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I WROTE A BOOK ABOUT MY STRUGGLES

I was born in one country, raised in another.

My father was born in another country.

I was not his only child.

He fathered several children with numerous women.

I became very close to my mother, as my father showed no interest in me.

My mother died at an early age from cancer.

Although my father deserted me and my mother raised me, I later wrote a book idolizing my father, not my mother.

Later in life, questions arose over my real name.

My birth records were sketchy.

No one was able to produce a legitimate, reliable birth certificate.

I grew up practicing one faith but converted to Christianity, as it was widely accepted in my new country, but I practiced non-traditional beliefs and didn't follow Christianity, except in the public eye under scrutiny.

I worked and lived among lower-class people as a young adult, disguising myself as someone who really cared about them.

That was before I decided it was time to get serious about my life and embarked on a new career.

I wrote a book about my struggles growing up.

It was clear to those who read my memoirs, that I had difficulties accepting that my father abandoned me as a child.

I became active in local politics in my 30s. Then, with help behind the scenes, I literally burst onto the scene as a candidate for national office in my 40s

They said I had a golden tongue and could talk anyone into anything

I had a virtually non-existent resume, little work history and no experience in leading a single organization.

Yet I was a powerful speaker, and citizens were drawn to me as though I were a magnet and they were small roofing tacks.

I drew incredibly large crowds during my public appearances.
This bolstered my ego.
At first, my political campaign focused on my country's foreign policy...
I was very critical of my country in the last war and seized every opportunity to bash my country.
But what launched my rise to national prominence were my views on the country's economy.
I pretended to have a really good plan on how we could do better, and every poor person would be fed and housed for free.
I knew which group was responsible for getting us into this mess.
It was the free market, banks and corporations.
I decided to start making citizens hate them; and, if they became envious of others who did well, the plan was clinched tight.
I called mine "A People's Campaign."
That sounded good to all people.
I was the surprise candidate because I emerged from outside the traditional path of politics and was able to gain widespread popular support.
I knew that if I merely offered the people 'hope', together we could change our country and the world.
So, I started to make my speeches sound like they were on behalf of the downtrodden, poor, ignorant to include "persecuted minorities."
My true views were not widely known, and I kept them unknown until after I became my nation's leader.
I had to carefully guard reality, as anybody could have easily found out what I really believed if they had simply read my writings and examined those people I associated with. I'm glad they didn't.
Then I became the most powerful man in the world. And then the world learned the truth.

Answer: ADOLPH HITLER. If you were thinking of someone else – be afraid – VERY AFRAID...

In GOD We Trust

Why Mitt Romney is Unlikable?

A lot is being said in the media about Mitt Romney not being "likable", or that he doesn't "relate well" to people. Frankly, we struggled to understand why. So after much research, we have come up with a Top Ten List to explain this "un-likability."

Top Ten Reasons To Dislike Mitt Romney:

1. Drop-dead, collar-ad handsome with gracious, statesmanlike aura. Looks like every central casting's #1 choice for Commander-in-Chief.
2. Been married to ONE woman his entire life, and has been faithful to her, including through her bouts with breast cancer and Multiple Sclerosis.
3. No scandals or skeletons in his closet. (How boring is that?)
4. Can't speak in a fake, southern, "black preacher voice" when necessary or "convenient".
5. Highly intelligent. Graduated cum laude from both Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School... and by the way, his academic records are NOT sealed.
6. Doesn't smoke or drink alcohol, and has never done drugs, not even in the counter-culture age when he went to college. Too square for today's America?
7. Represents an America of "yesterday," where people believed in God, went to Church, didn't screw around, worked hard, and became a SUCCESS!
8. Has a family of five great sons... and not one of them has a police record or is in drug rehab. But of course, they were raised by a stay-at-home mom, and that "choice" deserves America's scorn.
9. Oh yes... he's a MORMON. We need to be very afraid of that very strange religion that teaches its members to be clean-living, patriotic, fiscally conservative, charitable, self-reliant, and honest.
10. And one more point... pundits say because of his wealth, he can't relate to ordinary Americans. I guess that's because he made that money HIMSELF... as opposed to marrying it or inheriting it from Dad.
Apparently, he didn't understand that actually working at a job and earning your own money made you un-relatable to Americans. My goodness, it's a strange world, isn't it?

