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[Sarah Takes a Hatchet to Obama's SOTU](#)

Gov. Palin is back again, with [another](#) of her famous Facebook notes. This time she adds her two cents on last night's address:

He [Obama] called for Democrats and Republicans to “work through our differences,” but last year he dismissed any notion of bipartisanship when he smugly told Republicans, “I won.”

He talked like a Washington “outsider,” but he runs Washington! He's had everything any president could ask for – an overwhelming majority in Congress and a fawning press corps that feels tingles every time he speaks. There was nothing preventing him from pursuing “common sense” solutions all along. He didn't pursue them because they weren't his priorities, and he spent his speech blaming Republicans for the problems caused by his own policies.

He dared us to “let him know” if we have a better health care plan, but he refused to allow Republicans in on the negotiations or consider any ideas for real free market and patient-centered reforms. We've been “letting him know” our ideas for months from the town halls to the tea parties, but he isn't interested in listening. Instead he keeps making the nonsensical claim that his massive trillion-dollar health care bill won't increase the deficit.

Americans are suffering from job losses and lower wages, yet the president practically demanded applause when he mentioned tax cuts, as if allowing people to keep more of their own hard-earned money is an act of noblesse oblige. He claims that he cut taxes, but I must have missed that. I see his policies as paving the way for massive tax increases and inflation, which is the “hidden tax” that most hurts the poor and the elderly living on fixed incomes.

He condemned lobbyists, but his White House is filled with former lobbyists, and this has been a banner year for K Street with his stimulus bill, aka the Lobbyist's Full Employment Act. He talked about a “deficit of trust” and the need to “do our work in the open,” but he chased away the C-SPAN cameras and cut deals with insurance industry lobbyists behind closed doors.

...He condemned bailouts, but he voted for them and then expanded and extended them. He praised the House's financial reform bill, but where was Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae in that bill? He still hasn't told us when we'll be getting out of the auto and the mortgage industries. He praised small businesses, but he's spent the past year as a friend to big corporations and their lobbyists, who always find a way to make government regulations work in their favor at the expense of their mom & pop competitors.

He praised the effectiveness of his stimulus bill, but then he called for another one – this time cleverly renamed a “jobs bill.” The first stimulus was sold to us as a jobs bill that would keep unemployment under 8%. We now have double digit unemployment with no end in sight. Why should we trust this new “jobs bill”?

He talked about “making tough decisions about opening new offshore areas for oil and gas development,” but apparently it's still too tough for his Interior Secretary to move ahead with Virginia's offshore oil and gas leases. If they're dragging their feet on leases, how long will it take them to build “safe, clean nuclear power plants”?

Meanwhile, he continued to emphasize “green jobs,” which require massive government subsidies for inefficient technologies that can’t survive on their own in the real world of the free market.

I couldn't have said it better, Governor!

In related news, today, the Cato Institute published [a fact check](#) of the speech. My favorite part:

Cato Director of Tax Policy Studies Chris Edwards: “When the president says that he has ‘cut taxes’ for 95 percent of Americans, **he fails to note that more than 40 percent of Americans pay no federal incomes taxes and the administration has simply increased subsidy checks to this group.** Obama’s refundable tax credits are unearned subsidies, not tax cuts.”

I don't, by any means, consider myself an authority on SOTU's. However, I viewed last night's display as nearly crystal-clear proof that the President is NOT “a different type of politician”, as so many people (especially those my age) believed during the 2008 campaign. He is a liberal ideologue, through and through, habitually prone to invoking straw-man tactics and pointing the finger elsewhere.

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1. *hamaca* Says:

[January 28th, 2010 at 7:36 pm](#)

Maybe they should have had Sarah give this as the GOP response speech.

2. *AKReport* Says:

[January 28th, 2010 at 7:39 pm](#)

You Betcha.

3. *JA Pruce* Says:

[January 28th, 2010 at 7:42 pm](#)

Can you imagine if Governor Palin gave the SOTU response – the ratings would be through the roof. Bob McDonnell did about as good as one could imagine but a Governor Palin or a Fred Thompson response would truly be an event – especially if they filmed it live outside in front of a Tea Party protest.

4. *KeTyWr* Says:

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