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Ties to Barack Obama

In 1990, after Obama was elected president of the Harvard Law Review, Rezmar Corp. offered him a job, which Obama turned down. Obama did end up taking a job with law firm Davis, Miner, Barnhill & Galland, which primarily worked civil rights cases, but also represented Rezmar and helped the company get more than \$43 million in government funding and whose former senior partner, Allison S. Davis, later went into business with Rezko and, in 2003, was appointed to Illinois State Board of Investment by Governor Blagojevich at Rezko's request. On July 31, 1995 the first ever political contributions to Obama were \$300 from a lawyer, a \$5,000 loan from a car dealer, and \$2,000 from two food companies owned by Rezko. Starting in 2003, Rezko was one of the people on Obama's U.S. Senate campaign finance committee, which raised more than \$14 million. Rezko threw an early fundraiser for Obama, and that fundraiser was instrumental in providing Obama with seed money for his U.S. Senate race.

Also, in 2005 Obama purchased a new home in the Kenwood District of Chicago for \$1.65 million (\$300,000 below the original price) on the same day that Rezko's wife, Rita Rezko, purchased the adjoining empty lot from the same sellers for the full asking price. Obama acknowledged bringing his interest in the property to Rezko's attention, but denied any coordination of offers.

After it had been reported in 2006 that Rezko was under federal investigation for influence-peddling, Obama purchased a 10 foot wide strip of Ms. Rezko's property for \$104,500,

\$60,000 above the assessed value. According to Chicago Sun-Times columnist, Mark Brown, "Rezko definitely did Obama a favor by selling him the 10-foot strip of land, making his own parcel less attractive for development." Obama acknowledges that the exchange may have created the appearance of impropriety, and stated "I consider this a mistake on my part and I regret it."

On December 28, 2006, Ms. Rezko sold the property to a company owned by her husband's former business attorney. That sale of \$575,000, combined with the earlier \$104,500 sale to the Obamas, amounted to a net profit of \$54,500 over her original purchase, less \$14,000 for a fence along the property line and other expenses. In October 2007, the new owners put the still vacant land up for sale again, this time for \$1.5 million.

In June 2007, the Sun-Times published a story about letters Obama had written in 1997 to city and state officials in support of a low-income senior citizen development project headed by Rezko and partner Allison Davis. The project received more than \$14 million in taxpayer funds, including \$885,000 in development fees for Rezko and Davis.

In the South Carolina Democratic Party presidential debate on January 21, 2008, Senator Hillary Clinton said that Obama had represented Rezko, who she referred to as a slum landlord. Obama responded that he had never represented Rezko and had done only about five hours work, indirectly, for Rezko's firm.

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How Obama Got Elected (The first time)

Ignorance, Ideology, Cult Of Celebrity

When this was first published immediately after Election 2008, I wrote the following:

It's over! To the astonishment of millions of informed Americans, Barack Obama—arguably the least qualified presidential candidate in U.S. history—is now the 44th President of The United States of America. He is also Commander-In-Chief of the most powerful military force on Earth. Therefore, he is the most powerful man in the world. But how did he do it and what does it say about the current state of American politics, our media, and the health of the American electorate?

Well, it said a lot about who we were back then. But we cannot afford to make the same mistakes again. So I think it is instructive to revisit how Obama got elected in 2008 so we can do our best to prevent it from happening in 2012.

First, let's look at a video for some background information. It is a sampling of voters who were interviewed after they cast their votes for Obama in 2008. It is a small part of a much larger, more extensive survey conducted by the highly regarded, non-partisan pollster, John Zogby. If you react like I did, you will shake your head and think, "Is this really what we've come to?"

Now, on the assumption that you watched the video, let's add some perspective.

"Promote then as an object of primary importance, Institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." – George Washington, Farewell Address, September 19, 1796

and ...

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free it expects what never was and never will be." – Thomas Jefferson

and ...