Personal Information: His full name is Willard Mitt Romney. He was born March 12, 1947 and is 65 years old. His Father: George W. Romney, former Governor of the State of Michigan. He was raised in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He is married to Ann Romney since 1969; they have five children.
Education: B.A. from Brigham Young University, J.D. & M.B.A. from Harvard University
Religion: Mormon - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Working Background: After high school, he spent 30 months in France as a Mormon missionary. After going to both Harvard Business School and Harvard Law School simultaneously, he passed the Michigan bar exam, but has never worked as an attorney. In 1984, he co-founded Bain Capital a private equity investment firm, one of the largest such firms in the United States.
In 1994, he ran for Senator of Massachusetts and lost to Ted Kennedy.
He was President and CEO of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.
In 2002, he was elected Governor of the State of Massachusetts where he eliminated a \$1.5 billion deficit.

Some Interesting Facts about Romney:

Bain Capital, starting with one small office supply store in Massachusetts, turned it into Staples; now over 2,000 stores employing 90,000 people. Bain Capital also worked to perform the same kinds of business miracles again and again, with companies like Domino's, Sealy, Brookstone, Weather Channel, Burger King, Warner Music Group, Dollarama, Home Depot & many others.
He was an unpaid volunteer campaign worker for his dad's gubernatorial campaign 1 year.
He was an unpaid intern in his dad's governor's office for eight years.
He was an unpaid bishop and state president of his church for ten years.
He was an unpaid President of the Salt Lake Olympic Committee for three years.
He took no salary and was the unpaid Governor of Massachusetts for four years.
He gave his entire inheritance from his father to charity.

Mitt Romney is one of the wealthiest self-made men in our country but has given more back to its citizens in terms of money, service and time than most men.

And in 2011 Mitt Romney gave over \$4 million to charity, almost 19% of his income... Just for comparison purposes, Obama gave 1% and Joe Biden gave \$300 or .0013%.

Mitt Romney is Trustworthy:

He will show us his high school and college transcripts.

He will show us his social security card.

He will show us his law degree.

He will show us his draft notice.

He will show us his medical records.

Mitt Romney's background, experience and trustworthiness show him to be a great leader and an excellent citizen for President of the United States.

You may think that Romney may not be the best representative the Republicans could have selected. At least I know what religion he is, and that he won't desecrate the flag, bow down to foreign powers, or practice fiscal irresponsibility.

I know he has the ability to turn around this financial debacle that the current regime has gotten us into. We won't like all the things necessary to recover from this debt, but someone with Romney's background can do it.

But, on the minus side, he never was a "Community Organizer", never took drugs or smoked pot, never drank alcohol, did not associate with communists or terrorists, nor did he attend a church whose pastor called for God to damn the US.

If you care about our United States of America -- Send this to all your friends!

These are thoughts from an FHTP member – sounds reasonable to me!!

Are the Middle East embassies disasters another Fast and Furious (F & F)?

Like the guns of F & F the Administration had:

Advance warning of what was likely to occur.

Set on a contract to provide additional security for the embassy in Libya.

Blame others and their actions for what happen.

Result: Americans were killed due to willful lack of actions, with additional damage to our national security as a result.
Goal: With F & F the Administration wanted the violence caused by the guns as an excuse for stronger gun laws to weaken and eventually take away our Second Amendment right to bear arms.
Now the Administration is blaming a video and the Internet they want to control, which would weaken and evenly take away our First Amendment right to free speech.
A lot of similarities, but I'm sure it's just a coincidence... or is it?

If there were any Journalists left in America this Election would be a "Slam-Dunk"

Posted by Steve Lindsey on September 18, 2012 at 10:37pm

Remember during the Bush Presidency the body count of soldiers that died everyday was splashed across every TV screen? Well here are some interesting stats for you:

From 2002 to 2008-Bush Presidency (7 years) 625 brave American soldiers died in Afghanistan

From 2009-2012-Obama Presidency (3 1/2 years) 1474 brave American soldiers died in Afghanistan

70% of Wounded occurred in the 7 years of Bush...

84% of Wounded occurred in the 3 1/2 years of Obama...

