

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**



**JON HUNTSMAN**



**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.

- **Criticized Stimulus Package After Accepting Funds.** As governor of Utah, Huntsman accepted economic stimulus money to balance his state’s budget and said the package should have been larger. He now criticizes the package because it lacked corporate tax cuts.
- **Corporate Income Tax Eliminated.** Gov. Huntsman pushed for the elimination of Utah’s corporate income tax, which would have cost the state’s school fund an estimated \$200 million a year.

**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.

- **Statewide Flat Tax.** As governor, Huntsman passed a statewide flat tax rate of 5 percent. Top income earners saw their taxes reduced by 2 percent. Huntsman promises presidential supporters he would make “broad changes to the tax code,” if elected.
- **Education and Child Care Funds Slashed.** Huntsman supported Rep. Paul Ryan’s extremist Tea Party budget, which slashed Pell Grant funding in half and cut more than \$1 billion from the Head Start program and \$39 million from child care, affecting more than 360,000 children.

**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.”

- **Benefits of “Right-to-Work” Are “Evident.”** According to Huntsman, “‘Right-to-work’ legislation shouldn’t generate controversy. . . . The benefits of ‘right-to-work’ legislation are so evident.”

## 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 (CHIP).
- **Repeal for "Market-Driven" System.** Huntsman vowed to sign an Executive Order repealing the healthcare reform law, arguing the country needs a more "market-driven" system.
- **11 Percent of Utahans are Still Uninsured.** As governor of Utah, Huntsman created a health exchange in which employers pay a defined amount toward a health plan chosen by the employee. Huntsman's plan failed to dent the uninsured rate—it has remained steady with an estimated 10.6 percent lacking coverage in 2010.
- **High Number of Young Adults and Children Lack Coverage.** More than 12 percent of children in Utah lack health insurance and the largest percentage of uninsured are among young adults, ages 19 to 26.
- **An End to Medicare and Medicaid.** Huntsman voiced his support for the Ryan budget, which essentially ended Medicare—affecting 48 million elderly and disabled Americans.

## 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.
- **Financial Industry is Overregulated.** Huntsman criticized financial reform legislation, arguing regulation of the industry is strangling business.

## 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.
- **No Guarantee against Privatization.** When asked about reforming Social Security, Huntsman said, "I don't think anything should be off the table."

## 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.
- **Strengthen Border with Fence and Technology.** Huntsman supports strengthening U.S. border security by using a physical fence as well as technology.
- **Supports the DREAM Act.** Huntsman supports the DREAM Act. As governor, Huntsman protected in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants.
- **Pathway for Those Who Pay Fines, Learn English.** Huntsman supports providing a "legitimate pathway" for undocumented immigrants, so long as "they pay fines, they learn English."