

List of actions taken and policies advanced by the Obama Administration (in no particular order):

- Supreme Court nominee (farthest left he could have chosen of those he was considering. Remember, he wants someone who "has empathy for real people")
- Moved US Census from US Dept of Commerce oversight to being under oversight of White House (Emanuel) and has enlisted ACORN to "help" with it. (Exec. order)
- "Don't ask/Don't tell" Fairly non-committal despite its being challenged in court. This is a pattern...he seems to be loathe to make a verbal stand on many policies.
- Georgetown Univ.: when he spoke there, he required that the symbol for Jesus, which is behind the podium area, be covered with a black cloth.
- Treasury Dept: have the 12 (correct?) posts in that dept. been filled yet? Last I heard, they had not and Geitner has been single-handedly running things. That goes against the design of the system and the prez should be pressuring Geitner to fill the positions if he has not yet done so. I have not heard that he has.
- Foreign Policy: Not only apologetic but actually speaks out against the U.S., calling it (us) greedy and arrogant. bowed to the Saudi prince & chummed it up w/ Chavez. Refused to go to France from England when Sarkozy invited him to go to Normandy to pay homage to the fallen soldiers there and have a specially arranged dinner at a private castle. He said "France is not on my schedule this time." Then he went to Turkey.
- Non-proliferation is a big topic for him and he is talking to Putin about that, even as N. Korea carries out underground tests and fires missiles. He says the idea of non-prolif. is more important than ever now and the US and other countries must lead as an example for everyone else.
- Proposing to cut \$1.2 billion from missile defenses at a time when they are, most likely, crucial.
- No firm support for Israel.
- Second Amendment...watching closely
- Federally funded stem cell research (Exec. Order). I recently heard that there are zero cases where embryonic stem cells have aided in a positive outcome, whereas umbilical cord blood and especially adult stem cells have both shown great potential.
- One of his first Exec. Orders was to reinstate federal funding of international abortion clinics.
- Dept. of Homeland Sec. report on who's a threat to nat'l security, such as vets, Ron Paul supporters, and those who do not agree with the admin's policies.
- Cabinet appointments... tax problems run rampant
- Global warming/climate change: hard, fast, and furious push for Cap n Trade as the public begins to wake up to the fraud. He has hired a marketing firm to help rework the terminology and how to get the public to buy into being taxed and controlled. (Here's an interesting piece of trivia I just learned: the Hubbard Glacier in Alaska is *growing* 7 feet per day!)
- Univ. health care/one-payer, rationing system
- Credit card bill (I think this is to create an artificial credit card bubble: force companies to grant cards to those who otherwise wouldn't qualify. he says the govt - ie taxpayers - will guarantee those cards)
- Jobs: govt is only sector showing growth
- Bank Ownership – won't allow firms like JPMorgan to repay TARP money
- Auto industry takeover -- pandering to UAW and SEIU, the latter of which is directly affiliated with...you guessed it, ACORN!
- AIG bonuses retroactively taxed (bonuses were legal & above board, under contract ok'd by Congress)
- All CEOs & business/bank/Wall St. people have been made out to be bad, evil, corrupt, and greedy.
- Border fence: this month he stopped construction of fence, claiming there is no money to finish it, even though that project was approved and fully funded a year or two ago.
- Commencement addresses: stressed importance of community service rather than trying to accumulate personal wealth. he told graduates not to be selfish but to work for the common good. "Past greed got us into the current crisis."

- College loans will be federalized...no more private companies giving them out. Recipients will be expected to commit a certain amt of time in service to the govt.
- New positions (czars, panels, ambassadors, commissions, marketing firms) are costing us how much? No one has said!
- Recent stimulus payments sent to thousands of deceased people
- Canceling the Wash. D.C. School Choice (voucher) Program, which has been tremendously successful.
- National debt soaring (spending our way out of this crisis???)
- War on Talk Radio via the FCC
- New National Fuel Efficiency Standard (min. 39 mpg)
- Buried deep inside the Climate Bill is a provision that would give unemployment benefits (for up to 3 years!) to anyone who lost their job as a result of this bill. How many people will be on Climate Change welfare and what will it cost us?
- The other lunacy is this week's talk of a National Tax/Consumption Tax/Value-Added Tax...all of those terms are being floated, most likely as a means of testing which one the public is most friendly - or apathetic - toward. This tax, and 10% is the figure being touted, would affect every transaction anyone makes. This is *in addition* to the Internet sales tax they're proposing.
- At the EPA this week, Chu has suggested that all roofs be painted white and that paved surfaces be done in a reflective material so as to "combat the effects of global warming."
- Union Card Check

The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance. -- Cicero , 55 BC

In 1787, a Scottish history professor, Alexander Tyler, had this to say about "The fall of the Athenian Republic." "A Democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse (generous gifts) from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that the democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy - which is always followed by a dictatorship.

These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to courage, from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence, from dependence back into bondage."

* You cannot help the poor, by destroying the rich. * You cannot strengthen the weak, by weakening the strong. * You cannot bring about prosperity, by discouraging thrift. * You cannot lift the wage earner up, by pulling the wage payer down. * You cannot further the brotherhood of man, by inciting class hatred. * You cannot build character and courage, by taking away men's initiative and independence. * You cannot help men permanently, by doing for them what they could and should, do for themselves. ~Abraham Lincoln Very, wise words, written so many years ago and we still don't get it ...

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it." ~~~~~ The late Dr. Adrian Rogers, 1931 - 2005