

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THE MYTH OF OBAMA'S SUCCESS!

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By Stephen L. Bakke September 16, 2014

Here's what provoked me:

A Business Forum article sang the praises of Obama's accomplishments of "good government outcomes," and used this as reason for democrat candidates not to run from Obama in the upcoming campaigns and election. It sounded like it was written by the administration and the author seems oblivious to the actual reality of what has occurred and where we are in the U.S.

Here's my response:

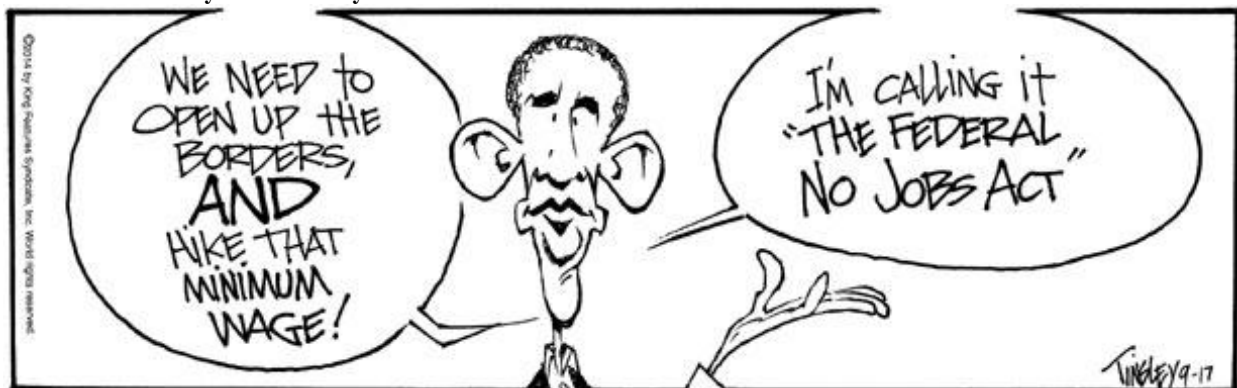
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Re: Patrick Delaney's Business Forum opinion on 9-15, "How Obama's leadership record can help." His message: democrat candidates in 2014 should not run from Obama. Delaney described several "good government outcomes" in defense of his advice. My reaction follows each assertion:

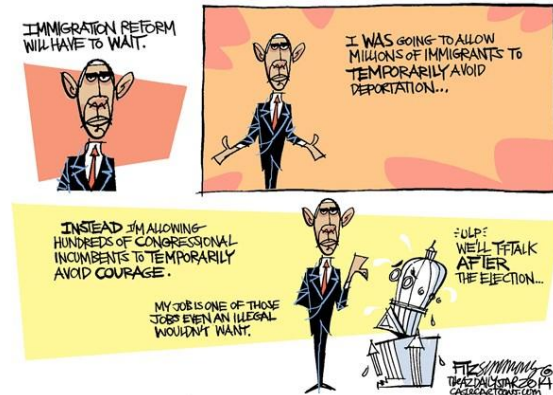
Obama turned a financial crisis into "surging economic and market performance" – My reaction: In no way can this economy be considered "surging." It's barely maintaining equilibrium – the slowest recovery in 70 years. Unemployment statistics tell the tale.

"More than five years of decreasing unemployment" – My reaction: What?! Reduced unemployment percentages are caused by workers **exiting** the job market. Therefore the labor participation rate (percentage of employable citizens who are working or looking for work) has been at consistently low levels, and often record low levels.

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



Immigration reform is stymied by republicans – **My reaction:** Republicans and democrats have stymied each other. For example, reform could happen if democrats would accept the legitimate republican priority of boarder security. Obama has always shied away from finalizing reform – even when he had the majority in both houses.



ObamaCare is “providing medical insurance to an estimated 32 million previously uncovered Americans” – **My reaction:** The newly insured has thus far fallen far short of projections and only a handful can be accounted for – under 10 million by some estimates. Information coming out of the CBO has produced estimates that ultimately there will be approximately 30 million uninsured Americans – ie. virtually no improvement. Other estimates predict that uninsured numbers will increase. Those projecting hope aren’t backed by statistics. **That’s failure folks!**