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DEMS' CREDIBILITY GAP: A DISHONOR ROLL OF EMPTY RHETORIC, BROKEN PROMISES

GOP LEADER BOEHNER: "AMERICANS WERE PROMISED CHANGE IN WASHINGTON. INSTEAD IT'S JUST MORE OF THE SAME: MORE SPENDING, MORE GOVERNMENT, AND MORE EMPTY PROMISES."

	RHETORIC	REALITY
JOB	<p>"Obama promises <u>massive job growth</u>" (McClatchy, 1/11/09)</p> <p>"Back in early January, when Barack Obama was still President-elect, two of his chief economic advisers — leading proponents of a stimulus bill — predicted that the passage of a large economic-aid package would boost the economy and <u>keep the unemployment rate below 8%</u>." (TIME, 7/14/09)</p> <p>"Q: ...[H]ow soon before — the American public starts to feel results, the creation of jobs? National Economic Council Director Lawrence Summers: <u>You'll see the effects begin almost immediately.</u>" (CNN, 2/9/09)</p>	<p>"..[T]he unemployment rate ... held steady at 9.7 percent for three months, and 15 million Americans remain out of work. By the White House's own estimates, as well as those of many independent economists, that rate isn't expected to fluctuate more than a few tenths of a percentage point through the end of 2010." (AP, 4/27/10)</p> <p>"Economists: The stimulus didn't help. About 73% of those surveyed said employment at their company is neither higher nor lower as a result of the [trillion-dollar 'stimulus']..." (CNNMoney.com, 4/26/10)</p>
HEALTH CARE	<p>"We agree on reforms that will finally reduce the costs of health care. <u>Families will save on their premiums.</u>" (Remarks, 12/15/09)</p> <p>"And it [the health reform plan] will slow the growth of health care costs for our families, our businesses, and our government." (Remarks, 9/10/09)</p>	<p>"Report: Health overhaul will increase tab. ... President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law will increase the nation's health care tab instead of bringing costs down, government economic forecasters concluded Thursday in a sobering assessment of the sweeping legislation." (AP, 4/22/10)</p> <p>"Insurance premiums are likely to keep going up over the next few years. ... [The new health care law] probably deserves a C minus or D for cost control.'" (AP, 4/25/10)</p>
DEFICITS	<p>"After spending binge, White House says it will focus on deficits. ... Obama will use next January's State of the Union address to call for <u>a war on deficits.</u>" (Politico, 11/13/09)</p> <p>"Obama vows 'serious' bid to cut US deficit." (AFP, 11/14/09)</p>	<p>"Unable or unwilling to do it himself, President Barack Obama this week launches a bipartisan commission that's charged with finding a way to slash the government's skyrocketing budget deficits." (McClatchy, 4/25/10)</p> <p>"The result is a budget plan that would give the country trillion-dollar-plus deficits for three consecutive years." (CBS, 2/1/10)</p>

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TAXES	<p>Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL): “I can make a firm <u>pledge</u>. Under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, <u>not any of your taxes.</u>” (Remarks, 9/12/08)</p>	<p>“President Barack Obama said he is ‘agnostic’ about raising taxes on households making less than \$250,000...” (Bloomberg, 2/11/10)</p> <p>“Since January of 2009, President Obama and Congressional Democrats have enacted into law gross tax increases totaling more than \$670 billion, or more than \$2,100 for every man, woman and child in the United States. The list of tax increases includes at least 14 violations of the President’s pledge not to raise taxes on Americans earning less than \$200,000 for singles and \$250,000 for married couples.” (Ways and Means Republicans, 4/14/10)</p>
TRANSPARENCY	<p>Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL): “When I’m president, meetings where laws are written will be more open to the public. <u>No more secrecy. That’s a commitment I’m going to make to you as president.</u>” (Remarks, 6/22/07)</p> <p>Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL): “That’s what I will do in bringing all parties together, not negotiating behind closed doors, but bringing all parties together, <u>and broadcasting those negotiations on C-SPAN.</u>” (Debate, 1/31/08)</p>	<p>“Backlash on W.H.’s backroom deals.” (Politico, 1/28/10)</p> <p>“As a candidate, President Obama repeatedly called for airing the health care reform debate on C-SPAN, but now that he’s in office – and personally involved in negotiations –the White House says no cameras.” (Washington Examiner, 1/7/10)</p> <p>“[Press Secretary Robert] Gibbs said at one of his briefings, ‘This is the most transparent administration in the history of our country.’ Peals of laughter broke out in the briefing room.” (Politico, 4/28/10)</p>