A Letter To President Obama

Dear Mr. President,

You are my 13th president and even though too many of them turned out to be less than advertised, for the first time in my life, I am genuinely concerned for the future of our great country. You see, even our worst presidents did not divide our people as you do every day in speeches full of dishonest remarks about your opponents. Here are a few examples:

You said Republicans "... believe that prosperity comes from the top down, so that if we spend trillions more on tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, that that will somehow unleash jobs and economic growth." Let's break it down:

- Republicans do not believe that prosperity comes from the top down. You simply made that up. In fact, they always say that our wealth comes from a strong, working middle class.
- 2. When you accused them of wanting to "... spend trillions more on tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans," you knew they never asked for tax cuts—that they actually oppose tax increases on anyone. You also know that to oppose a tax increase is not the same as giving someone a tax cut. You wanted to raise taxes and when you did not get your tax raise, you called it a tax cut. So if you don't raise my taxes, I am getting a tax cut? That's flimflam stuff and it only works on people who don't know any better. Of course you know that and, apparently, you don't want them to know any better.
- 3. But it gets worse. In the phrase, "... spend trillions more on tax cuts" you are saying that when the government actually does give someone a tax cut, the government is spending money. You used the word "spend" to describe a tax cut. How can the government spend money it never got in the first place? Or do you think

the money people earn through their hard work really doesn't belong to them—that it all belongs to the government from the moment they get their paycheck? So any money Americans earn and don't hand over to the government, is a tax cut? You are confusing America with Communist China, Mr. President.

Remarkably, it gets even worse. When you actually do spend hard-working taxpayer's money to the benefit of your political supporters—like teacher's unions—you don't call it spending, you call it an "investment." To quote the great economist Thomas Sowell, "You can say anything if you have your own private language."

And you don't stop there. Another sleight-of-hand of yours is how you intentionally try to confuse us even further. I'll let Thomas Sowell explain this part:

"... let's go back to the notion of "spending" money on 'the wealthiest Americans.' The people he is talking about are not the wealthiest Americans. Income is not wealth — and the whole tax controversy is about income taxes. Wealth is what you have accumulated, and wealth is not taxed, except when you die and the government collects an inheritance tax from your heirs.

"People over 65 years of age have far more wealth than people in their thirties and forties — but lower incomes. If Obama wants to talk about raising income taxes, let him talk about it, but claiming that he wants to tax "the wealthiest Americans" is a lie and an emotional distraction for propaganda purposes."

Your supporters like to tell us how smart you are. I agree with them; I think you were given a pretty good brain. But I have also noticed that they never try to tell us that you are an honest person—a man of high character. Yet I have no doubt they would tell us those things if they were true. After all,

they tell us so many things that are not true. As Martin Luther King often said, character really does matter. Sadly, Mr. President, you don't seem to agree.

Respectfully,

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P.S. Due to the division in our country and the angry and vile speech coming from the Left, I feel it wise to use my pen name instead of my actual name. Sadly, you, our president, are responsible for much of that.

(emailed to the President on September 3, 2012)