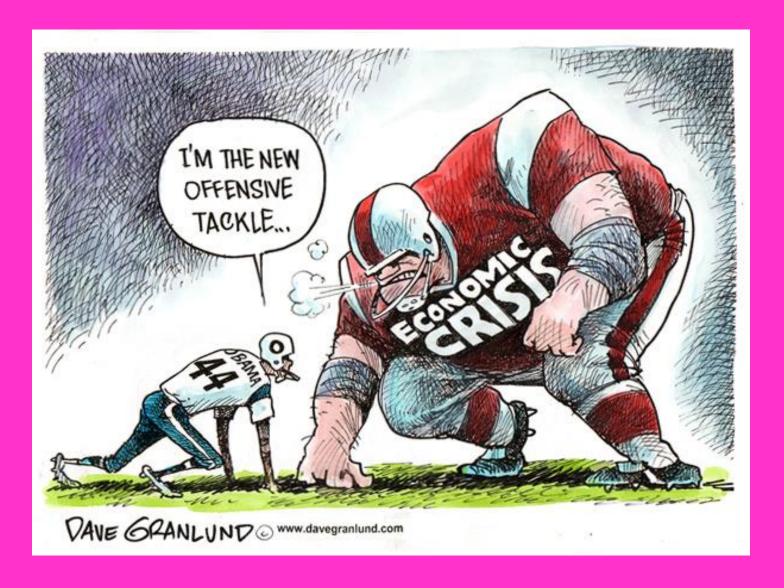
## Obama's Domestic Policy



### **Great Recession Continued**



## High Unemployment



- Unemployment Peaked: 10% (11/09)
  - Job Losses in 2009 (818,000)

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (Feb 17, 2009)



\$787 billion Economic Stimulus Package

# Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act July 21, 2010



 Prevented lending companies from taking excessive risks that exploit consumers

## Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance and Job Creation Act of 2010 (12/17/10)



\$858 billion in tax relief and extension of unemployment benefits

#### Obama and Deficits



<u>www.whitehouse.gov</u>

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

-\$1.4 trillion

-\$1.2 trillion

-\$1.2 trillion

-\$1.1 trillion

-\$759 billion

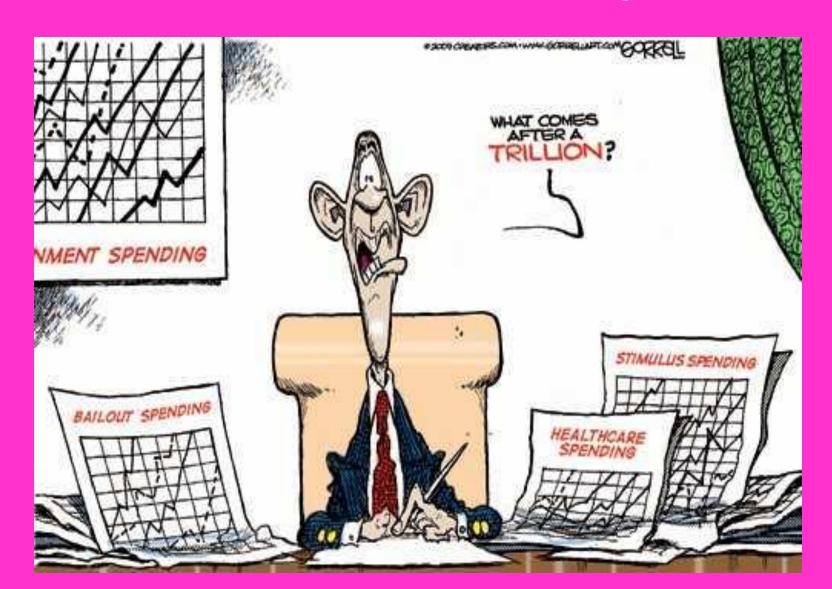
2018

-\$475 billion

### All this spending increases the

**US National Debt** \$17.5 Trillion \$17,500,000,000,000 (June 2014)

## Will It Ever Stop?



### Partisan Differences: National Debt Obama vs. House Republicans



Government Shutdown October 1 – 16, 2013

#### Compromise Made: 10/17/13



- Pushed Debt Limit Decision until 2/7/14
- Pushed Debt Limit Decision until 12/31/14

#### The Economy is Slowing Improving



### Stock Market (August 2013)



Surpassed 2008 levels

## Improving Economy

Economy Grew (2013)

1.9%

(2013: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: 3.2%)