Why is the Media absent on this? Well besides the obvious bias that the so called "Main Stream" media clearly has, apparently the soldiers just don't matter as much now they cannot be used as pawns.

... And on the debt:

Under Obama the Fed's holdings of U.S. debt have quintupled – increasing a whopping 452%.

On January 28th, 2009, the Fed owned \$302 billion in U.S. Treasury Securities. On April 25th, 2012, the date of the last report, the Fed owned \$1.668 trillion. By 2014 the Fed will own as much as \$5 trillion worth of debt.

Why because China will not and cannot buy our debt any longer... Bing-search "Ghost Cities of China" and you will discover why. China is building cities that no one will ever live in just to keep their people busy and hopefully keep them from rioting.

More stats on the Obama assault on the Economy:

Unemployed Americans: 12.05 Million in Jan 2008; TODAY: 12.50 Million, **UP 495,000**

Unemployment Rate: 7.8% in Jan 08; TODAY: 8.1%, **UP 3.8%**

Long Term Unemployment: 2.7 million in Jan 08; TODAY: 5 Million, **UP 87%**

Middle Class Income: \$59,962 in Jan 08; TODAY: \$51,002, **DOWN \$3,960**

Gas Prices: \$1.85 in Jan 08; TODAY: \$3.86, **UP 107%**

Americans in Poverty: 39.8 Million in Jan 08; TODAY: 46.2 Million, **UP 6.4 Million**

Food Stamp Recipients: 32 Million in Jan 08; TODAY: 47 Million, **UP 46%**

Federal Debt: \$10.6 Trillion in Jan 08; TODAY: \$16 Trillion, **UP 51%**

US Competitiveness: #1 Jan 08; TODAY: #7 **DOWN 6 Places**

These are the realities of the Obama Administration and his ineptitude in handling our economy. The fact is 48-49% of Americans have no Federal Tax Liability. This Government is making Americans a Dependent class where Government is the grantor of rights and the handler of our lives.

When did we become a Nation of dependents, instead of independent people with the will to take on any task and accomplish great things? Today the Progressive Party tells us only Government can do "big" things, "you didn't build that," Government did. Government tells us without them we could not be fed, receive an education, become employed or retire.

November is not about the Men trying to persuade us to vote for them, it is however, about the path America and Americans choose to take.

We can either turn the clock back on the massive Government expansion, or as one Candidate stated, move "Forward" towards an even larger Government and more dependence.

Either way we are in for some tough economic times. Neither Party has the will to become the pariah that they would become to save America from the economic Armageddon that is coming thus we will continue on the path to, if not total economic destruction, at least times that might make the "Great" Depression seem like a speed bump. The Fed has started QE3. What this means is the final nail is being driven. It starts at \$40 Billion but has no ceiling, so they can digitize money until, well, until we run out of Terra-bytes.

Europe has already traveled this path and it seems inevitable we are to do so as well. After all, we need to be fair and bring the World and us on the same level.

Equality, fairness, and Social Justice for all.

On July 12, the Obama Administration issued a directive from the Department of Health and Human Services that undermines the work requirements in the successful 1996 welfare-reform law. That law stipulated clear work standards for the largest cash assistance welfare program. As a result, stagnant welfare rolls experienced unprecedented declines, as millions of families left welfare for jobs.

Under the Obama Administration's new policy, states could receive waivers that would be inconstant with the 1996 law's performance measures. The waiver policy not only undermines the success these standards helped to bring about, but also violates the letter and intent of the reform law.

"Gutting welfare work requirements with the stroke of a pen and without congressional input is simply unacceptable and cannot be allowed to stand," said Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) in a statement released July 18. "Neither the Obama Administration nor any administration should have the power to unilaterally change the law as it sees fit."

Join us for a "fact check the fact checkers" event as Senator Hatch details areas in which self-appointed arbiters have gotten their facts wrong. Following the Senator's remarks, our panelists will explore other areas where the "fact checkers" don't have their facts right.

The End Of America As We Know It And Why Barack Obama Should Resign Immediately

Posted by Michael CHILDS, Admin II on Sept. 20, 2012 at 12:17am in Patriot Action Alerts

The filmmaker behind "Innocence of Muslims," a film that some blame for the Middle East riots, was taken into custody. Is this the end of the First Amendment as we know it?

