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November 19th, 2008 President-elect Obama nominates pro-abortion former [Senator Tom Daschle \(D-S.D.\)](#) as his Health and Human Services Secretary.

November 25th, 2008 President-elect Obama appoints [Melody Barnes](#), former board member for the pro-abortion EMILY's List and executive vice president for policy at the George Soros-funded Center for American Progress, as director of the domestic policy council.

December 1st, 2008 President-elect Obama nominates pro-abortion advocate [Senator Hillary Clinton \(D-N.Y.\)](#) as Secretary of State and pro-abortion advocate Susan Rice as Ambassador to the United Nations.

December 10th, 2008 The Obama transition team publishes a [wish list](#) from radical pro-abortion groups of pro-abortion actions they would like to see from the Administration.

December 20th 2008 President Obama nominates [Harold Varmus](#) and Jonathan Moreno, both of whom advocate for destroying human embryos for experiments and human embryo cloning for experiments, to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

January 6th, 2009 President-elect Obama nominates [Thomas Perrelli](#), attorney who argued on behalf of Michael Schiavo pro bono in the assisted homicide case of Terri Schiavo, to be Associate Attorney General

President Obama nominates [Dawn Johnsen](#), former Executive Director of radical pro-abortion group NARAL who has argued against the policy of "reducing abortions" and has compared pregnancy to slavery, to be Assistant Attorney General.

January 22nd, 2009 In one of his first written public statements, President Obama releases [a statement](#) celebrating the anniversary of the Roe-v. Wade decision that allows for unlimited abortion.

January 23rd, 2009 President Obama issues his Executive Order overturning the [Mexico City Policy](#), freeing up taxpayer funds for groups that perform and promote abortions.

January 26th, 2009 President Obama's nominee for Deputy Secretary of State, [James B. Steinberg](#), testifies that he believes the Constitution guarantees abortion should be funded by taxpayer funds.

February 3rd, 2009 President Obama nominates [David Ogden](#), a lawyer for the porn industry who has argued that girls as young as 14 do not need parental notification when seeking an abortion and that abortion is a form of family planning that should be eligible for taxpayer funding, to be Deputy Attorney General

HHS Secretary Nominee Tom Daschle drops out over tax problems.

February 12th, 2009 President Obama nominates [Elena Kagan](#), advocate for homosexuals serving in the military and a federalization of certain crimes against homosexuals (hate crimes) to be Solicitor General.

February 18th, 2009 President Obama appoints **Ellen Moran**, former executive director of pro-abortion political action committee EMILY's List, as White House Communications Director

February 28th, 2009 President Obama begins the process to **overturn conscience protections** which protect healthcare professionals from violating their beliefs by being forced to participate in or refer for abortions..

March 2nd, 2009 President Obama nominates Kansas Governor **Kathleen Sebelius**, who has vetoed numerous bills regulating late term abortions while also receiving political donations from late term abortionists, to HHS

March 4th, 2009 President Obama's nominee for Surgeon General, CNN Medical correspondent **Sanjay Gupta**, withdraws his name from consideration. Mr. Gupta opposed conscience protections for health care professionals.

March 5th, 2009 At the first White House summit on health care reform the Obama administration invites numerous advocates for abortion, including Planned Parenthood and the Human Rights Campaign, but no advocates for conscience protections or the pro-life position.

March 9th, 2009 President Obama issues **an Executive Order** reversing federal restrictions on human embryonic stem cell research, opening the path to taxpayer funds for experiments from human research embryos, human clones, and human-animal hybrids

March 10th, 2009 The Obama administration, at the Commission on the Status of Women meeting at the United Nations argues an "international" right to abortion at a United Nations meeting.

March 11th, 2009 President Obama signs Omnibus spending bill. Bill overturns the Kemp-Kasten pro-life rider which gave presidents the prerogative to deny tax funds to groups involved in coercive abortions.

March 12th, 2009 President Obama appoints Tina Tchen, a former vice-president of NOW to head the White House Council on Women and Girls

March 14th, 2009 President Obama nominates abortion advocate **Dr. Margaret Hamburg** to be Administrator of the Food and Drug Administration

President Obama nominates **Joshua Sharfstein** as Deputy Food and Drug Administration Commissioner. Dr. Sharfstein once wrote that pro-life laws "undermine women's health."

March 16th, 2009 President Obama's State Department releases \$50 million to **UNFPA**, which has funded groups connected to coercive abortions in other countries, including China.

March 17th, 2009 President Obama nominates **David Hamilton**, former fundraiser for the controversial liberal group ACORN, as first judicial appointment.

March 26th, 2009 Secretary of State Hillary Clinton accepts the **Margaret Sanger Award from Planned Parenthood**. Margaret Sanger was a fierce supporter of abortion on demand and was a fan of eugenics.

April 7th, 2009 President Obama nominates pro-abortion law professor **Harold Koh** as the top lawyer for the State Department.

April 14th, 2009 President Obama's Department of Homeland Security releases a **report** on domestic terrorism that targets, among others, veterans and pro-life advocates.

April 17th, 2009 The National Institutes of Health issue draft guidelines for taxpayer funding of human embryonic stem cell research, creating an incentive for human embryo destruction for experiments

April 20th, 2009 President Obama nominates **Cass Sunstein**, to head the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Dr. Sunstein has stated regarding rationing health care: “A program that saves young people produces more welfare than one that saves old people.”

April 22nd, 2009 President Obama’s Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, testifies in a **House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing** that the Obama Administration believes that “reproductive health” includes a right to abortion and that the policy of the Obama Administration is to work to overturn pro-life laws in other countries.