The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all." – John F. Kennedy, 1963

So you can clearly see what happened. Many Obama voters were hardcore Democrats who always vote the party line. Others voted strictly on race. Some were white Americans who voted for Obama simply because he is an African American and they just wanted to elect the first black president. Then, of course, about 97% of African Americans voted for Obama. But far too many—especially young voters—had little to no knowledge of who or what they were voting for or against, nor did they have even a rudimentary knowledge of who our current leaders were or what the presidential candidates said or what they stood for. For them, Election 2008 seemed to be just one more "American Idol" contest and they simply chose Barack Obama for his charisma and his populist (demagogic) message of "change." Sadly, it was the young voters who made the difference and were ultimately responsible for the election of Barack Obama.

I said “responsible for” because in America we the voters are ultimately responsible for our own destinies. Our power is in the vote and, therefore, the health and welfare of our nation is dependent on the choices we make about who will lead and govern us. This is precisely why George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Kennedy, and many others, instructed us on the importance of being well informed before we cast a vote for any candidate who seeks power over us. Ignorance is our enemy and, unless corrected, it will, ultimately destroy us.

But how is it that so many Americans are still so politically ignorant? How did this happen? Once again, the answer is neither obscure nor complex. There is an unequivocal reason and many culprits: We call them “The Media.” For years, they have uninformed and misinformed the American public about virtually everything political. Think back to the video for a moment and remember how many people assigned so many remarks to Sarah Palin when in fact they had been made by Barack Obama or Joe Biden.

Ignorance is an enemy of democracy and ignorance helped elect Barack Obama. Washington, Jefferson, and Kennedy along with countless others knew all too well how serious is the matter of educating our citizens. Ignorant people can be manipulated, educated people cannot.

We must do all we can to make certain that Barack Obama is not re-elected.

See “The Presidential Election of 2008” for a more detailed analysis of how Barack Obama got elected.

Obama Broken Promises

By MacPundit

He may have set a new record!

In Texas there is a saying that goes like this: "He's all hat and no cattle."

Texans use it to describe someone who may look good, sound good, and impress



people who don't know any better, but the person is not exactly who he wants you to think he is. President Obama is "All hat and no cattle." He impresses people who don't know any better. So here's a wake up call for those people. The next time you hear him tell you that he is going to do this or that wonderful thing, think again because his record of keeping his promises is as bad as it gets in politics—and that is really bad.

Take a look at this list of 83 Obama broken promises from PolitiFact. They are all well documented. After more than 4 years, Barack Obama has kept less than half of his promises.

The following are rated as "Broken Promises" by PolitiFact.com as of April 17, 2013. You can see full explanations at PolitiFact.com.

1. **Eliminate all oil and gas tax loopholes – BROKEN**

2. Require publicly traded financial partnerships to pay the corporate income tax – **BROKEN**
3. Close loopholes in the corporate tax deductibility of CEO pay – **BROKEN**
4. No family making less than \$250,000 will see “any form of tax increase.” – **BROKEN**
5. Close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Center – **BROKEN**
6. Negotiate health care reform in public sessions televised on C-SPAN – **BROKEN**
7. Allow five days of public comment before signing bills – **BROKEN**
8. Introduce a comprehensive immigration bill in the first year – **BROKEN**
9. Centralize ethics and lobbying information for voters – **BROKEN**
10. Tougher rules against revolving door for lobbyists and former officials – **BROKEN**
11. Re-establish the National Aeronautics and Space Council – **BROKEN**
12. Support human mission to moon by 2020 – **BROKEN**
13. Provide an annual report on “state of our energy future” – **BROKEN**
14. Recognize the Armenian genocide – **BROKEN**
15. Increase the capital gains and dividends taxes for higher-income taxpayers – **BROKEN**
16. Expand the child and dependent care credit – **BROKEN**
17. Create a foreclosure prevention fund for homeowners – **BROKEN**
18. End income tax for seniors making less than \$50,000 – **BROKEN**
19. End no-bid contracts above \$25,000 – **BROKEN**
20. Repeal the Bush tax cuts for higher incomes – **BROKEN**
21. Phase out exemptions and deductions for higher earners – **BROKEN**
22. Sign the Employee Free Choice Act, making it easier for workers to unionize – **BROKEN**
23. Forbid companies in bankruptcy from giving executives bonuses – **BROKEN**
24. Allow workers to claim more in unpaid wages and benefits in bankruptcy court – **BROKEN**
25. Allow imported prescription drugs – **BROKEN**
26. Mandate insurance coverage of autism treatment – **BROKEN**
27. Direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a comprehensive study of federal cancer initiatives – **BROKEN**