Obama is a foreign dictator who took over our country in 2008. And it seems many people were complicit with him especially the Democrat Party. I think this party should be dismantled and dissolved. They are all guilty of treason. The cowardly RINOs are guilty, too, for allowing it. We're back to the 1700s, America. The criminal Democrats say that the Republicans are trying to take America backwards. That's simply NOT true. Obama and the Democrats have taken us backwards to the 1700s.

Mark Levin said on his radio show, that the attack on embassy in Libya was preplanned and STAGED by Al Qaeda. It was not caused by a third rate, obscure movie against Muslim, but we new that. It's preposterous that the Government is expecting us to believe this flimsy lie, and going after someone who posted a video months ago!!! Obama and Hillary are responsible for the ambassador's death and have blood on their hands!! They are out of control and both need to RESIGN!! It's obvious that Obama is an idiot, has no idea what he is doing and Hillary either. And the Muslims mocking CHRIST OFFEND ME!!!! They need to stay out of America and out of our affairs!! I am not Muslim, don't want to be Muslim, don't care for Muslim religion and want them to quit using their religion as an excuse for murder and violence!

If Obama can trample on one of us, he will trample on all of us, especially if we don't march lockstep to his agenda. Guns will be his next target, but we must stand firm and defend our rights no matter what he tries to do.

Obama Doesn't Just Gut Welfare Reform, He Turns It Upside Down

The Heritage Foundation on 09/20/2012

The controversy over the Obama Administration's gutting of welfare reform continues to grow. Two new government reports show the move's illegality and effects on taxpayers. And the House of Representatives is set to vote today to approve or disapprove Health and Human Services' (HHS) rewriting of the 1996 law.

Yesterday, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a [new report](#) saying that in the years since the Clinton-era reform added work requirements to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, five states inquired about waivers of TANF requirements. The report confirms that since welfare reform was enacted, HHS has never before suggested that it had any authority to waive the work requirements. Waiver requests were turned down, in fact.

In specific instances in 2005 and 2007, the response from HHS was clear: "HHS stated that all applicable programmatic requirements apply to a family that is provided TANF-funded cash assistance, and

the Department does not have authority to waive any of the provisions.”

In the debate thus far, one question has largely gone unanswered: Just how strict are these now-controversial work requirements?

In a [new report](#), Heritage expert Robert Rector explains that “the work requirements were quite lenient, requiring only 30 percent to 40 percent of a state’s caseload to participate in work or a work-related activity and requiring individuals to work as few as 20 hours per week to fulfill the requirement... Yet half of TANF recipients receive a welfare check without performing any activity at all.”

In a snapshot of the TANF recipients in March 2011, only about 14 percent of the recipients were actually meeting the work requirements. The other 86 percent were receiving their welfare benefits just the same.

As Rector says, “It is difficult to understand why anyone would want to weaken these already overly lenient work standards.” Yet he [details](#) the left’s vigorous opposition to work requirements in welfare dating back to the Nixon Administration.

The Obama Administration’s rewriting of the law will cost taxpayers, too. A new estimate by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) says that the Obama Administration’s move will actually increase the deficit by \$60 million over the next 10 years. Why? Because states have been paying penalties if they aren’t meeting the work requirements — and under the Administration’s rewriting of the law, those penalties are gone. So is the revenue to the federal government.

But the Administration’s gutting of welfare reform not only costs taxpayers; it also harms those welfare reform was designed to help. By jettisoning the law’s goal of reducing dependency, the new policy will increase welfare caseloads and leave more people stuck in poverty.

Workfare separates those who truly need help from those who do not. Faced with a simple requirement to prepare or search for work, many people simply choose not to enter the welfare rolls in the first place. This is generally good for the prospective recipient and the taxpayer. As Rector [explains](#): Time spent on welfare never looks good on a job resume. Welfare dependence erodes work habits and job skills and reduces contacts with other employed persons that can lead to future job opportunities. Unnecessary enrollment in welfare therefore undermines an individual’s long-term earnings potential and increases the prospects for future poverty.