President Obama’s Food and Drug Administration issues **an order** that the sometimes abortifacient, Plan B (also known as the “morning after pill” should be given to 17-year-old girls without a prescription or their parents’ consent.

April 27th, 2009 President Obama nominates Dr. Eric Goosby for Ambassador at Large and Global AIDS Coordinator at the Department of State. Dr. Goosby has been a critic of **abortion funding** restrictions and **abstinence education requirements** in international efforts to combat AIDS/HIV

OBAMA'S APPOINTEES

- **Rahm Emanuel**
 - Appointed: Chief of Staff
 - Illustrating Emanuel's penchant for exploiting unfortunate situations for political gain, he remarked, "A crisis is a terrible thing to waste."
 - Emanuel served on the board of scandal-plagued quasi-governmental mortgage giant Freddie Mac. While on the board, the SEC charged that organization with accounting fraud.
 - Rated 100% by NARAL, indicating a pro-choice voting record. (Dec 2003)
 - Voted YES on allowing human embryonic stem cell research. (May 2005)
 - Voted NO on restricting interstate transport of minors to get abortions. (Apr 2005)
 - Voted NO on making it a crime to harm a fetus during another crime. (Feb 2004)
 - Rated 100% by the HRC, indicating a pro-gay-rights stance. (Dec 2006)
 - Voted NO on Constitutionally defining marriage as one-man-one-woman. (Jul 2006)
 - Voted NO on protecting the Pledge of Allegiance. (Sep 2004)
 - Rated 94% by the [NAACP](#), indicating a pro-affirmative-action stance. (Dec 2006)
 - Rated 8% by the [Christian Coalition](#): an anti-family voting record. (Dec 2003)
 - Angered by poll numbers that a pollster sent him, he mailed a dead fish to the pollster
- **David Axelrod**
 - Appointed: Senior Adviser
 - Was Obama's chief strategist in the 2008 Presidential Election
 - Strategy is to market personality instead of issues or policies
 - Consistently worked on campaigns of far left liberals
- **Valerie Jarrett**
 - Appointed: Senior Adviser
 - No Washington experience
 - Most likely the person closest to Obama who has benefited the most from the sub-prime mortgage crises.
 - She is the CEO of the Habitat Company, which has been accused of mismanaging some of Chicago's public housing projects, allowing them to deteriorate even more than they had under government supervision.
- **David Ogden**
 - Appointed: Deputy Attorney General
 - Supports: abortion on demand, child pornography, and the homosexual agenda, including homosexuals serving openly in the military
 - In one of his legal briefs for the abortion industry, Ogden wrongly claimed that women who have abortions experience no significant mental health effects from it. Planned Parenthood v. Casey:
 - *Abortion rarely causes or exacerbates psychological or emotional problems. When women do experience regret, depression, or guilt, such feelings are mild and diminish rapidly without adversely affecting general functioning. The few women who do experience negative psychological responses after abortion appear to be those with preexisting emotional problems*

- **Hillary Clinton**
 - Appointed: Secretary of State
 - FactCheck: Ranked 16th most liberal in Senate. (Feb 2008)
 - Unblemished pro-abortion record
 - Fought for years to get “Plan B” contraceptive on the market. (Dec 2006)
 - 1993 health plan included RU-486 & widely available abortion. (Jul 2007)
 - Voted NO on notifying parents of minors who get out-of-state abortions. (Jul 2006)
 - Voted NO on criminal penalty for harming unborn fetus during other crime. (Mar 2004)
 - Voted NO on banning partial birth abortions except for maternal life. (Mar 2003)
 - Recommended by EMILY’s List of pro-choice women. (Apr 2001)
 - Rated 100% by [NARAL](#), indicating a pro-choice voting record. (Dec 2003)
 - Supports making unlimited abortions an international right
 - 2004: defended traditional marriage; 2006: voted for same-sex marriage. (May 2007)
 - Federal Marriage Amendment would be terrible step backwards. (Oct 2006)
 - Gay soldiers need to shoot straight, not be straight. (Nov 2003)
 - End hate crimes and other intolerance. (Sep 2000)
 - Gays deserve domestic partnership benefits. (Feb 2000)
 - Voted NO on constitutional ban of same-sex marriage. (Jun 2006)
 - Voted YES on adding sexual orientation to definition of hate crimes. (Jun 2002)
 - Rated 89% by the [HRC](#), indicating a pro-gay-rights stance. (Dec 2006)
 - Rated 96% by the [NAACP](#), indicating a pro-affirmative-action stance. (Dec 2006)
 - Family planning & child spacing is international human right. (Jul 2007)
 - Rated 0% by the [Christian Coalition](#): an anti-family voting record. (Dec 2003)
 - Voted with Democratic Party 96.7% of 304 votes. (Sep 2007)
 - Voted NO on confirming Samuel Alito as Supreme Court Justice. (Jan 2006)
 - Voted NO on confirming John Roberts for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. (Sep 2005)
 - Rated 100% by the [AU](#), indicating support of church-state separation. (Dec 2006)
 - NYC offices costs taxpayers \$514,000 per year. (Oct 2001)
 - Accused of failing to disclose gifts as First Lady. (Oct 2001)
 - Fined \$35,000 for under-reporting expenses in 2000. (Oct 2006)
- **Eric Holder**
 - Appointed: Attorney General
 - Involved in the tragic Elian Gonzalez case – forcing a young boy to return to Castro’s dictatorship in Cuba to be raised as a Communist.
 - In February 2009, Holder called America, "A Nation of Cowards."
 - “Though this nation has proudly thought of itself as an ethnic melting pot, in things racial, we have always been, and we, I believe, continue to be, in too many ways, a nation of cowards,” Holder said in remarks to his staff in honor of Black History Month.
 - Favors hate crime legislation
 - Attempted to pass legislation that would violate First Amendment speech rights on the internet
 - Instrumental in getting laws changed that made jury trials more difficult for certain defendants
 - Had a role in granting clemency to 16 former members of the Puerto Rican terrorist group, The Armed Forces of National Liberation (FALN)