28. Create a National Commission on People with Disabilities, Employment, and Social Security – **BROKEN**
29. Change federal rules so small businesses owned by people with disabilities can get preferential treatment for federal contracts. – **BROKEN**
30. Form international group to help Iraq refugees – **BROKEN**
31. Reinstate special envoy for the America – **BROKEN**
32. Double the Peace Corps – **BROKEN**
33. Double funding for after school programs – **BROKEN**
34. Urge states to treat same-sex couples with full equality in their family and adoption laws – **BROKEN**
35. Allow bankruptcy judges to modify terms of a home mortgage – **BROKEN**
36. Restore Superfund program so that polluters pay for clean-ups – **BROKEN**
37. Pay for the national service plan without increasing the deficit – **BROKEN**
38. Limit term of director of national intelligence – **BROKEN**
39. Give annual “State of the World” address – **BROKEN**
40. Reduce earmarks to 1994 levels – **BROKEN**
41. Enact windfall profits tax for oil companies – **BROKEN**
42. Create cap and trade system with interim goals to reduce global warming – **BROKEN**
43. Require plug-in fleet at the White House – **BROKEN**
44. Allow penalty-free hardship withdrawals from retirement accounts in 2008 and 2009 – **BROKEN**
45. Create a public option health plan for a new National Health Insurance Exchange – **BROKEN**
46. Provide option for a pre-filled-out tax form – **BROKEN**
47. Create a mortgage interest tax credit for non-itemizers – **BROKEN**
48. Require automatic enrollment in 401(k) plans – **BROKEN**
49. Require automatic enrollment in IRA plans – **BROKEN**
50. Create a retirement savings tax credit for low incomes – **BROKEN**
51. Create a \$60 billion bank to fund roads and bridges – **BROKEN**
52. Lift the payroll tax cap on earnings above \$250,000 – **BROKEN**
53. Prevent drug companies from blocking generic drugs – **BROKEN**
54. Allow Medicare to negotiate for cheaper drug prices – **BROKEN**

55. Appoint federal-level coordinator to oversee all federal autism efforts – **BROKEN**
56. Double federal funding for cancer research – **BROKEN**
57. Provide the CDC \$50 million in new funding to determine the most effective approaches for cancer patient care – **BROKEN**
58. Fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – **BROKEN**
59. Reduce the threshold for the Family and Medical Leave Act from companies with 50 employees to companies with 25 employees – **BROKEN**
60. Provide a \$1.5 billion fund to help states launch programs for paid family and medical leave – **BROKEN**
61. Require employers to provide seven paid sick days per year – **BROKEN**
62. Expand the Family Medical Leave Act to include leave for domestic violence or sexual assault – **BROKEN**
63. Work with Russia to move nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert – **BROKEN**
64. Develop an alternative to President Bush's Military Commissions Act on handling detainees – **BROKEN**
65. Secure ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) – **BROKEN**
66. Seek to negotiate a political agreement on Cyprus – **BROKEN**
67. Seek independent watchdog agency to investigate congressional ethics violations – **BROKEN**
68. Create a public "Contracts and Influence" database – **BROKEN**
69. Expose Special Interest Tax Breaks to Public Scrutiny – **BROKEN**
70. Expand the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity – **BROKEN**
71. Sign the Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act into law – **BROKEN**
72. Increase the minimum wage to \$9.50 an hour – **BROKEN**
73. Support tax deduction for artists – **BROKEN**
74. Reduce the number of middle managers in the federal workforce – **BROKEN**
75. Strengthen the Age Discrimination in Employment Act – **BROKEN**
76. Work to ban the permanent replacement of striking workers – **BROKEN**
77. Use revenue from cap and trade to support clean energy and