Those already on welfare, faced with a requirement to search or prepare for work, leave welfare much more quickly. Having a work requirement tied to welfare benefits is good for recipients and good for taxpayers. As Rector’s new report shows, stronger, not weaker, work requirements are needed.

But the Obama Administration is moving in the opposition direction. Under the new welfare performance measures devised by the Administration, the old pre-reform welfare program with rapidly rising caseloads would be judged a rousing success, while welfare reform itself — with rapid declines in the caseload — would be judged a failure. As Rector states, “The Obama Administration is not just gutting welfare reform; it is turning it on its head.”

Falsehoods continue to circulate on this topic, but the facts are starting to break through. After speaking with Heritage’s Rector, *The Washington Post*’s “fact check” columnist took a second look at former President Bill Clinton’s recent speech and gave him [two “Pinochios”](#) for misleading people about the TANF work requirements.

Heritage just held a fact check panel of its own this week, featuring Rector, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), The Daily Caller’s Mickey Kaus, and Kay Hymowitz of the Manhattan Institute. Watch the video [here](#).

Cult of Obama: See Narcissism Unprecedented Posted: Sept. 20, 2012 by [Conservative Byte](#)

President Barack Obama took the Cult of Obama and narcissism to perhaps an unprecedented level on Wednesday when his campaign began selling posters that desecrated the image of the American flag by replacing the stars on the flag with the “O” symbol that serves as the Obama campaign’s logo.

Obama’s Twitter account (@BarackObama) sent a tweet that said, “A poster to say there are no red states or blue states, only the United States: <http://OFA.BO/gfHgXM> .”

The tweet linked to Obama’s campaign store, where people could purchase a limited edition “OUR STRIPES: FLAG PRINT” poster for \$35.

Ross Bruggink and Dan Olson of Studio MPLS designed the screen print and, according to the website, there are 250 posters for sale.

Another poster, also for sale for \$35, is a map of the United States depicting the flag, with the Obama campaign logo again replacing the stars.

Even though Obama's tweet said, "there are no red states or blue states, only the United States," the posters suggest Obama and his campaign believe we are living in the United States of Obama.

These posters are beyond creepy. And they are also stunning displays of egotism and disrespect even from a president not known for his humility and reverence for America's traditions.

Rand Paul: 'I think the election is over. I think that Romney has already won'

Posted on September 20, 2012 by [Conservative Byte](#)

On Hugh Hewitt's radio show on Wednesday, Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) said that as far as he was concerned, Mitt Romney was already the victor over incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama.

"You know, I think — I'm in the minority here, but I think the election is over," said Paul, who was on to promote his new book *Government Bullies: How Everyday Americans Are Being Harassed, Abused, and Imprisoned by the Feds*.

"I think that Romney has already won," Paul continued. "The people really are tired of the debt. They're tired of irresponsible leadership. I think they're tired of having 23 million people out of work. So, I think you'll find — and this is my prediction, and of course, I could be wrong. I am fallible."

Paul went on to tell Hewitt, who has his own recently released book, *The Brief Against Obama: The Rise, Fall & Epic Fail of the Hope & Change Presidency*, that things are lining up much like they did in the 1980 election for Ronald Reagan on the economic front, which will work in Romney's favor.

Read more: <http://conservativebyte.com/2012/09/rand-paul-i-think-the-election-is-over-i-think-that-romney-has-already-won/#ixzz271Joc7nX>

FEWER TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN MEANS TROUBLE FOR TROOPS STILL DEPLOYED!

President Obama told our enemies in Afghanistan when we were going to leave. They've been so public about our 'timetable' of withdrawal that even the Taliban know our strategy & plans. Now with 33,000 of the 'surge' troops being withdrawn, there will be less than 68,000 troops left in Afghanistan to fight the enemy.

Barack Obama's drawdown of 33,000 U.S. troops by Sept. 30. The pullout — 10,000 last year and 23,000 more this year — will be finished within days. That will leave 68,000 American troops in this country to fight militants and help prepare Afghan forces to take over security nationwide. The packing up is going on as the war still rages. Just since Friday, insurgents attacked a base in neighboring Helmand province, killing two U.S. Marines and destroying six Harrier fighter jets. Afghan police gunned down four more American service members. — *ABC News, Sept. 17, 2012*

Don't let our troops left behind FEEL left behind. We cannot just stop supporting our troops overseas because those 68,000 troops are still fighting! They're going to have a much tougher job now to fight the terrorists with fewer troops on the ground to help!