- Holder won this [pardon over the objections](#) of the FBI, Bureau of Prisons and the prosecuting attorneys. None of these terrorists expressed any remorse for their actions.
 - “In short, Eric Holder has a reputation for being soft on terrorists and traitors, but is tough on returning a six-year-old boy back to a Communist dictatorship,” said TVC Executive Director Andrea Lafferty. “One shudders to think of him overseeing our Department of Justice and the FBI.”
 - Supported the unconstitutional ban on handguns in Washington, D.C.
 - Well-known for his role in the last-minute pardon of Marc Rich, a criminal fugitive who fled to Switzerland in 1983 to avoid jail. Rich had been convicted of fraud, tax evasion of \$48 million, and illegally trading oil with Iran.
 - This was a clear violation of Department of Justice guidelines. According to DOJ, no pardon can be granted until five years after completion of a sentence in a criminal case.
 - Adult industry attorney Colin Hardacre, of the Los Angeles-based Kaufman Law Group, has praised the choices of Eric Holder for Attorney General and David Ogden for a key DOJ post: "It is a nice change of pace to see the president choosing smart people with experience. This is a good sign for the adult industry."
- **Timothy Geithner**
 - Appointed: Secretary of the Treasury
 - Tax cheat – he deliberately evaded over \$40,000 of federal taxes
 - Only paid taxes when he was caught
 - Indicated support for a world currency to be managed by an international group (after he testified before the House Financial Services Committee and said he would renounce any attempts to have America move away from the dollar)
 - Advocates federal takeover of the entire federal banking system
- **Janet Napolitano**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Homeland Security
 - Former governor of Arizona
 - Pro-abortion
 - During the 1991 confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice nominee Clarence Thomas, she was one of two attorneys representing Anita Hill (who falsely accused Thomas of sexual harassment)
 - Under Napolitano, DHS released a report about the dangers of “right wing extremists” that called conservatives racists, “hate-oriented,” violent.
 - During her 2006 campaign, Planned Parenthood set up phone banks to help get her elected for her second term as governor of Arizona.
- **Hilda Solis**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Labor

- Supports the Employee Free Choice Act
 - It would make it easier for workers to join unions
 - It would enable unions to add millions of workers over the next few years and would largely eliminate use of the secret ballot to determine whether workers want a union.
 - The bill would give employees at a workplace the right to gain union recognition as soon as a majority of them sign cards saying they want to join a specific union.
- **Shaun Donovan**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
 - *"I would never believe that the private sector, left to its own devices, is the best possible solution."*
- **Tom Vilsack**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Agriculture
 - Strong advocate of combating global warming
- **Kathleen Sebelius**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Health and Human Services
 - Pro-abortion
 - Strong funding ties to late-term abortionist Dr. Tiller "the Killer"
- **Tom Daschle**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Health and Human Services
 - Resigned
 - Daschle avoided \$128,000 in federal taxes over a period of years, paying the taxes and penalties only after he had been named to the cabinet.
 - Long pro-abortion voting record
 - Voted NO on banning human cloning. (Feb 1998)
 - Rated 50% by [NARAL](#), indicating a mixed voting record on abortion. (Dec 2003)
 - Expand embryonic stem cell research. (Jun 2004)
 - Voted YES on expanding hate crimes to include sexual orientation. (Jun 2000)
 - Voted NO on banning affirmative action hiring with federal funds. (Jul 1995)
 - Rated 16% by the [Christian Coalition](#): an anti-family voting record. (Dec 2003)
- **Leon Panetta**
 - Appointed: Director of the CIA
 - Former Director of the Office for Management and Budget 1993-1994 where he drastically cut the budget of the CIA (only part of the Clinton administration's efforts to decrease the nation's intelligence resources)
 - Former Chief of Staff in the Clinton Administration 1994-1997 during which time the Khobar Towers were bombed in Saudi Arabia, 19 U.S. Air Force servicemen were murdered in the Osama Bin Laden bombing, and the U.S. did nothing
 - His role in the Clinton administration paved the way for the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya and the 2000 U.S.S. Cole bombing
- **Dawn Johnsen**
 - Appointed: Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel
 - Former NARAL legal director

- **Ellen Moran**
 - Appointed: White House Communications Director
 - Former director of pro-abortion group Emily's List
 - Emily's List only supported candidates who favored taxpayer funded abortions and opposed a partial-birth abortion ban
- **Melody Barnes**
 - Appointed: Director of the Domestic Policy Council
 - Former Emily's List board member
- **Jeanne Lambrew**
 - Appointed: Deputy Director of the White House Office of Health Reform
 - Former Clinton administration official
 - Planned Parenthood is "excited" about this selection
- **James B. Steinberg**
 - Appointed: Deputy Secretary of State
 - Told members of the Senate that taxpayers should be forced to fund abortions
 - Erroneously said that limits on abortion funding are unconstitutional
- **Robert Gates**
 - Secretary of Defense holdover from the Bush administration
- **Ray Lahood**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Transportation
 - Republican, known for his moderate views
- **Arne Duncan**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Education
- **Eric Shinseki**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- **Lisa Jackson**
 - Appointed: Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
- **Steven Chu**
 - Appointed: Secretary of Energy
- **Gary Locke**
 - Appointed: Commerce Secretary
- **Ken Salazar**
 - Appointed: Secretary of the Interior
- **Peter Orszag**
 - Appointed: Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- **Larry Summers**
 - Appointed: Director of the National Economic Council
- **Elena Kagan**
 - Appointed: Solicitor General
 - Pro-abortion
- **Tina Tchen**
 - Appointed: Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls
 - Obama signed an executive order March 11, 2009 creating this agency