Forbes Magazine



#### Unemployment: 6.3% (April 2014)

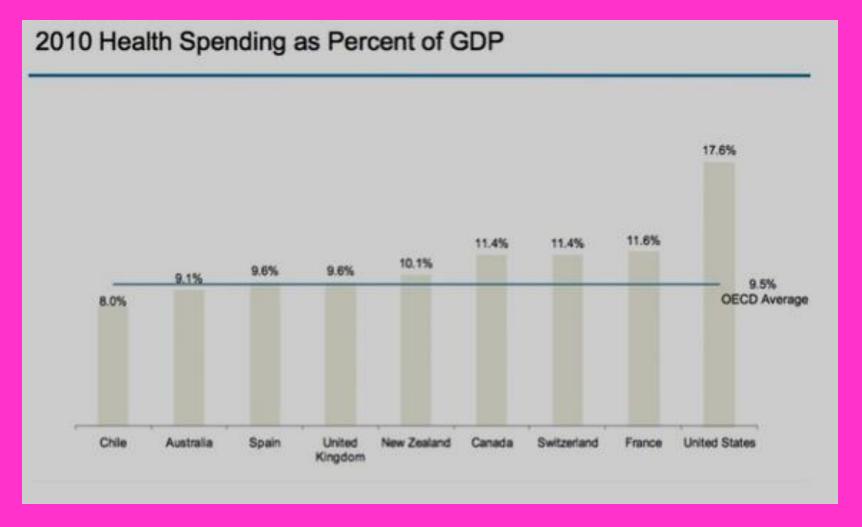


Lowest unemployment rate of Obama's presidency

### Major Obama Domestic Goal



#### Why is Health Care a Concern?



(Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development)

## Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (March 23, 2010)



 requires all Americans to purchase health insurance or pay a "shared responsibility payment" to the government.

#### Is the ACA constitutional?



- Decision: 5 (Y) 4 (N)
- Supreme Court argued that the law could be considered a tax

#### Summary: Obamacare or ACA

- Will take effect in stages through 2019
- Can be covered under parent's insurance until 26 years old
- Cannot deny someone health care insurance because of a pre-existing condition

#### **Expected Results**

- 32 million additional people expected to be covered by 2019
  - Will cover 95% of non-elderly legal US residents

#### Criticisms: Obamacare or ACA

Should not be mandatory

Rollout: Computer glitches and error messages on HealthCare.gov

People were not able to keep their old insurance



## Obama: Civil Rights



## Repealed: "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" September 20, 2011



#### Publicly Supported: Same Sex Marriage



http://www.cnn.com/2012/05/09/politics/obama-same-sex-marriage

## Civil Rights: Women Obama and the Supreme Court



Sonia Sotomayor (2009)



Elena Kagan (2010)

#### Next Issue: Stem Cell Research



#### Lifted ban on embryonic stem cell research

3/9/09



http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/10/us/politics/10stem.html

#### Stem Cell Hamburger (8/5/13)



Cost: \$331,400 (Netherlands)



#### Obama is Good Shape for 2012



## 2012 Campaign



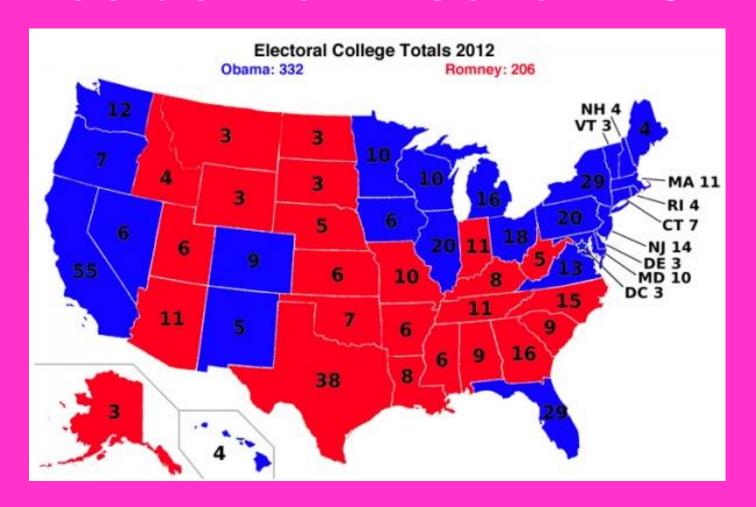
Barack Obama



Mitt Romney



#### Presidential Election 2012



Obama: 65,915,796 (51.1%) Romney 60,933,500 (47.2%)

## Obama: 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Domestic Policy



#### Other Events



## BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Explosion: April 20, 2010



The Worst Oil Spill in US history

### Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill (87 Days) April 20 – July 15, 2010



- Almost 5 million barrels of oil leaked
- By 2013, BP paid \$42.2 billion (Forbes 2/5/2013)

## Hurricane Sandy October 22 – 31, 2012



## Hurricane Sandy





- Largest Atlantic hurricane on record
- Second costliest hurricane in US history
- Cost: \$50 billion

### **Domestic Terrorism**



### Sandy Hook Massacre Newtown, Connecticut



December 14, 2012

## Sandy Hook Massacre



26 Killed (20 Students and 6 Adults)

## President Obama (12/16/12)

"And in that we come to realize that we bear responsibility for every child, because we're counting on everybody else to help look after ours, that we're all parents, that they are all our children."

# Boston Marathon Bombing April 15, 2013



3 Killed and 364 Wounded

# Intelligence Leak: Edward Snowden (June 2013)



- Worked for the National Security Agency
- Leaked Classified Information
- June 14: US charged with espionage

### June 23, 2013: Snowden Granted Asylum In:





Russian President Vladimir Putin

#### The Obama Presidency Continues



# United States (4)

- 1. Connecticut
- 2. Hawaii
- 3. Illinois
- 4. Massachusetts



#### Middle East (8)

- 1. Afghanistan
- 2. Egypt
- 3. Iraq
- 4. Libya
- 5. Pakistan
- 6. Somalia
- 7. Syria
- 8. Tunisia