LET OUR TROOPS KNOW WE WON'T

FORGET THEM OR STOP SUPPORTING THEM!

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Wet Wipes
Foot Powder
Sunblock

WHAT DOES DRAWDOWN MEAN FOR TROOPS LEFT BEHIND?

Obama has sounded a retreat! But to the enemy it looks like we're on the run, and they sense that this is the time when America is weakest. The attacks on our troops have not subsided, but gotten worse since Obama announced his withdrawal schedule.

Just as Obama's weak foreign policy has not engendered good will in the Middle East. As we saw with the boldness of anti-American protests in Egypt and Libya, our enemies now smell blood in the water and they're more aggressive!

It's proof that Obama soft stance on the war on terror simply invites further attacks, rather than encourage an end to hostilities, it just puts our remaining 68,000 troops in a more dangerous position, with fewer troops to fight off an emboldened and confident enemy.

Please donate a care package today to help the 68,000 troops who will stay in Afghanistan for the long haul!

[SEND YOUR SUPPORT NOW IN A MAF CARE PACKAGE](#)

Obama's Broken Promises

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FoxNews.com

The tally sheets on President Obama's campaign promises are nearly complete as Republicans try in the final months of the election season to hold the president's feet to the fire for whatever broken pledges they can find.

The Republican National Committee and Mitt Romney campaign are both focusing sharply on those pledges, not the least of which was the president's 2009 vow to cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term. Romney and his aides have been mentioning that broken promise regularly in recent days.

As the campaign veers from side issue to side issue -- be it Romney's tax returns or Obama's fiddling with welfare reform -- expect Republicans to return focus when possible to several of these pledges as they try to cast the president as a leader who has not lived up to the rhetoric of his 2008 race.

The following pledges appear to be getting the most attention:

Cut the Deficit in Half: The Romney campaign and other Republicans have repeatedly pointed out what they consider to be the biggest broken promise -- the president vowing shortly after taking office to cut an inherited deficit in half by the end of his first term.

The deficit was \$1.4 trillion in fiscal 2009 and is projected to dip to \$1.2 trillion this fiscal year, according to the White House budget office. Even in 2013, the budget office projects the deficit will be nearly \$1 trillion.

"The president has not taken any serious action to tame the deficit," Romney told Fox News on Tuesday. "He has not done what he said was going to do and has left a lot of people in the middle class having difficult times."

Fix the Economy: Regardless of when the country's economic problems started, the president also vowed during his campaign to fix the economy in three years. Fourteen months later, he said missing the deadline would make his presidency a "one-term proposition."

The U.S. unemployment rate has remained above 8 percent for more than three years, despite the president's economic adviser predicting one month into the administration that the president's roughly \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would keep unemployment below 8 percent and reduce it to about 6 percent by this year.

"By any measure, the president's approach has failed," Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said in a recent op-ed for the Tri-Parish Times.

Close Guantanamo Bay: Obama has also so far been unable to shutter the Guantanamo Bay military prison in Cuba, though this is more of a concern for Obama's base than Republicans.

Obama's effort in 2009 to suspend military commissions in Cuba and his attempt to transfer some prisoners to an Indiana corrections facility were met with opposition from the military and Congress. And last year the president signed a bill that restricted the transfer of prisoners to the U.S. mainland and essentially allows Guantanamo Bay to remain open indefinitely.

Televise Health Care Debate: Obama also said repeatedly in his run for the White House -- in TV ads, on the campaign trail and in at least one debate -- that the negotiations on his health care reform plan would be televised, if he were elected. However, final health care talks, including the meetings between House and Senate conferees, were held behind closed doors.

Increase Transparency: Obama once predicted that his administration would have an "unprecedented"

level of transparency.

Lobbyists later told reporters they met with administration officials outside the White House in a possible effort to keep them off visitors' logs. News agencies and others have complained about the difficulty in getting information through Freedom of Information Act filings. Most recently, the president used executive privilege to keep congressional investigators from getting more Justice Department documents on the agency's failed Operation Fast and Furious gun-tracking effort.