- **Tim Kaine**
 - Appointed: Chairman of the Democratic Party
 - Pro-abortion Governor of Virginia
- **Thomas Perrelli**
 - Appointed: Third highest attorney in the Justice Department
 - Lawyer who represented Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, in his efforts to kill his disabled wife
- **Judge David Hamilton**
 - Appointed: Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge
 - Pro-abortion

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

To: Friends & Supporters

From: Gary L. Bauer

100 Days, 100 Mistakes

Obama's 100 Mistakes, Misstatements and Missteps in his First 100 Days

Undermining Our Values

1. Calling for the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act on the White House website.
2. Calling on the White House website for the expansion of federal hate crimes to include homosexual behavior.
3. Calling on the White House website for policies like the "Fairness Doctrine" that could silence conservative and Christian talk radio.
4. Repealing limitations on taxpayer-funding of human embryonic stem cell research.
5. Repealing limitations on taxpayer-funding of abortions overseas.
6. Pledging \$50 million to the United Nation's Population Fund, which supports China's draconian one-child policy.
7. Proposing new rules to gut conscience clause protections for pro-life doctors and other medical personnel who don't want to be forced to perform abortions or other procedures that violate their values.
8. Proposing increased funding for the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.
9. Calling on the White House website for "a goal that all middle and high school students do 50 hours of community service a year," (mandatory volunteerism).
10. Inviting homosexual families to the White House Easter Egg Roll.
11. Allowing his attorney general to call for the reinstatement of Clinton-era restrictions on the Second Amendment.
12. Breaking his promise not to appoint lobbyists to his administration. He hired 17 in his first two weeks.
13. Breaking his promise to sign legislation only after a five-day period of public comments.
14. Asking that the monogram for Jesus Christ be covered up during a televised speech at a Catholic university in which Obama quotes the Sermon on the Mount.

Undermining Our National Security

15. Apologizing for America in Europe and Latin America.
16. Bowing before the Muslim king of Saudi Arabia.
17. Pledging to base America's foreign policy toward Iran on "mutual respect" in a video to the Iranian people and Iran's Holocaust-denying dictator.
18. Returning the bust of Winston Churchill given to George Bush after 9/11 by our British allies.

19. Giving British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the leader of America's most loyal ally, a box of DVDs that don't work in British DVD players.
20. Ordering Guantanamo Bay closed without any idea of where to send the terrorist suspects held there.
21. Suggesting that some of those terrorists now at GITMO may kill again, but may also be released onto U.S. soil and set up with welfare benefits.
22. Caving to communist Cuba by relaxing travel restrictions and remittances for Cuban Americans before any Cuban political prisoners have been released.
23. Shaking hands with Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez.
24. Sitting silently through a 50-minute anti-American diatribe by Nicaragua's communist president, Daniel Ortega.
25. Releasing Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, the suspected of masterminding the 2000 suicide bombing of the U.S.S. Cole.
26. Releasing classified CIA memos outlining our interrogation techniques.
27. Telling our CIA agents not to be discouraged when he acknowledges their "mistakes."
28. Declaring a new openness to "truth commissions" and prosecuting intelligence officials involved in enhanced interrogations of terrorists.
29. Proposing to send a \$900 million foreign aid package to Palestinians in Gaza.
30. Asking Congress to relax the law so that some of that money could go to the terrorist organization Hamas.
31. Calling for the U.S. to eliminate its nuclear weapons.
32. Telling Russian President Demitri Medvedev that America's commitment to missile defense is negotiable.
33. Dropping the term "enemy combatants" for GITMO detainees.
34. Dropping the term "terrorism" for "man-made disaster."
35. Dropping the term "Global War on Terror" for "overseas contingency operations."
36. Giving his first interview as president to the Arab language network *Al-Arabiya*.
37. Telling the Muslim world that his "job" was to communicate "that the Americans are not your enemy," when it's Muslim extremists who have declared war on us.
38. Proposing that military veterans use private insurance for the cost of a service-related injury before they would be eligible for coverage through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Undermining Free Enterprise

39. Signing the trillion-dollar plus so-called "stimulus" bill, which the Congressional Budget Office said would actually hurt long-term economic growth.
40. Saying Caterpillar wouldn't lay off workers if his trillion-dollar stimulus bill passed Congress. Obama signed the bill on Feb. 17th. On March 17th, Caterpillar laid off nearly 2,500 workers.
41. Hosting a "Fiscal Responsibility Summit" one week after signing the trillion-dollar "stimulus" bill.
42. Railing against "outrageous recklessness and greed" of AIG bonuses that were legally protected in the so-called "stimulus" bill he signed four days after it passed, not five as he promised.

