



Romney and Obama: For the record

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The inevitable back and forth, tit for tat exchange is underway between the presidential candidates. [Romney](#) says [Obama](#) is attacking his Bain record to avoid having to defend his own.

Let's check both. **Conservative view (Cato Institute)** -- soon to be acquired by the Koch Brothers

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- *"Most deportations. Obama been deporting about 400,000 people a year, about double the number in the George W. Bush administration.*
- *Most leaks prosecutions. The administration information has used the 1917 Espionage Act to target suspected leakers in twice as many cases as all previous presidential administrations combined.*
- *Most troops in Afghanistan. The United States had about 30,000 troops in Afghanistan during 2008, the last year of President Bush's term. By the end of 2010, President Obama had increased that number to almost 100,000. It's down to about 88,000 now, which still might surprise people who recall candidate Obama's ringing antiwar speeches of 2008.*
- *Most medical marijuana raids. In March 2009 Attorney General Eric Holder said that the Justice Department would end the Bush administration policy of raiding medical marijuana distributors that violated federal statutes as long as the dispensaries appeared to be complying with state laws. Beginning later that year, however, as Lucia Graves reported at The Huffington Post,*

"The administration has unleashed an interagency cannabis crackdown that goes beyond anything seen under the Bush administration, with more than 100 raids, primarily on California pot dispensaries, many of them operating in full compliance with state laws. Since October 2009, the Justice Department has conducted more than 170 aggressive SWAT-style raids in 9 medical marijuana states, resulting in at least 61 federal indictments."

- *Federal agents have seized property of landlords who rent space to medical marijuana dispensaries and have threatened to prosecute state employees who carry out state laws on medical marijuana.*
- *Most drone strikes. The Obama administration has carried out at least 308 covert drone strikes in Pakistan, more than five times the 44 approved under Bush.*
- *Most fundraisers. All presidents spend a lot of their time fundraising. But President Obama leads the league. Political scientist Brendan J. Doherty, author of the new book *The Rise of the President's Permanent Campaign*, reports that Obama had held 104 fundraisers by March 6, compared to 94 held by Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush combined. CBS News White House correspondent Mark Knoller noted that by June 12 Obama had done 160 re-election fundraisers, twice as many as Bush by the same point in 2004.*

<http://www.cato.org/publications/commentary/obamas-accomplishments>

Let me note that Obama is up against the 1% wealthiest Americans that control 80% of the wealth and so to have any chance at all, he must continuously raise funds.

Obama's Achievement Center (100 volunteers) reports:

- *"Obama has overhauled the food safety system*
- *Advanced women's rights in the workplace*
- *Ended Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) in our military*
- *Stopped defending DOMA in court.*
- *Passed the Hate Crimes bill.*
- *Appointed two pro-choice women to the Supreme Court.*
- *Expanded access to medical care and provided subsidies for people who can't afford it.*
- *Expanded the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*
- *Fixed the pre-existing conditions travesty [and rescissions] in health insurance.*
- *Invested in clean energy.*
- *Overhauled the credit card industry, making it much more consumer-friendly.*
- *While Dodd-Frank bill was weak in many respects, it was still an extremely worthwhile start at re-regulating the financial sector.*
- *He created a Elizabeth Warren's dream agency: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.*
- *He's done a lot for veterans*
- *He got help for people whose health was injured during the clean-up after the 9/11 attacks."*

<http://obamaachievements.org/>

Now, what they missed is that Obama stopped the economic collapse by bailing out Wall Street, banks, and bailing out the auto industry in order to keep people employed. That came at a great cost and added to the debt and deficit. At least it bought time to close out and win wars we could not afford and to establish a way forward.

