

## THE CASE AGAINST OBAMA!

If I can understand this, why  
can't everybody else? It must  
be the kool-aid they're  
drinking!

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### Say to Obama! 30 reasons and counting .....

Several months ago I started a "file" on the general topic "The Case Against Obama!" And while I also gathered reasons to support Obama, the name of the project hasn't changed – the evidence is just too compelling! This is intended to organize and refine my thoughts and to provide me, and you, "ammo" for debating "liberal Uncle Freddy." This is essentially just a list, not a comprehensive analysis of each item. Many of these issues I have dealt with in detail in the past, and/or will in the future. Don't forget that **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

*If the president loses in 2012, we will lose too, and the country will once again be in the hands of rightwing extremism. There is no option to the left of President Obama.* – Sam Webb, chair of the Communist Party USA

#### # 1

**Unemployment** – above 8% for a record period of time. Unemployment would be over 9% if the statistics took into account the artificial improvements that are just due to people who have stopped looking for work, or those who are moving to disability benefits in record numbers. "Underemployment" is at record levels, and Obama hasn't met with his jobs council for MONTHS! AND THIS JUST IN! The latest report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which shows the number of new jobless claims filed in the second week of September, indicates that the pace of layoffs in the United States is accelerating at the fastest pace since the 2007 recession!

#### # 2

**Out of control deficit spending** has led to a record increase in the national debt of over \$6 trillion (to almost \$17 trillion) since Obama took office. Attempts at justifying this by pointing to the auto bailout (embarrassingly ineffective – a future report subject) and the stimulus program are exercises in futility. These will be subjects of future case studies about ideas gone woefully wrong!

#### # 3

**No budget legislation has been passed** by the democratic Senate for several years. OK, I understand how political factors have entered into this situation, but it is particularly disgusting since the only Obama budgets that have been brought to the floor of either house have been unanimously defeated by ALL members voting!

#### # 4

**Economic/budget commissions created and ignored** - Obama created these groups and they did what they should have done - they came up with budgetary plans which he has blatantly ignored because they involved tough choices.

Ø # 5

**The United States lost its AAA credit rating** for the first time since 1917. That's embarrassing!

Ø # 6

**Incredibly naïve economic policies** – Yes, government has a role, but ideological Keynesian policies haven't worked in this recovery and Obama won't recognize or admit it. There isn't enough money in the coffers of the rich to be the basis of a recovery, but he won't admit that either. Obama doesn't understand incentives, and his policies tend to incentivize failure and economic malaise.

Ø # 7

**Increased incidence of government dependence and entitlement** – I understand that tough times lead to more support of the poor, but this administration uses class warfare and dependence to increase his political clout. If you take from Peter to pay Paul, you will always have Paul's vote.

Ø # 8

**Not just big government, but overwhelming government**, is inevitable with this administration. Remember, as the importance of government expands, the importance of the individual diminishes.

Ø # 9

**Obama is NOT a good friend to our international friends and traditional allies** – witness Israel and Eastern Europe! He set out to "reset" our relationships in the Mideast and elsewhere. How has that gone? Arab countries hate the U.S. more than ever – witness the slaughter in Libya! They respect only power and toughness, and Russia thumbs their nose at us knowing we won't push our principles like we once did. Obama has made the U.S. "smaller."

Ø # 10

**Obama is throwing Israel "under the bus"!** He he'd rather campaign than meet with Netanyahu.

Ø # 11

**Obama's comfort zone is campaigning not governing!** That's obvious from the rejection of a critical meeting with Netanyahu because he couldn't find the time in his schedule. You know the rest – TV and talk show appearances took precedence – and nary a criticism from the MSM!

Ø # 12

**New coalitions are forming against us** because of Obama's intentional diminishing of our influence around the world. Former allies are just being practical in forming new alliances since they watch what we have done to Israel and others, and are smart to "cover their own butts."

Ø # 13

**Intelligence leaks appear to be "rampant"!** Even loyal liberal members of Congress have suggested that the leaks appear to be coming from the White House – witness disclosing details surrounding the "hit on bin Laden." And many more! Loose tongues HAVE cost lives.

Ø # 14

**Lack of attention to embassy security** cost lives on 9/11/12. The Libyan Ambassador and others were killed. No protection! What were they thinking? Too much focus on the campaign?

Ø # 15

**The U.S. is weaker and less respected around the world.** And this follows from the obvious preference by Obama for a smaller and less powerful role for the U.S. around the world. I don't even want to deal at length with the obviously deteriorating influence we have in the realm of radical Islam – it makes me sick because Obama's strategy is soooo wrong in the Mideast! There is a very real bias on Obama's part against what he probably considers "colonialist" tendencies of any dominant international power. Remember the focus of "Dreams from My Father"!