43. Breaking his promise on earmark reform by signing the \$410 billion “omnibus” spending bill with billions in earmarks.
44. Proposing a \$3.6 trillion budget that doubles the national debt in five years and triples it in ten years.
45. Proposing a “carbon cap and trade” scheme that will raise energy taxes by hundreds of billions, even trillions, of dollars.
46. Burning more than 9,000 gallons of jet fuel to fly to Iowa for Earth Day to promote “wind power.”
47. Proposing \$634 billion in higher taxes for socialized health care.
48. Proposing to raise taxes on small business owners.
49. Saying the White House is open to the idea of taxing employer-sponsored health care benefits as income.
50. Signing a massive expansion of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, calling it “a down payment on my commitment to cover every single American.”
51. Establishing the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research to give bureaucrats the power to ration health care and tell your doctors what care you can and cannot have.
52. Signing the 2009 Omnibus Public Land Management Act, which the Sierra Club praised specifically because it “will safeguard millions of acres ... from oil and gas leasing.”
53. Suggesting he has found \$1.5 trillion in bogus “savings” by not spending money in Iraq that we were not planning to spend years from now.
54. Ordering his Cabinet to “cut” \$100 million in spending in 90 days, after proposing nearly \$5 trillion in spending in his first 90 days.
55. Proposing to limit tax deductions for home mortgage interest.
56. Proposing to limit tax deductions for charitable donations.
57. Refusing to allow banks to repay TARP money.
58. Bailing out AMTRAK with a 10% increase in its taxpayer subsidies.
59. Bailing out the United Auto Workers Union with billions of taxpayer dollars to GM and Chrysler.
60. Bailing out the United Auto Workers by giving it a majority ownership stake in Chrysler. Yes, the union will own the company.
61. Bailing out Big Labor by issuing an executive order mandating that infrastructure projects paid for with “stimulus” funds must use union labor, guaranteeing higher costs for the taxpayer.
62. Bailing out Big Labor again by repealing regulations requiring the disclosure of how union dues are spent. So much for “transparency.”
63. Saying, “The United States government has no interest in running GM,” then vowing that the government will back auto warranties.
64. Saying, “The United States government has no interest in running GM,” then firing the CEO of General Motors.
65. Allowing states to set their own fuel efficiency and emissions standards, making it harder for struggling auto makers to compete.

Personnel Is Policy

66. Nominating Timothy “The Turbo Tax Evader” Geithner as Treasury Secretary to oversee the IRS.
67. Nominating as attorney general Eric Holder, who urged Bill Clinton to pardon tax evader Marc Rich and 8 FALN terrorists.
68. Nominating David Ogden, a prominent attorney for the pornography industry, to be Deputy Attorney General.
69. Nominating Tom Daschle, who owed more than \$140,000 in back taxes, as Health and Human Services Secretary.
70. Nominating Kathleen Sebelius, who is ardently pro-abortion and owed \$8,000 in back taxes, to be HHS Secretary.
71. Nominating Janet Napolitano, who said, “crossing the border is not a crime per se,” as Homeland Security Secretary.
72. Nominating Steven Chu as Energy Secretary. Last September, Chu said, “Somehow, we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe,” which at that time were roughly \$8.00 a gallon.
73. Nominating Ron Kirk, who owed more than \$6,000 in back taxes, as Trade Representative.
74. Nominating Bill Richardson, who was embroiled in an ethics scandal, as Secretary of Commerce.
75. Nominating Nancy Killefer, who also owed back taxes, to be the government’s “Efficiency Czar.”
76. Nominating Rosa Brooks, a leftwing acolyte of George Soros, as an advisor to the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.
77. Nominating Harold Koh, an ardent supporter of using international law in the interpretation of our Constitution, to be the top legal advisor to the State Department.
78. Nominating Carol Browner, who was a member of the Socialist International, to be “Climate and Energy Czar.”
79. Nominating John Holdren, an environmental extremist and advocate of population control, as the White House Science Advisor.
80. Nominating Dawn Johnsen, who is so pro-abortion she once compared pregnancy to slavery, to to direct the Office of Legal Counsel at the Justice Department.
81. Nominating Charles Freeman, an anti-Israel, pro-Arab apologist, to be head of the National Intelligence Council.
82. Nominating Tony West, who represented American Taliban John Walker Lindh and exposed the Bush Administration’s terrorist surveillance program, to the Justice Department’s Civil Division.
83. Nominating Annette Nazareth to be Deputy Treasury Secretary, who withdrew after a month-long probe into her taxes.
84. Trying to nominate pro-abortion Catholics to be ambassador to the Vatican, a move even John Kerry opposed.
85. Appointing Ellen Moran of the pro-abortion group Emily’s List as his White House communications director.
86. Appointing Melody Barnes, a board member of Emily’s List and Planned Parenthood, as his director of the Domestic Policy Council.
87. Appointing Harry Knox of the Human Rights Campaign (the largest homosexual rights lobbying group) to the White House’s Faith Based Advisory Council.

88. Appointing Adolfo Carrion as Director of White House Office of Urban Affairs, even though he is under investigation for kickbacks in a scandal nearly identical to one that cost GOP Senator Ted Stevens his election.
89. Nominating David Hamilton as his first appointment to a federal appeals court. Judge Hamilton has issued a number of controversial rulings, including prohibiting the Indiana House of Representatives from opening sessions with prayers in the name of Jesus.

Other Obama Outrages

90. Telling congressional Republicans to stop listening to Rush Limbaugh.
91. Coordinating attacks on Rush Limbaugh, Rick Santelli and Jim Cramer out of the White House.
92. Hosting weekly parties at the White House, serving up \$100-a-pound Waygu beef during what Obama called, “the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.”
93. Laughing it up on *60 Minutes* as the country is mired in a recession.
94. Allowing Air Force One to buzz the Statue of Liberty and lower Manhattan, creating panic in New York City.
95. Disparaging Special Olympians on the Tonight Show.
96. Allowing his Department of Homeland Security to issue a report accusing pro-life, smaller government conservatives and returning Iraq/Afghanistan veterans of being “rightwing extremists.”
97. Promising to push for comprehensive immigration reform, i.e., amnesty.
98. Killing the school voucher program in the District of Columbia, while sending his two daughters to an elite private school, rather than D.C.’s public schools.
99. Moving the Census out of the Department of Commerce and into the White House.
100. Relying too much on his teleprompter.