"President Obama has run one of the least transparent administrations in American history," Romney campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul said recently. "Whether hiding lobbyists in coffee shops, cutting back-room deals on ObamaCare, or concealing the records of Fast and Furious, President Obama's pledge to be transparent has turned out to be just another broken promise."

The Romney campaign has also posted on its website nearly two dozen reports that call into question the administration's transparency.

Obama supporters point to several promises that Obama has fulfilled, primarily reforming health care as well as making good on vows to overhaul the financial industry and help commercial-bank customers with a credit card bill of rights.

In addition, he has partially fulfilled a promise to end the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq: The Iraq war is officially over while roughly 80,000 U.S. troops remain in Afghanistan. Obama is still drawing down the U.S. force there.

The administration and other Democrats also have repeatedly argued they had no idea about the depth of the economic downturn upon taking office.

"Republicans need to ask themselves the Reagan question but say, 'Are you better off than you were four-and-a-half years ago,'" said Democratic strategist David Heller of Main Street Communications. "Wall Street cracked and the economy cratered on George W. Bush's watch."

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/08/12/republicans-tally-obama-failed-campaign-promises-as-november-nears/#ixzz271N6iEuc>

Obama's Broken Promises

By **Gov. Scott Walker**, Politico - **September 3, 2012**

The reviews of Rep. Paul Ryan's acceptance speech for the Republican vice presidential nomination are in, and it's being cited as a success. Is there any wonder that the Obama campaign staffers and surrogates are in full-blown damage control mode, screaming that Paul was unfair in some of his criticisms of President Barack Obama? You've likely all now heard about the General Motors plant in Ryan's hometown of Janesville WI. It's closed — has been as long as Obama has been president. Bailout be damned. Ryan told the story of that plant on Wednesday night [at the RNC in Tampa].

From The Desk of: Steve Elliott

Tom Freiling of Patriot Super PAC -- the official Super PAC of Grassfire Nation -- just returned from Ohio where he met with local Tea Party leaders and spoke to hundreds of volunteers.

Tom tells me that there is a lot going on behind the scenes that could literally tip the presidential election either way. And the race is extremely close. Insiders Tom spoke with told him Ohio could be as close as when Bush beat Gore by 537 votes. Razor thin!

Three big problems in Ohio...

Tom also discovered 3 crucial factors -- what he called "big problems" -- now dominating the OH political landscape:

Big problem #1: Obama has hired hundreds of union thugs to run his ground game in Ohio. Tim Burga, president of the AFL-CIO in Ohio said, "On the front porch, at the work site, on the phone and through the mail, it will be a massive ground game."

Big problem #2: Planned Parenthood is spending millions there to smear Romney-Ryan. Last week they committed another \$3.5 million in TV ads.

Big problem #3: Obama is suing to prevent our men and women in uniform from voting. It's unbelievable, but true, that some service members who work on Ohio military bases may not get to vote.

++ We're up against union thugs, feminists, and anti-military radicals

As I noted to you last week, Ohio could well decide the election. Without Ohio, the path to victory

becomes very difficult for either Obama or Romney. Until a few weeks ago, Obama had a clear advantage. But that advantage has slipped, which is why Obama is calling in the union thugs and hard-left activists to ramp up their effort.

It is clear that we have our work cut out for us in Ohio, especially as close as the vote will be on November 6.

But Patriot Super PAC has a plan.

+ + Plan to keep Obama from stealing Ohio

To combat these radical forces descending on Ohio, Patriot Super PAC is launching a MASSIVE telephone campaign. With your help, this will be unlike any political telephone campaign in Ohio history. Here's what we're going to do, with your support:

Patriot Super PAC is going to call millions of voters in southern Ohio (this is where the race will be won or lost) and tell them the TRUTH about what Obama is doing to steal the Ohio vote.

But we're not only going to call them just once. We're going to call them twice, then three times, and more, all the way to November 6. The truth must be told!

Early Halloween Greeting – SEASON'S GREETINGS!!