Romney (Conservative, Free Republic)

- *"Implemented/created Gay Marriage in MA*
- *Supported and forced Gay Adoption in MA*
- *Supported Abortion wholeheartedly*
- *Raised taxes/fees over 300% while being Governor of MA*
- *Implemented a state-level Cap and Trade system.*
- *Supported Man-Made Global Warming*
- *Supported the Brady Bill*
- *Implemented a state level "Assault" Weapons Bill after the Federal AWB was allowed to expire*
- *Supported TARP*
- *Supported Amnesty for Illegal Aliens (Citizenship for those already here)*
- *Supported McCain-Kennedy(Amnesty)*
- *Implemented a socialized medicine in MA called RomneyCare complete with an Individual Mandate and \$50 abortions*
- *Nominated 27 Democrats (out of 36 nominations) for judgeships in MA, many of them extreme left-wingers"*

<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/2870891/posts>

Now from the left.

The DailyKos reports:

"Here are some other accomplishments achieved by Willard Mitt Romney:

- a. Successful planning to withdraw from Iraq*
- b. Designed the blueprint for the successful attack on Bin Laden.*
- c. Completed the final touches on the designs for the iPad, with significant input on the iPad Three's new screen and battery design.*
- d. authored large parts of the Lord of The Rings Trilogy, in collaboration with J.R. Tolkien.*
- e. Assisted in the training program for the 1980 US Hockey Team, and cowrote the script for the follow up movie, Miracle on Ice. He used his 1980 experience to design and create the 2002 Olympics' demand that the federal government pay hundreds of millions to complete the project in time for the contests.*
- f. helped design fiber optic networks permitting high speed internet services across the globe.*
- g. designed the pop top aluminum can, saving the beverage industry billions in costs, while increasing their profits.*
- h. created more jobs in Massachusetts than three other states!*
- i. drafted major parts of the Lilly Ledbetter Act.*
- j. provided massive research and design in early jet engine design (thru Bain Capital) which led to a global civilian air transport system.*
- k. Researched and designed both the powerplant and the metallurgy for the Typhoon class nuclear submarines.*
- l. personally led the research and development of non-CRT based computer and HDTV displays, saving Americans billions in power consumption.*
- m. Created the morning after pill (he does not like bragging about this one)*
- n. designed and created nonMRSA resistant anti-biotics*
- o. Designed a successful hip replacement design that does not self destruct within 10 years.*
- p. Fathered the entire stem cell research industry, using Bain resources to combat deafness, blindness, juvenile diabetes, cancer treatments, and a promising lung cancer treatment now under development.*
- q. helped underwrite and create the MP3 player, before moving on to his brilliant career as an iPhone and iPad designer.*
- r. personally designed the on-demand four wheel drive system now favored by more automakers as both safe and fuel efficient.*
- s. while dreaming in bed, he designed the ABS braking system which allowed vehicles to stop safely in far less distance.*
- t. created the off switch for babies on long distance flights*
- u. saved three whales from certain death, by personally swimming them through shallows and nets, back to safety.*
- v. Hit a record 6 eagles and 10 birdies in one round of golf. Tiger Woods, who was warming up for the upcoming ProAm Tournament, shook his head and said, "I wish I knew the secret to his drive. It is perfect!"*
- w. hit three baskets in a row from the opposite side's free throw line. Blindfolded. One handed. hopping on one leg.*
- x. oversaw the research into the Challenger explosion, directing the team to concentrate their research on the O Rings, and designing a fix for the fuel tanks, allowing the Space Shuttle to fly for another decade.*
- y. Supervised and ordered the baptisms of Christopher Hitchens, plus 417,000 Jewish victims at Auschwitz, as members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, posthumously.*
- z. Invented American Idol, Survivor, Let's Make a Deal and NCIS for the American TV industry."*

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2012/04/30/1087529/-Romney-s-accomplishments>That's some list you've got there Mitt.

"Romney says Obama attacking him because he prefers not to defend his own record

WOLFEBORO, N.H. — Mitt Romney demanded Monday that President Barack Obama back away from his persistent attacks on Romney's record at Bain Capital, advising that it would be better "if you spent some time speaking about your record."

"What does it say about a president whose record is so poor that all he can do in this campaign is attack me," Romney said in a nationally broadcast interview. Obama said an interview that he has run mostly positive campaign ads but said they have not been given much attention in the media.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/romney-obama-look-to-use-questions-about-bain-capital-for-political-benefit/2012/07/16/gJQAVi6unW_story.html