Obama's First 100 Days: Higher Spending. More Debt. New Taxes. Broken Promises.

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) today released a comprehensive taxpayer timeline of President Barack Obama's first 100 days in office.

Day 1 -- January 20: In his [Inaugural address](#), President Obama makes a noteworthy commitment to the American taxpayer:

“And those of us who manage the public's dollars will be held to account, to spend wisely, reform bad habits, and do our business in the light of day, because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government.”

Day 7 -- January 26: Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner is sworn in by Obama despite having owed more than \$40,000 in back taxes and interest.

Day 10 -- January 30: After a long career [working and voting FOR tax increases and working and voting AGAINST tax cuts](#), Obama's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) nominee Tom Daschle is first reported to have paid over \$100,000 in back taxes.

“Make no mistake: Tax cheaters cheat us all. And the IRS should enforce our laws to the letter.” (Sen. Tom Daschle speaking on the Senate floor on May 7, 1998)

[\[Video\]](#)

Day 14 -- February 2: In order to ensure “What happens in Chicago, stays in Chicago” by preventing corruption and kickbacks arising from the “stimulus” bill, ATR asks each Member of Congress planning to vote for the bill to [sign a statement](#) promising that they, their family, and the members of their staff will not personally benefit from the bill. All refuse.

Day 15 -- February 3: Tom Daschle withdraws his nomination due to tax problems.

Chief Performance Officer-designate Nancy Killefer withdraws her nomination due to tax problems.

Day 16 -- February 4: On the sixteenth day of his presidency, Obama breaks one of the central promises of his campaign by signing into law a 156 percent increase in the federal excise tax on tobacco, a hike of 61 cents per pack, which took effect on April 1. Obama

promised repeatedly on the campaign trail that he would never raise any form of taxes on those making less than \$250,000 per year, for example:

"I can make a firm pledge. Under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes"

(September 12, 2008, Dover, NH)

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The tax increase falls squarely on the shoulders of the middle- and low-income Americans Obama said he would not raise taxes on: 55 percent of smokers are "working poor", one in four smokers live below the poverty line, and on average, smokers, whose median income is a little more than \$36,000 make about 30 percent less than non-smokers.

Day 21 -- February 9: Calling for a massive government spending program under the guise of "stimulus" Obama holds his first press conference and fails to provide a single historical example where a government increased spending which led to increased jobs, income, and wealth on any sustainable basis.

Obama also has the audacity to claim the "stimulus" plan is free of pet projects and earmarks:

"What it does not contain, however, is a single pet project, not a single earmark, and it has been stripped of the projects members of both parties found most objectionable."

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Responding to a reporter's question as to what specific metric the American people should use to determine whether Obama's programs are working, Obama replies:

"I think my initial measure of success is creating or saving 4 million jobs."

(How, exactly, does one measure a "saved" job? See March 4 for details)

Obama promises that the next day *"Tim Geithner will be announcing some very clear and specific plans for how we are going to start loosening up credit once again."*

Day 22 -- February 10: Instead of offering specifics in his testimony to the Senate Banking Committee, Geithner issues vague statements and echoes FDR's economically paralyzing "*bold, persistent experimentation*" philosophy:

"We will have to adapt our program as conditions change. We will have to try things we've never tried before. We will make mistakes. We will go through periods in which things get worse and progress is uneven or interrupted."

The Dow falls 380 points.

Day 23 -- February 11: Obama speaks to employees of heavy-machinery manufacturer Caterpillar, [claiming](#) that the "stimulus" bill would allow the company to hire back many of the employees it had previously laid off.

Day 24 -- February 12: The day after Obama tells Caterpillar workers the stimulus will save their jobs, the company's CEO James Owen [states](#) "The honest reality is we're probably going to have more layoffs before we start hiring again."

Sometime around 10:00 PM: The "Stimulus" conference report is completed behind closed doors. Less than sixteen hours pass before the bill is taken up by the House.

Day 25 -- Friday, February 13:

2:24 PM: With not a single Member voting for the bill having claimed to have actually read it, the House [passes](#) the conference report for H.R.1, the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009".

5:29 PM: With not a single Member voting for the bill having claimed to have actually read it, the Senate [passes](#) the conference report for H.R. 1.

Day 29 -- February 17: Obama signs the "Stimulus" bill and violates his transparency pledge to the American people that he will allow legislation to be posted online for five full days before signing it.

"No more secrecy. ... when there's a bill that ends up on my desk as president, you, the American voter, will have five days to look online and find out what it is before I sign it, so that you know what your government's doing."

(June 22, 2007. Manchester, New Hampshire)

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The below is copied directly from the [Ethics](#) section of BarackObama.com:

Sunlight Before Signing: Too often bills are rushed through Congress and to the president before the public has the opportunity to review them. As president, Obama will

not sign any non-emergency bill without giving the American public an opportunity to review and comment on the White House website for five days.

Day 36 -- February 24: Obama makes his [first address](#) to a joint session of Congress and claims he doesn't believe in "bigger government":

"As soon as I took office, I asked this Congress to send me a recovery plan by Presidents Day that would put people back to work and put money in their pockets, not because I believe in bigger government -- I don't -- not because I'm not mindful of the massive debt we've inherited -- I am."

Obama again has the audacity to claim the "stimulus" bill contained no earmarks:

"Now, I'm proud that we passed a recovery plan free of earmarks, and I want to pass a budget next year that ensures that each dollar we spend reflects only our most important national priorities."