T'was the night before elections
And all through the town
Tempers were flaring
Emotions all up and down
I, in my bathrobe,
With a cat in my lap,
Had cut off the TV
Tired of political crap.
When all of a sudden,
There arose such a noise,
I peered out my window,
Saw Obama and his boys.
They had come for my wallet,
They wanted my pay,
To give to the others,
Who had not worked a day!
He snatched up my money,
And quick as a wink,
Jumped back on his bandwagon,
As I gagged in the stink.
He then rallied his henchmen,
Who were pulling his cart,
I could tell they were out,
To tear my country apart!
'On Fannie, on Freddie,
On Biden and Ayers!
On Reid, On Pelosi,
He screamed at the pairs!
They took off for his cause,
And as they flew out of sight,
I hear him laugh at the nation,
Who wouldn't stand up and fight!
So I leave you to think,
On this one final note,
**IF YOU DON'T WANT SOCIALISM
GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!
GOD BLESS AMERICA, OUR ONLY HOPE!!!**

"60 Minutes" Contrast Between Romney, Obama on Entitlements

The official, head-to-head debates begin next week, but Sunday's "60 Minutes" appearances by President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney (R-MA) provided a contrast in the ideas offered on the nation's entitlements and spending crisis.

For his part, the President punted on a serious question about the nation's concern over spending—blaming everything on President George W. Bush. Instead of addressing the spending question, he waited for the next question about the national debt, which has [increased more than 50 percent](#) since he took office. Then came the [familiar refrain](#) of why he's not responsible for Washington's overspending or the country's abysmal fiscal situation:

When I came into office, I inherited the biggest deficit in our history. And over the last four years, the deficit has gone up, but 90 percent of that is as a consequence of two wars that weren't paid for, as a consequence of tax cuts that weren't paid for, a prescription drug plan that was not paid for, and then the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

These continued excuses ignore the massive increases since the President took office. According to Heritage expert Emily Goff: [By fiscal year 2008](#), the deficit had reached \$458.6 billion. The deficit was increasing as Obama came into office, mainly driven by the recession and the first wave of TARP bailouts. But his Administration's massive stimulus bill [sent spending into overdrive](#) and led to a record \$1.4 trillion deficit for fiscal year 2009. Deficits have stayed at more than \$1 trillion each year since then.

America's entitlement programs are the major driver of out-of-control spending. Without reform, they would push federal spending to nearly 36 percent of the economy within a generation. Debt held by the public would explode to nearly 200 percent. Serious structural reforms are inevitable—it is merely a question of how we change what we are doing.

In his "60 Minutes" interview, Obama [glossed over](#) Obamacare's cuts to Medicare and the resulting costs for seniors.

Romney, when asked how he would change Social Security, first made clear there should be no changes to benefits for those in or near retirement.

But he went on:

What I'd do with Social Security is say this: that again, people with higher incomes won't get the same high growth rate in their benefits as people with lower incomes. People who rely on Social Security should see the same kind of growth rate they've had in the past. But higher income folks would receive a little less.

As Heritage expert Alison Fraser [explains](#), Social Security is already income-adjusted today. This is called means testing. Benefits are capped for high-income earners, and the calculation of initial benefits a new retiree receives is based on his or her past income. Upper-income retirees pay a much higher tax than those with lower incomes. Romney proposes to extend this income adjusting so that upper-income retirees receive a bit less than they do now.

While many politicians claim that the only way to address entitlements is to raise taxes or cut benefits, expanding means testing is a serious and sound way to pursue reform.

These kinds of solutions can be found in [Saving the American Dream](#), Heritage's blueprint for solving our spending and debt crises. *Saving the American Dream* lays out solutions like slowly moving to a flat Social Security benefit that keeps seniors out of poverty, means testing Social Security so that very affluent seniors have a reduced benefit, and moving to a more robust means-tested premium support mechanism for Medicare that offers seniors choice and control over their health dollars and better health outcomes.

Without reforms, entitlement programs will [push spending to untenable levels](#) and put undue pressure on vital areas of government such as national defense. The Obama Administration's comments about reform, like "now is not the time" for fixing Social Security and the need for a "balanced approach," have been proven hollow by its push for tax hikes on job creators. We have a spending problem, not a revenue problem, and the longer Washington wastes time, the harsher the changes will have to be.

This debate is vital. To save the American economy and sustain the safety net for those who need it, spending must be reined in and entitlement programs must be reformed.

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