Ø # 16

**Anti-business sentiment** is part of this administration's subtle strategy, and it goes hand-in-hand with class warfare and the intentional rampant demagoguery. The role of free enterprise is

diminished as the role of government grows. And this is intentional! Remember the pro-government “you didn’t build that” campaign!

🚫 # 17

**Obama is just “too cool by half” – but “cool” doesn’t govern!** This is the first election in our history where the “cool” factor is worth millions of votes in a generally “turned off” electorate.

🚫 # 18

**ObamaCare** – Where do I start? I have written almost 50 reports on the topic of health care reform. For this report it is sufficient to remind all that health care is a huge, and growing, portion of our economy. And the stated eventual goal is for the government to take over control of this huge part of our economy. All of the desirable and doable aspects of ObamaCare can and should be accomplished without significantly increasing the role of the federal government in our lives. And it is now evident to all, as reported by the head of the Congressional Budget Office, that ObamaCare will significantly increase spending – contrary to the promises made.

🚫 # 19

**Obama elevates himself above the U.S. constitution, the rule of law and precedence, and U.S. sovereignty.** Witness the use of executive orders to alter previously effective welfare work rules. Witness his sending of the NLRB into the state of South Carolina to block Boeing’s legitimate desire to create jobs in the state by building a new manufacturing facility. Witness his “cramdown” strategy to put GM and Chrysler into bankruptcy and took legitimate rights away from secured lenders in favor of the UAW. His administration then tried to camouflage the fact that they even entered bankruptcy. Witness Obama’s “pretend recess” appointments. Witness his tendency to revere the authority of the ineffective and corrupt United Nations. Witness Obama’s trampling of the Constitutionally guaranteed freedom of religion – i.e. Catholic hospitals and its educational institutions are now required to provide birth control and “morning after” pills as part of their benefits package. And on and on!

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**Absurd Energy Policies** – Regulations will kill coal, a goal stated by Obama. Coal is, at least in the short term, a critical part of our energy system. The moratorium on drilling in the Gulf set energy production back months, and perhaps years. Blocking the Keystone pipeline is one of the most harmful things, relative to energy independence and job creation, which have been taken on by the Obama administration. We have vast energy reserves including gas and shale oil and could, if allowed, have energy independence in a few years. That’s a fact! But high energy prices result from Obama’s energy policies which are hostile to fossil fuel. In fact, Obama’s administration has stated that low energy prices are NOT a priority. How does that affect the lower and middle classes?

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**“Green energy” projects, ala Solyndra** - Consider the dollars wasted by throwing hundreds of billions (probably ultimately trillions) of dollars at these poorly conceived projects. Good intentions don’t free one from judgment or consequences. Obama’s “cap and trade” legislation couldn’t even get by the democrats in Congress – thankfully! Will he try to bring it back if he is given the chance?

🚫 # 22

**Sadly, Obama put an end to NASA’s manned space flight program.** The Administrator of NASA said Obama emphasized to him that his new priority would be Muslim outreach. Really! Sounds like “make work” to me! Hopefully the private sector can pick up the space program where the Government left off. For some reason, Obama and I have exact opposite ideas as to the role of government in our lives and in the world!

🚫 # 23

**“Fast and Furious”** – gun running for purpose of trapping drug dealers, with tragic results. Was it really for the purpose of trapping drug dealers, or did it have something to do with fabricating a scheme to convince the public that federal gun control should be pursued? We may never know.

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*The "porous" borders* seem to have been left untouched during the Obama administration.

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*Staggering cost of new regulations* – almost \$100 billion. This causes businesses to focus on the government and not on their products, services, and customers.

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*There is no hint of the tax reform necessary* for any budget balancing effort. All we have seen is uncertainty relative to rates, philosophy, and future policy.

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*Entitlement reform doesn't seem to be a hot button for Obama.* An occasional casual mention is all we ever hear, but no real plan or substantive suggestions.

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*Dodd/Frank Wall Street reform legislation – and empty suit! And the housing market is still in the "dumper."* Without letting market forces in the equation, there will be no solution! This is an example of throwing money and regulations at a problem to give the impression of wise movement. But it fails in its original purpose – i.e. it doesn't solve the “too big to fail” concept and the residential mortgage market still isn't structured to prevent a meltdown. It doesn't reign in Fannie and Freddie, which fueled the failed overheated market. I believe there is no effective control over issuing exotic mortgage backed securities that were at the center of the meltdown. The government, with Fannie and Freddie, are still promoting loans to financially unfit borrowers. A few “bells and whistles” in the regulations may give comfort, but not to those who really know the problem.

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*Incessant comments about fairness, greed, mobility*, etc. are being found to be totally misleading and often untrue. To Obama, fairness doesn't spring from opportunity and individual freedom, but rather from government power, regulations, programs, and (using his own word) redistribution.

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*There may be several vacancies on the Supreme Court in the next few years.* And the President is the one who makes the appointments. This is a HUGE consideration for the Constitutionally faithful!



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