Day 38 -- February 26: Obama releases his budget outline which [raises taxes](#) on individuals, employers both large and small, and shareholders -- while eliminating several energy tax credits.

The budget also calls for a "cap and trade" regime, making an absolute mockery of Obama's central campaign promise not to raise any form of taxes on those making less than \$250,000 per year.

Obama also shatters his campaign promise to enact net spending cuts during his administration:

"So we're going to have to make some investments but we've also got to make spending cuts, and what I've proposed -- you'll hear Senator McCain say 'he's proposing a whole bunch of new spending' -- but, actually, I'm cutting more than I'm spending. So that it will be a net spending cut." (Oct. 7, 2008. Second Presidential Debate, Nashville, TN)

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(The Obama FY 2009 budget increases federal spending to [28.5% of GDP](#), a post World War II high.)

Day 41 -- March 1: The Obama administration foreshadows another broken promise when Peter Orszag, appearing on This Week with George Stephanopoulos, claims the 8,000 earmarks in the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 are "*last year's business. We just need to move on.*" The statement by Orszag is not consistent with Obama's campaign promise made in the first presidential debate:

"And, absolutely, we need earmark reform. And when I'm president, I will go line by line to make sure that we are not spending money unwisely." (Sept. 26, 2008. First Presidential Debate, Oxford, Miss.)

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Day 43 -- March 3: Obama compares the stock market to a political daily tracking poll:

"The stock market is sort of like a tracking poll in politics. It bobs up and down day-to-day," Obama said. "And if you spend all your time worrying about that, then you're probably going to get the long-term strategy wrong."

Day 44 -- March 4: While testifying before the Senate Finance Committee, Secretary Geithner is [challenged](#) by committee chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) as to the invention by the Obama administration of a new metric – “creating or saving” jobs – the very same metric Obama claimed on Feb. 9 is the most important measure of success:

SEN: MAX BAUCUS: *"You created a situation where you cannot be wrong. If the economy loses 2 million jobs over the next few years, you can say yes, but it would've lost 5.5 million jobs. If we create a million jobs, you can say, well, it would have lost 2.5 million jobs,"* Baucus said. *"You've given yourself complete leverage where you cannot be wrong, because you can take any scenario and make yourself look correct."*

CNN [visits](#) the site of the first “stimulus” dollars to hit the ground: An \$8.5 million bridge near the town of Tuscumbia, Missouri – population 223.

Day 45 -- March 5: [Testifying](#) before the House Budget Committee, Secretary Geithner concedes Obama’s budget raises taxes on small businesses, but focuses on a meaningless metric: The percentage of small businesses affected rather than the fact that [two-thirds of small business profits will be subject to higher taxation](#).

Day 46 – March 6: The [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) reports the unemployment rate rose from 7.6% to 8.1%, and the economy shed 651,000 jobs in the month of February.

Day 51 -- March 11: Obama signs HR 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, a \$410 billion piece of legislation containing over 8,000 earmarks. By signing the bill, Obama breaks at least three of his most important campaign promises:

1. Transparency -- Obama promised to post passed legislation online for [five full days](#) before signing it. Obama signed the Omnibus spending bill [less than a day](#) after he received it from Congress.

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2. Overall spending – Obama promised to enact net spending cuts as President. The Omnibus bill is more than 8 percent higher than 2008 spending levels.

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3. Wasteful spending – Obama promised to “go line by line” to make sure taxpayer money was not wasted. Among the questionable spending in the Omnibus bill is an earmark which sticks taxpayers with a \$200,000 tab for a tattoo removal program in California.

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Day 52 -- March 12: While testifying before the Senate Budget Committee, Treasury Secretary Geithner acknowledges tax increases “hurt growth” – then proceeded to duck questions as to whether President Obama’s planned tax hikes would go into effect in 2011 regardless of the condition of the economy:

SEN. MIKE CRAPO, R-Idaho: *“You say that the tax increases will only happen when the economy has recovered. I understand that a lot of economists are saying we are going to be recovered by 2011. Frankly I think there are economists who are saying maybe our recovery will not be so strong by then. My question to you is, are these tax increases contingent on a recovery or are they going to happen regardless of what happens in 2011?”*

SEC. GEITHNER: *“Senator, I think it is a very important question. I think, again, we need to lay out an ambitious path for bringing those deficits down, commit to achieving that with a mix of measures on the resource side and the spending side to do the best possible job of leaving our economy stronger, and that’s what the President’s budget tries to do. Now of course we are going to have to watch how the economy evolves and I want to underscore that one of the mistakes governments have made over time in dealing with economic crises is putting the brakes on too quickly or in ways that hurt growth just as it’s starting to take hold. We just want to be careful not to do that.”*

SEN. CRAPO: *“So are you saying if we don’t see the more rosy picture in 2011 that we may not see the Administration suggest that we move to enact tax increases?”*

SEC. GEITHNER: *"I'm just saying that recovery requires that we keep stimulus sustained until growth is in place but we have to do it in a fiscally responsible way."*

Earl Devaney, chairman of the Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board (RAT Board) [cautions](#) that it would be at least a year before recovery.gov, the website that is supposed to be tracking "stimulus" spending, will be running properly. He also points out that there will be waste and fraud:

"I'm afraid that there may be a naive impression that given the amount of transparency and accountability called for by this act, no or little fraud will occur. My 38 years of federal enforcement experience tells me that some level of waste and fraud is unfortunately inevitable."

Day 57 -- March 17: The Providence Journal [reports](#) that the city of Pawtucket in Rhode Island will be using \$550,000 in federal "stimulus" money to build a skateboarding park and renovate tennis and basketball courts at a local high school.

Caterpillar [announces](#) it is laying off 2,454 employees.