environmental restoration – **BROKEN**

78. Require more flex-fuel cars for the federal government – **BROKEN**

79. Mandate flexible fuel vehicles by 2012 – **BROKEN**

80. Double federal program to help “reverse” commuters who go from city to suburbs – **BROKEN**

81. Require energy conservation in use of transportation dollars – **BROKEN**

82. Sign the Freedom of Choice Act – **BROKEN**

83. Give the White House’s Privacy and Civil Liberties Board subpoena power – **BROKEN**

Whew! That’s a lot of broken promises! It just might be a record. I don’t know, it’s probably a close race between Obama and Jimmy Carter. No matter, it’s depressing. Just don’t let President Obama tell you that it’s all the Republican’s fault because they block everything he tries to do. The Democrats controlled both houses of Congress for the first two years of his presidency. They could have done virtually anything he wanted them to do. No excuses, Mr. President, you’re a big “promiser” but you’re a lousy deliverer.

So how does he get away with it? First, because his followers want to believe him so much that they don’t bother to check up on him to see if he keeps his promises. Second, because the so-called mainstream media don’t tell you the truth. Here’s another thing to remember: Barack Obama depends on your ignorance. Don’t think so? Then why does he continue to make empty promises? Even worse, there is hardly a day that goes by that he doesn’t say things that are outright lies. I know, you may think I dislike him or his policies or that I am some kind of a right wing nut. Well, you would be wrong—except for not liking his policies. But even if you were right, it would not change the facts. He does have a horrible record of broken promises and he does lie—a lot. Many of his lies are well documented elsewhere on this site and many are videos so you can hear him lie in his own words.

Listen, I am not happy about reporting such negative things

about my president. But if we really want an honest government we need to accept the truth about our leaders, especially our president. So like it or not, I call them like I see them. And just for the record, how many broken promises does it take before you stop believing someone? Two? Four? How about 83? Would that do it?

The Bush Failed Economic Policies

Let's review them

Barack Obama and the Democrats repeatedly use the phrase "The Bush failed economic policies." Yet the facts reveal their dishonesty. Here is a brief review.

President Bush's Economic Policies Resulted In Creation Of 8.31 Million Jobs Beginning August 2003 In The Longest Continuous Months Of Job Growth On Record

November 2, 2007, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released new jobs figures. From August 2003, 8.31 million jobs were created, with 1.68 million jobs created over the 12 months that ended in October. **The economy added jobs for 50 straight months – the longest period of uninterrupted job growth on record.** The unemployment rate remained at a low 4.7 percent.

The U.S. Economy Remained Strong, Flexible, And Dynamic

- **Real GDP grew at a strong 3.9 percent in the third quarter of 2007.** The economy experienced six years of

uninterrupted growth, averaging 2.8 percent a year from 2001.

- **Real after-tax per capita personal income rose by 12.7 percent – an average of over \$3,800 per person – from when President Bush took office.**
- **Real wages rose 1.2 percent over the 12 months that ended in September.** This rise was faster than the average rate during the 1990s.
- **From the first quarter of 2001, productivity growth averaged 2.6 percent per year.** This growth is well above average productivity growth in the 1990s, 1980s, and 1970s.
- **The deficit was at 1.2 percent of GDP, well below the 40-year average. Economic growth contributed to a 6.7 percent rise in tax receipts in FY 2007, following an increase of 11.8 percent in FY 2006.**

So Obama and the Democrats continue to lie about the Bush economic policies. It is just one more important story that the Obama Media do not want you to hear.