

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**



**MICHELE BACHMANN**



**JOBS**

- **Getting Americans Back to Work.** President Obama unveiled his jobs plan, which would encourage small businesses to grow, prevent up to 280,000 teacher layoffs and provide a \$1,500 tax cut for the average family.
- **Millions of Jobs Created.** President Obama’s economic recovery plan created 3.6 million jobs.
- **More than 300,000 Public Sector Jobs Saved.** President Obama preserved more than 300,000 state and local public sector jobs—preventing layoffs of police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, teachers and other trusted public servants.

- **Voted Against Job-Saving Lifeline.** Bachmann voted against the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which created and saved millions of jobs.
- **Abolish Minimum Wage to Create Jobs.** Bachmann is against the minimum wage because “if conceivably it was gone—we could potentially virtually wipe out unemployment completely because we would be able to offer jobs at whatever level.”
- **Job Creation Through Corporate Tax Breaks.** When asked how to get Americans back to work, Bachmann said we need to “cut back the corporate tax rate” to have a “pro-business” environment.

**WORKING FAMILIES**

- **Tax Cuts for Working Families.** President Obama provided tax cuts to 95 percent of working families.
- **Unemployment Insurance for 2.5 Million Americans.** The president extended unemployment insurance—assisting 2.5 million Americans who lost their jobs in the recession.
- **Making College More Affordable.** President Obama expanded Pell Grants and revamped the student loan program by eliminating fees paid to private banks.

- **Tax Cuts for Millionaires.** Bachmann fought to give tax breaks to the wealthy and called for slashing corporate and capital gains tax rates.
- **Tax Breaks for Companies that Ship Our Jobs Overseas.** Bachmann voted in favor of protecting tax giveaways to corporations that send American jobs overseas.
- **No Unemployment Benefits Extension.** Bachmann opposed extending unemployment benefits.
- **Elimination of the Department of Education.** Bachmann proposed cutting \$400 billion from the budget, including the elimination of the Department of Education.

**WORKERS’ RIGHTS**

- **Protecting American Workers.** President Obama called the efforts to curb collective bargaining in states an “assault on unions” and recognized public employees “make enormous contributions to our states and our citizens.”

- **Supporting Anti-Worker Agenda.** Bachmann supported Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker’s attack on workers’ rights and accused teachers of “leaving the children that they are tasked to serve and not teaching them so that they can go out and protest so they can make more money. This is beyond conscionable.”

**HEALTHCARE**

- **32 Million Americans Covered.** President Obama’s historic healthcare reform law expanded healthcare coverage to an additional 32 million uninsured Americans.
- **Quality Coverage Regardless of Pre-Existing Conditions or Illness.** The law prevents people with pre-existing conditions from being denied quality insurance coverage and prohibits insurance companies from dropping people due to illness.
- **Coverage for Young Adults and Children.** Parents are allowed to keep their children on their health plans until age 26. President Obama gave 11 million children coverage under the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

- **Ardent Opponent of Healthcare Reform.** Bachmann is one of the most adamant opponents of the healthcare reform law and called it the “crown jewel of socialism.” Bachmann said it is her “motivation in life” to make sure the reform law is repealed.
- **Insurance Industry Deregulation.** Bachmann wants to deregulate the insurance industry and vowed to “bring free-market policies back to healthcare.”
- **Voted to Essentially End Medicare and Medicaid.** Bachmann voted in favor of the Ryan budget, which essentially ended Medicare—affecting 48 million elderly and disabled Americans.
- **Insurance Industry a Top Campaign Donor.** Bachmann received nearly \$300,000 in campaign contributions from the insurance industry.

**FINANCIAL REFORM**

- **Reforms that Hold Wall Street Accountable.** President Obama enacted the most sweeping financial reform package since the Great Depression.
- **Better Protections for Consumers.** The President established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which increases regulation and oversight over big banks and mortgage companies.
- **Credit Card Rates and Fees Reined In.** President Obama also enacted the CARD Act, which reins in and reduces credit card rates and fees.

- **Spearheading Repeal Effort.** Within the first 24 hours of the new Congress, Bachmann introduced a full repeal of the landmark financial reform law.
- **Aggressively Sponsors Bills that Cater to Wall Street.** Bachmann’s congressional record shows she aggressively sponsors bills to appease the financial industry’s call for deregulation.
- **Raking in \$1.1 Million from Financial Industry.** Bachmann has received \$1.1 million in campaign contributions from the financial industry

**RETIREMENT SECURITY**

- **Protecting Social Security.** President Obama vowed to protect Social Security benefits and refused to increase the Medicare eligibility age.
- **Immediate Relief for Seniors.** The president’s economic recovery act provided immediate relief to retirees, giving beneficiaries a one-time payment of \$250.

- **A “Tremendous Fraud.”** Rep. Michele Bachmann, who supports using risky personal accounts, once called Social Security a “tremendous fraud.”

**IMMIGRATION**

- **A Balanced, Comprehensive Approach.** President Obama supports comprehensive immigration reform, understanding that a balanced approach is the only solution to end illegal immigration.
- **Supports the DREAM Act.** The President is an ardent supporter of the DREAM Act, legislation that provides upstanding undocumented immigrants who were brought to America as children a pathway to citizenship.
- **Halted Noncriminal Deportations.** President Obama released a strong policy that halted deportation proceedings for noncriminal immigrants .

- **Building a Wall.** Bachmann’s solution to illegal immigration is to build a border fence, vowing that, “As president of the United States, every mile, every yard, every foot, every inch will be covered on that southern border.”
- **Claimed Illegal Immigrants Are “Bringing In Disease and Violence.”** In 2008, Bachmann said illegal immigrants are “bringing in disease and violence and every sort of difficulty ... We need to protect ourselves.”
- **Ending Birthright Citizenship.** Bachmann would deny children of undocumented immigrants who are born in the United States of their right to citizenship.