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President Obama Must Be Suffering From Cognitive Dissonance

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I am always shocked at President Obama's State of the Union addresses. There is a staggering disconnect between the man talking on the TV and the actual policies that have come from his administration.

After watching President Obama's State of the Union address last night I began to wonder, does he actually believe what he is saying is true? I think he does. Is he actually unaware that his policies have been in direct conflict with everything he said last night? Probably not. Why? I believe President Obama, like so many individuals in our government, is suffering from cognitive dissonance.



According to [Wikipedia](#), "In psychology, cognitive dissonance is the mental stress or discomfort experienced by an individual who holds two or more contradictory beliefs, ideas, or values at the same time, performs an action that is contradictory to one or more beliefs, ideas or values, or is confronted by new information that conflicts with existing beliefs, ideas, or values."

I have met President Obama and I worked on his first Presidential campaign. He asked me to serve on his [small business advisory council](#). Like so many American's I naively believed he was actually going to do what [he said he would do](#) if he were elected. I don't think I will ever recover from the depth of disappointment I have suffered as I have watched President Obama [go back on every major campaign promise](#) that mattered to me.

During his campaign he pledged to have the most transparent administration in history. The irrefutable truth is the Obama Administration will go down in history as the least transparent administration in history. It has been widely reported that the Obama Administration has set a new record for denying Freedom of Information Act requests. The [Associated Press](#), [PBS](#), [Yahoo](#), [Breitbart](#), [Newsweek](#) and the [Washington Post](#) all covered the story. A report from the House Oversight Committee stated, "[Executive Branch culture encourages an unlawful presumption in favor of secrecy](#)."

I have had personal experience with that fact. I have been in federal court continually since President Obama took office simply trying to get small business contracting and subcontracting data from the Small Business Administration and the Pentagon. My latest case will be heard by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

In that case Federal District Court Judge William Alsup accused the government of trying to [cover up](#) the data I was seeking. In a January 2015 hearing, Judge Alsup accused the federal government of trying to "[suppress evidence](#)".

In July of 2014, [38 journalistic organizations](#) sent a [letter](#) to President Obama asking to stop "politically driven suppression of the news". The Society of Professional Journalists

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led the 38 organizations. They accused the Obama Administration of trying to stifle or block news coverage. They complained as access for reports has been cut off, the administration has opened the door to lobbyist, special interests and people with money.

Just a few weeks later [47 Inspector Generals](#), many of whom had been appointed by President Obama, sent a letter to the Government Reform Committee asking for their help. They complained the Obama Administration was withholding information from the Inspector Generals and preventing them from doing their jobs.

During his campaign, Obama promised to protect government whistle blowers. Google “Obama’s war on whistleblowers” and see what pops up. Every major media outlet has reported on President Obama’s unprecedented war on whistleblowers. His administration has gone after government employees and private citizens that have exposed fraud and corruption in government. The whistleblowers have been [persecuted](#), harassed and severely punished while the perpetrators of the crimes they exposed go free. He has [prosecuted](#) more federal whistleblowers under the 1914 Espionage Act than [all the President before him](#).

Even journalist weren’t safe. New York Times journalist James Risen found that out the hard way. CBS correspondent [Sharyl Attkisson was targeted by the White House](#) and the Justice Department for her damming [investigative story](#) on the Fast and Furious scandal.

I have even felt the heat from the Obama Administration’s campaign to silence me for [exposing the rampant corruption and fraud](#) in federal small business contracting programs.

While we’re on that topic, what about President Obama’s [campaign promise](#), “It is time to end the diversion of federal small business contracts to corporate giants.”

Every year of the Obama Administration, billions in federal contracts that by law should be going to middle class small businesses have been diverted to Fortune 500 firms and many of the largest corporate giants around the world. [CNN](#), [NBC](#), [CBS](#) and [RTTV](#) have all covered it. In May of 2015, Public Citizen released their [investigative report](#), “Slighted: Accounting Tricks Create False Impression That Small Businesses Are Getting Their Share of Federal Procurement Money, and the Political Factors That Might Be at Play”.

Every year the [list of the top recipients](#) of federal small business contracts is [littered](#) with the names of [Fortune 500 firms](#), hundreds of “[corporate giants](#)” and [big businesses](#). This is what I have come to expect from the man that told us last night, “Make the new economy work for everyone” and “Everybody that works hard should get a fair shot”. I don’t think small businesses having to compete with Fortune 500 firms for government small business contracts qualifies as “a fair shot”.

The list goes on, and on, and on. [PolitiFact](#) has a great website that has kept track of Obama’s very long list of broken promises to the American people. There is a great video in YouTube titled, “[The Obama Record of Broken Promises](#).” Even some of the Presidents biggest supporters in Hollywood like [Matt Damon](#) feel the same way I do.

Before Obama leaves office I would love to see some objective news commentator ask President Obama to respond to some of the many examples of the staggering chasm between his campaign promises and his State of the Union addresses and the realities of his Administration’s policies.

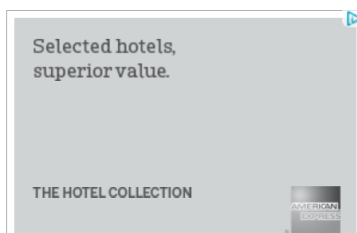
President Obama has repeatedly urged the public to “[hold him accountable](#)”. I will continue to [do the best I can](#) to comply with his request.

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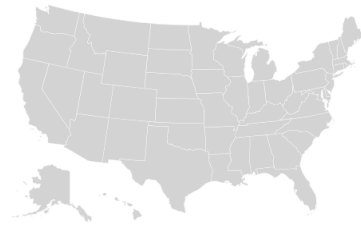
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