



President's self-opinion means nothing

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The director of a group that promotes individual liberty and free markets is weighing in on President Obama calling himself a "pretty good president."

During Obama's visit to the University of Washington last week, a supporter shouted that President Obama is the "best president on earth" -- to which the president replied, "I won't say that, but we've got a pretty good president."



John Samples, director of the Center for Representative Government at the [Cato Institute](#), thinks the comment will "certainly not detract from the president's critics, who say he has too high an opinion of himself."

"It also reflects, I think, a serious issue, which is the president has the right to his opinion about this, but it's not really his opinion that matters very much on this issue," Samples adds. "It's sort of like me here at the Cato Institute -- I think I do a pretty good job, but what really matters in the end is what the people at the top of the Cato Institute think about whether I'm doing my job or not."

He contends it is up to the voters to decide how well a president is doing, and he notes that according to current polls, the people are not pleased with Obama's performance since taking office.



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