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## Good Politics? President Declares 2% Pay Raise for 2010

President Obama has quietly sent out a letter to the House and Senate noting that for the federal workforce "an across-the board increase of 2.0 percent shall go into effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2010."

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## Letter from Pres. Obama Declaring National Emergency Exists and 2% Federal Pay Raise

Here is the text of a letter from President Obama to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate transmitting an alternative plan for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule (GS) and certain other pay systems in January 2010. Congress could override the president's decision although there is no indication yet that will happen.

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## Where's the Sacrifice?

When Chris Edwards [posted his data last week on federal employee salaries](#), FedSmith readers sent in a number of comments. He has expanded his data and notes that "Federal civilian workers have the seventh highest average compensation of 72 industries. Compensation in the federal civilian workforce is topped only by compensation in three finance-related and three energy-related industries....[L]ooking at these compensation levels, I don't see much sacrificing going on."

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## Obama Reduces Pay Increase for Federal Employees

In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, President Obama says he has decided that civilian federal employees should receive a 2 percent pay increase starting Jan. 1, 2010, instead of the 2.4 percent across-the-board increase that was expected. The president said he was invoking his authority to put in place his own pay plan in times of a national emergency or serious economic conditions.

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## Border Patrol Sued By Illegal Immigrant's Family

The Mexican family of an illegal immigrant shot after threatening a U.S. Border Patrol agent is suing the federal officer who pulled the trigger as well as the U.S. government.

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## "This is how big waves feel early on"



"What we're seeing here (in the town hall uproars) is this larger debate about what the role of government is."

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## Social Security Struggles With Disability Backlog

The Social Security Administration has struggled with growing waiting lists of people seeking disability benefits. As the baby boom generation got older, more people got sick and disabled and applied for benefits. A chart from SSA shows it takes about 437 days for a hearing to be scheduled at the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., office. That's not bad, by comparison to other offices.

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## \$40 Million to Fix the Federal Hiring Process



\$40 million to fix the federal hiring process, and doing away with the "knowledge, skills and abilities" essays is a "pittance" according to the *Washington Post* "compared with the aggravation, frustration and irritation many government job seekers encounter."

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## How Facebook May Influence the Federal Workforce



"We don't currently use any of the technology solutions that are out there well," explained Director Berry in an exclusive interview with Wired.com. "Facebook, YouTube and Twitter — the modern methods of connectivity — we don't take advantage of at all. Essentially, we're missing a whole generation."

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## Death Panels, National Health Care and the VA



An agency can find itself in the middle of a political and media firestorm quickly and unexpectedly. The Dept. of Veterans Affairs has found itself in the middle of another controversy it certainly doesn't want. The relatively new political appointee caught in the middle is undergoing a trial by fire. Welcome to life in the federal government.

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