Day 58 -- March 18: Obama extols Treasury Secretary Geithner: *"Nobody's working harder than this guy. You know, he is making all the right moves in terms of playing a bad hand. I have complete confidence in Tim Geithner and my entire economic team."*

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Day 60 -- March 20: The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) releases a [report](#) on the cost of Obama's budget. According to the report:

- President Obama's budget would increase total spending over [\\$2.7 trillion over ten years over the current baseline](#) (that is including interest). This would amount to \$9,000 for every man, woman and child in the U.S.
- According to CBO data, [spending under the President's budget would increase from 23.6 percent of GDP in 2011 to 24.5 percent in 2019](#) – significantly above the past 40 year average of 20.7 percent.

Day 64 -- March 24: During the second press conference of his presidency, Obama tells the nation his budget moves *"from an era of borrow-and-spend to one where we save and invest."*

Obama also [falsely claims](#) his budget “ *will provide a tax cut to 95 percent of all working families that will appear in people’s paychecks by April 1.* ”

In reality, it is impossible to cut taxes for “95 percent of working families.”

According to IRS data, one-third of all income tax filers do not have an income tax liability. About 15 percent of all working families do not even have a FICA tax liability, and these numbers are before taking into effect all the new refundable tax credits in the Obama budget. For these “working families,” all Obama’s budget will do is cut them the equivalent of a welfare check.

Day 66 -- March 26: An Associated Press [story](#) reports that the Obama Administration’s claims to “save and create” jobs through the “stimulus” package cannot be substantiated. ATR says “[We told you so.](#)”

Day 70 -- March 30: Obama signs the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act, a bill containing numerous earmarks, including \$3.5 million to celebrate the 450th Anniversary of St Augustine, Florida in 2015.

Day 71 -- March 31: The White House discloses that Kathleen Sebelius, its second nominee to head the Department of Health and Human Services, had to pay \$7,040 in back taxes.

Onvia, a Seattle-based company launches [Recovery.org](#). While the administration is looking to lower expectations regarding [recovery.gov](#), [recovery.org](#) already contains much more useful information that the administration’s site which primarily boasts [spin and propaganda](#)

The GAO releases a [report](#) on TARP underscoring the lack of transparency and accountability in the program.

Day 72 -- April 1: On April Fool’s Day, Obama’s first broken promise goes into effect: His promise not to raise any form of taxes on those making less than \$250,000 per year. Signed into law back on Feb. 4, on just the sixteenth day of his presidency, the 156 percent –61 cents per pack -- cigarette tax increase falls largely on the shoulders of middle and low-income Americans.

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Asked about the tax increase/broken promise, White House spokesman Reid H. Cherlin [said](#) " *The president's position throughout the campaign was that he would not raise income or payroll taxes on families making less than \$250,000, and that's a promise he has kept.*"

Day 73 -- April 2: The House and Senate pass the Obama budget outline

Day 74 -- April 3: Day 74 -- April 3: A Wall Street Journal story [notes](#) that CBO's budget estimate from March also quietly revised the cost of TARP up from \$189 billion in January to \$356 billion.

The [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) reports the unemployment rate rose from 8.1% to 8.5%, and the economy shed 663,000 jobs in the month of March.

Day 75 -- April 4: Responding to questioning as to why Obama has not met his [promise](#) to post legislation online for five full days before signing it into law, senior advisor David Axelrod [answered](#) " *Have we achieved everything we want to achieve yet? No. We've actually been a little preoccupied. We're trying to deal with some major challenges here.*"

Day 78 -- April 7: Janet Napolitano's Department of Homeland Security releases a report titled "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment"

Day 85 -- April 14: Asked about the tax day tea parties being held the following day, Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs [said](#) " *I don't know if the President is aware of the events.*"

Day 86 -- April 15: At least [578,000](#) Americans attend at least [540](#) tax day tea parties across the country.

On this day in 1990, [Leona Helmsley](#) is ordered to report to prison for not paying her taxes.

On this day in 2009, Tim Geithner is Treasury Secretary and runs the IRS.

Day 88 -- April 17: Despite her tax problems, Kathleen Sebelius wins Senate Committee approval.

Day 90 -- April 19: Obama senior advisor David Axelrod, [appearing](#) on the CBS Sunday morning show Face the Nation, describes the taxpayer tea parties as “unhealthy”.

Day 91 -- April 20: Obama insults taxpayers by calling for a mere \$100 million in spending cuts from the federal budget within 90 days.

- \$100 million represents .003% (three one thousandths of a percent) of Obama’s FY 2010 budget.
- \$100 million is what the federal government spends every 13 minutes.
- \$100 million is [less than one day of interest on the “stimulus” bill](#) championed by Obama.
- As Harvard Economist Greg Mankiw [points out](#), cutting \$100 million from the federal budget is the equivalent of a family spending \$100,000 per year cutting a \$3 latte from the annual budget.

Attempting to defend the paltry amount of proposed cuts, Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs [tells](#) reporters: “*I’m not making jokes about it. I’m being completely sincere that only in Washington, D.C. is \$100 million not a lot of money. It is where I’m from. It is where I grew up. And I think it is for hundreds of millions of Americans.*”

[\[Video\]](#)

Day 93 -- April 22: Happy Earth Day? Obama sends three cabinet officers to Congress to testify in favor of the energy provisions in his budget, threatening Americans with a [\\$10,000 tax hike per year](#) on every American family once fully phased in.

A GAO [report](#) warns of a lack of accountability and oversight for “stimulus” spending, and points out the slow pace of spending in spite of Vice President Joe Biden’s [assertion](#) that “stimulative spending is ahead of schedule.”