenting the facts.

Lower unemployment continues prior trends, as Obama explains. But GDP growth is way up, and real wages are now increasing. In the following areas, post-election 2016 numbers show a dramatic directional change upward, not at all just continuing trends: small business optimism and spending plans; projected retail sales; non-residential fixed investment; equipment investment; investment in buildings; capital goods orders; capital goods shipments; purchasing manager optimism index; applications for Employer ID numbers; blue-collar job growth; and private non-residential job growth.

Why isn't Obama held to some sort of standard of accuracy?